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TO:

Board of Fire Commissioners

FROM:

Douglas L. Barry, Interim Fire Chief

SUBJECT:

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_ Approved w/Corrections \_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_ Other

#### **For Information Only**

Attached is an update on the Los Angeles Fire Department's Scholarship Fund.

**Attachment** 



#### LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



## Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund

Update on the Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund: May 23, 2007.

- ➤ In 2006 the Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund was started with the support of Fire Chief William R. Bamattre.
- On August 23, 2006 the Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund received a 501 (c) (3) status from the Internal Revenue Service.
- ➤ The Jean Perkins Foundation has allocated a generous amount (\$600,000) to the Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund. The charitable allocation will be able to sustain awards distribution up to five years.
- The Jean Perkins Foundation:

10827 Wilshire Blvd. #1403 Los Angeles, CA (310) 208-7733

- > The LAFD scholarship board will seek additional charitable contributions from the foundation when the financial status warrants a re-assessment.
- ➤ The Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund has board members comprised of five civilians that are independent of the LAFD. They are responsible for the management and the financial duties of the program. \*See the attached list of board members, exhibit A.
- ➤ LAFD sent out information to all members of the department utilizing: E-comm, teletypes, Grapevine magazine (March issue) and the department-wide distribution of flyers. Circulation of the scholarship program reached out to the 3,500 sworn members.
- ➤ Eighty-seven applications were mailed out to potential scholarship recipients.
- ➤ Fifty-three completed applications were received on or before March 30, 2007 (deadline).
- On May 30, 2007 the LAFD board will interview the fifteen scholarship finalists at Fire Station 59.
- Awards that will be presented are:
  - Up to Five award winners, receiving \$5,000 each year for up to four years (\$20,000 total)
  - Runner-up awards of \$2,000 will be a one time allocation
- ➤ The awards ceremony is currently being scheduled for June 19, 2007 at the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting.

#### Exhibit A

#### Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund Contact List

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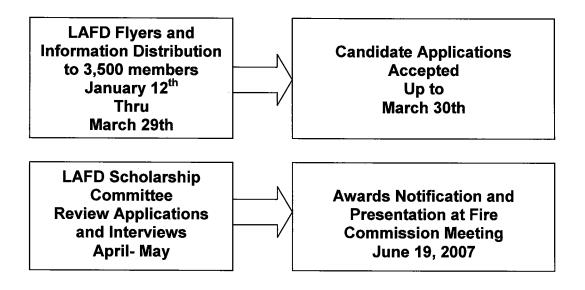
## Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund Update

January 12, 2007

The Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund program is underway and is reaching out to the 3,500 members of the department. The informational portal utilized will be the internal mail system, E-COMM (electronic communication), teletype system and the Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association's Grapevine Magazine (March issue). The outreach program will send the message of the Scholarship Fund to the entire active firefighter network.

The communication between the LAFD Scholarship Fund's Administrative office and Fire Department's Planning Section is open and collaborative. The applications are in place and ready for distribution. The logistical components are completed and the task to organize the applicants are in place. The LAFD selection committee has hired Alice Sturdy from the LAPD Memorial Foundation to manage the applications and interview process.

Below is the anticipated time line for the LAFD Scholarship Fund Program:







Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund

# SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Up to Five \$5,000 Scholarship Grants
Per Year For Up To Four Years



#### Who Is Eligible?

The student must be a child or step child of a current, full-time LAFD sworn employee who has completed probation, (no reserve or retired), be enrolled or has applied at an accredited college or university, and must not have completed more than his/her sophomore year.



(Call if you have questions about specific candidate qualifications.)

