

**KIWANIS CLUB OF HENDERSON CENTER PUBLIC SERVICE FUND**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Dale Bridges Memorial First Responder Scholarship**

**(\$1,000 dollars)**

**Purpose:** The Dale Bridges Memorial First Responder Scholarship aims to support students pursuing education and training in First Responder fields including; firefighting, emergency medical services (EMS), law enforcement, or emergency management. This scholarship is designed to assist dedicated individuals who are committed to serving their communities in times of crisis.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

**1. Academic Requirements:**

- Applicants must attend or be graduating from local Humboldt County Schools.
- Must be a high school senior, GED recipient, or current college student enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited first responder training program (e.g., fire academy, EMT school, paramedic training, law enforcement academy).
- Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

**MUST PROVIDE TRANSCRIPTS**

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**2. Program Enrollment:**

- Must provide proof of enrollment or acceptance into a first responder training or certification program.

**MUST PROVIDE YOUR COURSE PLAN**

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### 3. Residency and Citizenship:

- Must be a U.S. citizen and legal resident.
- **MUST PROVIDE CURRENT ADDRESS**

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### 4. Character and Community Involvement:

- Demonstrated commitment to public service and community involvement through volunteer work, leadership roles, or prior experience in first responder related activities (e.g., Explorer, Scouts, FFA, Key Club programs, volunteer firefighting, lifeguarding, CERT training).

**PLEASE LIST ALL APPLICABLE ACTIVITIES**

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### 5. Essay Requirement:

- Submit a 500–750-typed, double spaced, single sided, word essay explaining why you want to become a first responder, how you plan to make a difference in the community, and any personal experiences that have influenced your career choice.

**PLEASE PROVIDE ON SEPARATE PAGE(S)**

### 6. Letters of Recommendation:

- Provide one or two letters of recommendation from teachers, mentors, or first responder professionals who can speak to the applicant's character, work ethic, and commitment to public service.

**PLEASE PROVIDE ON SEPARATE PAGE(S)**

## **7. Financial Need (Optional, if applicable):**

- Preference may be given to students demonstrating financial need (if required, must submit FAFSA or other financial documentation).

**PLEASE LIST CURRENT NEEDS AND RESOURCES YOU HAVE AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL**

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### **Award Amount:**

- Scholarship amount \$1,000.
- Scholarship funds may be used for: tuition, books, uniforms, and required equipment.
- Award will be sent to school.

### **Deadline to Apply:**

- **MARCH 1st, OF EACH CALENDAR YEAR**

### **Selection Process:**

- Applications will be reviewed by a committee of Kiwanis Club of Henderson Center Public Service Fund Scholarship members with help, if the committee deems necessary, by professionals in the first responder field and educators.
- Finalists may be required to participate in an interview.

### **How to Apply:**

- Submit an online or mailed application, including all required documents, by the deadline via email. Email address: [kiwanisclubofhc@gmail.com](mailto:kiwanisclubofhc@gmail.com)
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.