

# 2009 Applicant Information

## HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

### NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program

In 1996, the NBFAA launched the Youth Scholarship Program. The program was created to promote goodwill among the electronic systems industry and police and the fire officials by providing college scholarship awards to their deserving sons or daughters.

NBFAA, a non-profit 501(c) 6 trade association, is the nation's oldest and largest organization dedicated to representing, promoting, and supporting the electronic life safety, security and systems industry. Member companies specialize in a wide spectrum of services to commercial and residential customers, including security and fire alarms, video surveillance, access control and monitoring. In cooperation with a federation of state associations, NBFAA provides government advocacy and delivers timely information, professional development tools, products and services that members use to grow and prosper their businesses. The NBFAA may be reached at (888) 447-1689 or on the Web at [www.alarm.org](http://www.alarm.org).

Although the Youth Scholarship Program is just a few years old, thousands of dollars have been given to students attending higher education institutions across our country. In fact, more than \$250,000 has been given out by the participating states and NBFAA.

Today, NBFAA and participating Chartered Chapter Associations are involved in the scholarship program. The first place winner of each state's program is automatically considered for the national NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program awards. **Students who reside in a participating state must enter their state-level scholarship program to be considered for national awards.** Students who reside in a state without an NBFAA chapter or in a non-participating state should submit their applications directly to NBFAA. (See page 3 of this application for a list of participating states as of April 2007. Check the NBFAA Web site at [www.alarm.org](http://www.alarm.org) or call (888) 447-1689 for new participating states.)

Each state program awards scholarships at various levels; check with your participating NBFAA chapter for information on specific state award levels. The first place winner of the national NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program receives \$10,000 to put towards their college education, the second place award winner receives \$7,500 and the third place winner receives \$2,500.

Mail completed applications (including transcripts, essay and other documentation) to the participating NBFAA chapter or to NBFAA. Address and contact information for the state chapters is located on page 3. NBFAA address:

2300 Valley View Lane Suite 230  
Irving, TX 75062.

All decisions are final. All materials become property of the NBFAA Chartered Chapter and the NBFAA. Submission is permission to publish any and all essays. Applicants are encouraged to make copies.

### **The Application deadline for the Youth Scholarship Program:**

**MARCH 28, 2009**

Students residing in a participating state should check to verify their state's deadline. March 28 is the deadline for submitting directly to NBFAA and the North Carolina Burglar and Fire Alarm Association.

## RULES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The student must be at least 15 years of age and not older than 20. He or she must be a graduating high school senior who will receive a diploma from an accredited high school, located within the state where they apply. He or she must be accepted for admission to an accredited college or university, matriculating the following year.
2. Each eligible student must have a father, mother or natural guardian who meets the following qualifications:
  - a. Full-time active employee in the state where the student applies.
  - b. Parent must be a full-time paid member of the police or sheriff's department or fire department. Parent/guardian may also be a volunteer member of a fire department.
  - c. Parent or guardian must be a full-time public safety officer (police/fire). Children of administrative staff do not qualify.
  - d. Children of DHS, FBI and other Federal employees do not qualify.
  - e. Children of reserve officers, part-time sheriff's deputies and retired, deceased or disabled employees do not qualify.
3. Each student must submit a fully completed and signed application. Failure to follow instructions can result in disqualification.
4. Students must submit the following:
  - a. Completed and signed application
  - b. Essay (typed)
  - c. Proof of enrollment in high school via an official transcript sent by the high school (if transcripts cannot be provided, alternate means of providing enrollment will be accepted on an individual basis)
  - d. Proof of acceptance to a college or university (letter acceptable)
  - e. Proof of parent's occupation (ID or supervisory letter acceptable)
  - f. Copies of SAT and/or ACT test score results submitted by the high school (this can be done at the same time as the official transcript)
  - g. Letter of recommendations from the high school counselor or other outside agency which verifies participation in extracurricular activities
  - h. The application may be submitted first, followed by the other documents; however, all materials must be received by the deadline in order to be considered.
5. All materials (including essays) become the property of the NBF AA Chartered Chapter (if applicable) and NBF AA. By submitting an application and essay, the student grants permission to publish any and all essays. Applicants also agree that if they win, they will cooperate in publicity efforts, including (but not limited to) participating in interviews with state and national NBF AA communications, local, trade and national press, and submitting photos for inclusion in state chapter and national publications, press materials and online. Applicants will make every effort to meet with the local NBF AA chapter for an award presentation ceremony. (Attendance at such an event is not a requirement but is encouraged.)
6. Awards are based on a combination of academic achievement, national test scores, extracurricular participation and the essay. All decisions are final. The score is based on the following:
  - a. Grade Average 35 points

b. SAT Scores or ACT 30 points

c. Essay 20 points

d. Academic prizes, awards, hobbies, school 15 points and outside extracurricular activities

**Total 100 points**

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## PARTICIPATING STATES

Applicants who reside in a participating state MUST apply for the state scholarship program. The winner of the state's scholarship program will then be considered for the national NBFAA Youth Scholarship award. Students who reside in a non-participating state MUST submit their application directly to NBFAA for consideration. The top-ranked NBFAA applicant will compete with the state winners. Contact information for participating states is also located at [www.alarm.org](http://www.alarm.org). New participating states will also be noted on the Web site.

## State Contacts:

### **California**

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### **Connecticut**

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### **Georgia**

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**Ohio**

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## STUDENT APPLICATION

Please type or clearly print all information. Form must be filled out completely and signed.

Name of Applicant

Last First Middle

Street Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number

### High School Information

Name of High School

Street Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number

Year of HS Graduation GPA through 11 Grade Class Ranking

### Test Scores

SAT Score Verbal: Math: Essay: Total:

ACT Score Verbal: Math: Essay: Total:

### Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Mother, Father or Guardian Employed by the Police or Fire Department

Last First Middle

Street Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number

Precinct or Fire House Badge Number

Street Address

City State Zip

Telephone Number

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### Additional Information

Academic prizes, awards, extracurricular activities, outside activities, community service and hobbies should be on a separate sheet attached to the application.

### Writing Sample/Essay

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, write a 500-750 word essay which explains “**What it means to ME to have my parent or guardian involved in securing out community.**” Please be original, creative and use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation. (Only writing samples that are typed or printed *clearly* will be considered.)

Applicants who submit this form and meet the appropriate requirements agree to the following:

1. All prize winners will be notified in writing
2. All applications and writing samples become property of the NBFAA and its state chapters.
3. I verify to the best of my knowledge that all of the information contained in this application is accurate and correct. My parent or guardian has signed this application too, verifying the accuracy of the information contained herein.
4. I agree to terms and conditions of the NBFAA Youth Scholarship Program. I authorize the NBFAA and/or its state chapter to verify all aspects of this application with my high school or the employer of my parent or guardian. I agree to abide by all the terms and conditions of the NBFAA Youth Scholarship Rules.

Student Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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