



FIRST RESPONDERS CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

Scholarships



We help them reach their
highest potential.





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Our program helps children of first responders achieve their goals through scholarships and a powerful community network.

First responders know all too well that the sacrifices required by their dangerous jobs are not theirs alone—that their entire family makes sacrifices. First responder families accept these sacrifices because of their shared sense of duty to help others. But the absence of a parent, made permanent when they make the ultimate sacrifice, often means kids miss out on emotional support and sage advice about education from that parent. This, coupled with the cost of higher education that's out of reach for many first responder families, can put these children at a disadvantage to realizing their full potential.

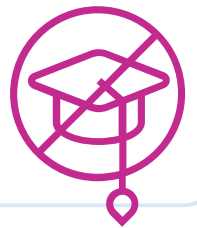
\$102,828

average cost of a 4-year college degree



2.0x more likely

for a child to drop out of school after death of a parent



FRCF helps children overcome these hurdles in two ways. First, FRCF scholarships provide access to higher education, a springboard to success that allows first responder children to pursue their career dreams. Scholarship funds can be used for trade school, college or graduate school expenses.

343

higher education scholarships awarded in 2022



Second, our Scholars Council is a group of peers and working professionals connected to a broader community of supportive mentors and partner organizations. Recognizing that success requires more than schooling, the Scholars Council provides scholarship recipients with access to internships and jobs, career advice and mentorship, skills development and leadership opportunities.

“The FRCF scholarship allowed me to realize my dream of becoming a nurse. Now I can honor my dad’s sacrifice.”

– Samantha, daughter of a firefighter battalion chief who died in the line of duty

