



April 2026 Newsletter

Scholarship Season Is Here

Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes is proud to support the families of our fallen heroes by helping open doors to education. Since 2013, we have awarded more than \$347,000 in scholarships to surviving children and spouses.

The 2026 scholarship season is now underway, and we encourage eligible applicants to take advantage of this opportunity.

Children and spouses of fallen heroes are invited to apply for scholarships that can help fund college, vocational training, and other educational pursuits. These awards are designed to honor their sacrifice by investing in their future.

Applying is simple - visit thefallenheroes.org/scholarships to review eligibility requirements and access our scholarship applications. Applications are being accepted through June 1, 2026.

Meet two of our 2025 scholarship recipients:



"What made me want to become a firefighter was my father. One day he invited me to do a 24-hour shift ride- along. Before that day I just thought that this would be a cool experience. By the end of that shift, a singular day later, I found what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. Ever since that day I have been hooked and my determination has driven me to work my hardest to reach my goal.

One of the most important aspects of the job is always being able to handle any situation at any given time. In becoming a firefighter, I would be granted numerous different opportunities to better myself and



"I am currently in my second year at Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at UC San Diego. This academic year has been simultaneously more challenging and more rewarding, as we are gaining more and more clinical knowledge.

I have also completed a second retail pharmacy internship, where I was able to practice communicating with patients and other healthcare professionals, and gaining hands on experience while applying my knowledge thus far. I have also gained experience volunteering at free clinics, where we work with medical students to

grow as a person. Not only that but also take what I have learned in life after my own loss to help put back together someone's world after it was torn apart.

Through previous help from The Fallen Heroes, I have become a nationally certified EMT, graduated from the Oxnard Fire Technology program with my AS in Fire Technology and now completed my final year of my undergraduate degree.

Overall, The Fallen Heroes is extremely important to me being able to follow my dreams and best preparing myself for all that is ahead of me in life. I know that I will succeed given the opportunity to pursue it all."

Richard M.
Repeat Scholarship Recipient

provide medication and healthcare counseling to low income patients.

The Police and Fire Fallen Heroes Scholarship has been significantly meaningful to me, and very helpful in regards to school supplies, educational fees, and living expenses.

As I continue to gain experience working closely with patients, I strive to honor the memory of my father, remembering that he always tried his hardest to be the best part of a patient's worst day. I have been very grateful for this scholarship in allowing me to pursue my goals while connecting with patients, all while honoring his legacy."

Lauren M.
Repeat Scholarship Recipient

Our Board of Directors

Our mission is guided by seven dedicated board members who are deeply committed to supporting the families of fallen peace officers and firefighters. Each month, we'll introduce you to one of the leaders making this work possible.



Patrice Doyle **Board Secretary and Agency Liaison**

Patrice is a retired Firefighter Paramedic with more than 30 years of dedicated service in the Bay Area. She concluded her distinguished career with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District after serving with multiple local agencies throughout her time in the field. In addition to her work in fire service, Patrice spent several years providing patient care in the Emergency Department at John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek.

Following the Loma Prieta earthquake, Patrice demonstrated exceptional leadership as she led the North Command Medical Division during the Cypress structure collapse. She also served as Medical Aide to then-President George H. W. Bush - experiences that reflect her commitment to service and her ability to perform under the most demanding circumstances.

In 2010, Patrice began volunteering with Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes after the tragic and deeply personal loss of four Oakland Police Officers. Since then, she has been an integral part of the organization, supporting families and agencies affected by line-of-duty deaths. Her contributions include attending memorial services,

workshops, and special events. Patrice has served as Agency Liaison since 2012, joined the Scholarship Committee in 2013, and in 2025, was elected to the Board as Secretary.

When she's not serving her community, Patrice is the proud mom of 21-year-old twins. She enjoys spending time outdoors, traveling, golfing, listening to music, and connecting with family, friends, and her adopted dog. She also has a deep passion for animal welfare and volunteers with organizations dedicated to rescuing and transporting dogs.

Patrice is a proud and dedicated advocate for Police and Fire: The Fallen Heroes.

We're Seeking Experienced Social Media Volunteers

We are currently looking for individuals with demonstrated experience in Social Media management. Duties include assisting with content creation, content scheduling, and building our online presence.

If you're ready to apply your skills and experience to make a meaningful difference, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us at info@thefallenheroes.org to learn more.

Thank you for helping us advance our mission. ❤️

Ways to Support Our Mission

Your generosity makes everything we do possible. If you're looking for meaningful ways to give, we offer several convenient and impactful options:

PayPal and Venmo

Make a quick and secure donation online through PayPal or Venmo. These platforms are easy to use and allow you to contribute in just a few clicks - perfect for one-time gifts or ongoing support. Visit thefallenheroes.org/donate.

Vehicle Donations

Have an unused car, truck, or motorcycle? Donating your vehicle is a powerful way to give back. We are partnered with CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, to handle the pick-up and paperwork, and your donation can help fund critical programs while potentially providing you with a tax benefit. Visit careasy.org/Police-and-Fire-The-Fallen-Heroes.

Legacy Giving

Leave a lasting legacy of compassion and support. By including us in your legacy plan, you help support families today and for generations to come.

Every gift - big or small - makes a meaningful difference. We're so grateful to have you as part of our community helping support the families of our fallen heroes.

We truly couldn't do this without you. ❤️

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