

AFTE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Instructions to Applicants

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Scholarships granted will be for the school year beginning on or about the following September.

Applicants for scholarships must satisfy the following requirements:

- Applicants must be entering their **third year or higher of a Bachelor's degree** or enrolled in any year in an **advanced degree** (MS, PhD, MD, or comparable) program.
- The applicant must be enrolled as a **half-time student or greater** with the intent of seeking a career in Forensic Science and majoring in a natural, physical, or biological science.
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent (75% or higher).

Persons satisfying the above eligibility requirements may apply by submitting the completed AFTE Scholarship Application Form, three (3) Letter of Recommendation forms, and an **official** copy of their transcript(s).

- Applicants may be of any age, race, sex, religion, or national origin. However, all applications must be completed in English. Application materials (e.g. transcripts, recommendations) not generated in English must be accompanied by English translations.
- Application forms and recommendations must be **received** between January 1 and April 1. Any component(s) sent via email must be received by 11:59:59 PM - US Eastern Time [UTC-7] on April 1. Download the application, transcript form, and letter of recommendation forms from www.afte.org.
- The Application Form is to be completed and electronically signed by applicant, the signature verification box checked, and **emailed** to the Scholarship Chair at AFTEScholarship@gmail.com.
- **Official transcripts must be sent directly to the Chair from the institution.** Alternatively, an official transcript previously issued to the student will be accepted if it is still in a institution-marked envelope with intact security features. Secure electronic transcripts sent directly to AFTEScholarship@gmail.com are also accepted. **Mailed transcripts must be postmarked between January 1 and April 1. Electronic transcripts must be received between January 1 and April 1.**
- The applicant must utilize Letter of Recommendation Forms in obtaining three (3) academic and/or employment references, as applicable. The applicant should complete Part I and email Parts I and II to the appropriate individuals and have those individuals complete Part II. The applicant should ask those individuals providing recommendations to **email** Part I and II to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee between January 1 and April 1.

MAILING ADDRESS:

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ASSOCIATION OF FIREARM AND TOOL MARK EXAMINERS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

To recognize and encourage outstanding students to pursue studies to prepare them for a career in the forensic science profession, especially in firearm and toolmark identification and closely related areas.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

Two annual \$2,000 scholarships are available for students attending a college or university, regardless of location. The fund will be self-supporting and permanent funding will be raised as follows:

1. Donations from foundations, corporations, and businesses.
2. Solicitation of donations from AFTE members, professional associations, and individuals.
3. A raffle at the annual AFTE Training Conference.

ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The AFTE Scholarship Committee will administer the program. The application submission period is between January 1 and April 1 of each year. The Committee Chair will acknowledge receipt of all complete applications by email and electronically post all applications in a secure forum on the AFTE website at least 30 days prior to the annual AFTE Training Conference. The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and select the recipient(s) of the scholarship(s) based solely upon the information provided with the application. Scholarships granted will be for the school year beginning on or about the following September. Scholarship renewals are not automatic; therefore, it is necessary to apply each year for the scholarship.

The AFTE President will notify, in writing, the scholarship recipient(s). Scholarship funds approved will be made payable to the recipient and sent directly to the recipient. It is the responsibility of the recipient to perform appropriate tax and financial aid reporting/record-keeping. Recipients will be requested by the committee chair to provide a photograph and a brief biography to be posted on the AFTE website.

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN GRANTING SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. Scholarships will be granted on a merit basis, without regard to age, race, sex, religion, or country of origin.
2. If there are sufficient qualified applicants each year, effort will be made to give scholarships to students from different geographical locations.
3. The quality of the applicant's narrative statement that explains why he/she decided to choose a career in Forensic Science
4. Contributions of the applicant to the field of Forensic Science (if applicable). Preference will be given to students moving toward a career in Firearm and Tool Mark Identification or working on a project related to firearm or toolmark examination.
5. Recommendations of academic advisor(s), instructor(s) and employer (if applicable).

APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE, RACE, SEX, RELIGION OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.