



Kevin Perry Memorial \$2,000 Educational Award Application

Provided by Denton Fire Traditions and Denton Firefighter's Association

The purpose of this award is to reward a child of a current fire department member for their participation and accomplishments in leadership, academic performance, and extracurricular activities. In order to be eligible to receive the Kevin Perry Memorial Award, the following criteria must be met:

1. Applicant must be a dependent of a current Denton Fire Department employee.
2. Applicant must be in their senior year of high school or freshman year of college.
3. Applicant must have a cumulative GPA no lower than 3.0.
4. Applicant must be admitted to or planning to attend a trade program, 2-year, or 4-year college.
5. Application must be legible.
6. Applicant must include a 1,000 word essay entitled "How I plan to use my education to positively influence my community".
7. Applicant must submit a copy of their high school senior transcript.
8. Applicants cannot have received the Kevin Perry Memorial Award in previous years.
9. Presentation of the winners will take place as part of the Denton Fire Traditions annual awards banquet.
10. The scholarship reward will be in the form of a \$2,000 check with the student and the school as the payee.
11. If any winner is unable to accept his/her scholarship award, it shall pass to the next runner-up.
12. Applicant must submit by the deadline, January 23, 2026 at 5:00 PM.
13. All applications must be filled out electronically.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED!

Please attach the following:

- Essay (1,000 words) entitled: "How I plan to use my education to positively influence my community".
- Minimum of one letter of recommendation (teacher, counselor, coach, mentor, etc.)
- Senior high school transcript.

Grading Criteria

- The awarding of the scholarship will be based on an objective assessment of all information provided by the applicant.
- The winner will be selected off a completed application criterion, extracurricular activities, academic performance (GPA), and the highest essay score.
- In case of a tie, a final interview process will take place.
- The application and essay will be graded as determined by the rubrics below.

1. Biographical Information – 2 points possible

Inadequate (0 points)

Applicant's biographical page is incomplete and/or difficult to read.

Adequate (1 point)

Applicant's biographical page is mostly complete and mostly legible.

Exceptional (2 points)

Applicant's biographical page is complete and legible.

2. Essay – 8 points possible

Inadequate (0 points)

Unclear or inconclusive evidence of applicant's intent to pursue a post-secondary education.

Lacks clear plans for how scholarship will assist education plans.

Adequate (3-5 points)

Identifies applicant's intent to pursue secondary education.

Provides evidence of how scholarship will assist education plans.

Exceptional (6-8 points)

Clearly indicates the student's intent to pursue a secondary education.

Clearly addresses how the scholarship will assist education plan.

The review committee will consist of three non-department members who will review the applications with all identifying information redacted.

If you have any questions about rules, criteria, submission, etc., please email dentonfiretraditions@gmail.com

Scholarship winner will be announced prior to the Denton Fire Traditions Banquet!

Please fill out the below information.

Full Name:

DFD Parent Name:

Personal E-Mail:

Current GPA (at time of application):

College/Trade School Attending:

Tentative College Major or Trade Program:

List any sports, clubs, or extracurricular activities that you participated in during high school:

List any individual honors/awards you received in high school: Do not list team accomplishments.

I certify that the above and attached information is true and correct. If I am selected to receive this scholarship, I will be notified prior the Denton Fire Department Banquet. I understand that the Kevin Perry Memorial Award payment will be issued directly to the college/school and will be applied to my account.

Date:_____

Signature:_____

