



Georgia Electronic Life Safety & Systems Association **Scholarship Program**

Rules and Eligibility Requirements

The Following criteria will be used as minimum eligibility requirements and for judging the applicants in the GELSSA Scholarship Program:

1. **The student must be at least 15 years of age and not older than 20. He or she must be a graduating senior who will receive a diploma from an accredited high school, located within the state. 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 Georgia.
 - b. Parent must be a full-time paid member of the police or sheriff's department or fire department. Parent 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, *postmarked on or before APRIL 15, 2010*. 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/certificate acceptable; does not have to be the student's intended college or university)
 - e. Proof of parent's occupation (copy of ID or supervisory letter on station letterhead acceptable)
 - f. Copies of SAT and/or ACT test score results submitted by the high school (these may be included on and sent with official high school transcripts)
 - g. Resume listing academic prizes, awards, hobbies, extracurricular activities and work history
 - h. Letters of recommendation from a high school counselor, teacher or other outside agency which verifies participation in extracurricular activities and speaks of the student's character.
5. **All materials (including essays) become the property of the GELSSA and ESA. 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) submitting photos for inclusion in state chapter and national publications, press materials and online. Applicants will make every effort to meet with the GELSSA 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 25 points
 - b. SAT or ACT Scores 30 points
 - c. Essay 25 points
 - d. Academic prizes, awards, hobbies, school and outside extracurricular activities 20 points

Send Applications to:

**Karen Sullivan
Attn: Scholarship
PO Box 1438
Jonesboro, GA 30237**



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 _____ Email _____

High School Information

Name of High School _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Year of HS Graduation _____ GPA through 11th Grade _____ Class Ranking _____

Note: GPA must be in a standard 4.0 scale or based on a grade percentage of 1-100. If your official high school transcript does not include a GPA in one of these formats then a method of conversion must be supplied.

Test Scores

Highest SAT Scores: Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____ Total: _____

Highest ACT Score: Composite Score: _____

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 _____ Email _____

Precinct or Fire House _____ Badge Number _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

School Counselor Information

Name of high school counselor

Last _____ First _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Ext. _____

Resume

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

Writing Sample/Essay

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, write a 500-1000 word essay which explains "**What it means to ME to have my parent or guardian involved in securing our community.**" Please be original, creative and use proper spelling, grammar and punctuation. (Only writing samples that are typed will be considered.)

The essay should be about **you** as an individual and how your parent or guardian, being a member of the public safety community, has shaped your character. Be sure to include specific examples of how decisions you've made in your life reflect the example he or she has set.

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 ESA 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 the terms and conditions of the ESA Youth Scholarship Program. I authorize the ESA 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 ESA Youth Scholarship Rules.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