The merit-based awards will be made to students who have demonstrated:

\* Excellence in Academic Studies

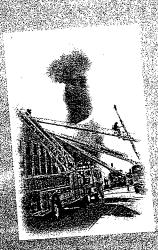
- ★ Good Character and High Moral Standards
- \* Demonstrated Leadership & Distinction on Extra-Gurricular Activity Achievements
- \* Demonstrated Personal Accomplishments & a Potential for Future Success



(323) 392(3200)

Deadline to turn in completed application .ທິລາດຖະເທີ 2007







## Announcing the "Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund"

Many of us face the hurdles of life when our children reach the pinnacle in their lives in search of a college to attend. With this, the rising cost of college tuition may at times become a forging obstacle, many sworn firefighters are looking for creative ways to fund their child's higher education needs. Fortunately, good news has arrived for active sworn LAFD firefighters! The Jean Perkins Foundation recently collaborated with the Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund. The LAFD Scholarship Fund is a charitable organization, which has a 501 (c) (3) status. The Jean Perkins Foundation has generously funded the LAFD Scholarship Fund to be used for the establishment of a merit based scholarship program for the children and stepchildren of active sworn firefighters that have completed probation. The merit based scholarship grant is a great avenue for our children of active sworn firefighters to identify as a source to enhance their higher educational costs. The number of scholarships for 2007 will total up to five \$5,000 awards for four years. The students with exceptional merit and academic achievement will receive up to a \$20,000 award, distributed equally over a fouryear period.

All children and step-children of full-time active sworn department members that have completed probation who are in good academic standing at their schools are eligible to apply. Applicants must be in their senior year of high school or currently attending and entering their sophomore year at an accredited two or four-year college or university within the United States. The scholarship fund's, all-civilian volunteer committee of directors will make all awards decisions. To prevent any bias, No LAFD sworn members will be participating in any decisions pertinent to the grant awards.

The selection process will consist of an evaluation of each candidate's academic performance, letters of reference and extra-curricular activities. Once all applicants have been reviewed, the committee will interview the finalists during the month of April with an awards presentation to follow in May. The awards will be \$5,000 annually for up to four years; as well as one-time grants of \$1,500 for runner-ups. The awards will be granted to students who are currently attending, or plan to attend an accredited college or university within the United States.

Deadline for a completed application is March 30, 2007. Application forms and instructions can be requested by calling the Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund at (323) 592-8200 or FAX a request to (323) 276-3030. Please ask for Alice Sturdy for any additional questions or about candidate qualifications.

March 2007

## LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### <u>College Scholarship Application – Academic Year 2006-2007</u>

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

- 1. Complete pages 1-3 of the attached Application form. Please print clearly or type.
- 2. Arrange for an official high school or college transcript to be sent to the address below. YOUR APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE, AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED, WITHOUT THE TRANSCRIPT.
- 3. Give a copy of the "Instructions Regarding Letters of Recommendation" to each person who will write such a letter on your behalf. Remember that at least one letter must come from a teacher or counselor, and neither may be written by a relative. You should give both of them a stamped envelope addressed to the location below.
- **4.** The application, transcript and recommendation letters should all be mailed to:

The LAFD Scholarship Fund 1700 Stadium Way Los Angeles, California 90012

- 5. This year's deadline for receiving all materials is March 30, 2007. **THERE CAN BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 6. The all-civilian Selection Committee expects to meet in early April to select a group of Finalists who will be invited to attend a personal interview. The winners will be selected and announced shortly after those interviews.
- 7. Scholarship contest is open to the dependent children and stepchildren of all current active LAFD sworn employees who have completed probation. If you have any questions about specific candidate qualifications please call Alice Sturdy at (323) 692-8200.

We look forward to receiving your application!

### INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The LAFD Scholarship Fund annually awards several college scholarship grants worth \$20,000, (\$5,000 per year for up to four years of study). Children and stepchildren of qualifying active sworn firefighters of the Los Angeles Fire Department is eligible to apply.

These are merit scholarships. The single most important factor is academic achievement, but the all-civilian selection committee also considers many other criteria, including personal character, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success.

To assist in the difficult task of choosing winners, the selection committee requires two letters of recommendation. One must be from a teacher or counselor, and neither may be written by a relative.

Letters should be mailed directly to the Los Angeles Fire Department Scholarship Fund at 1700 Stadium Way, Los Angeles, CA 90012. **THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 30, 2007.** If you are close to that date, you can fax your letter to (323) 276-3030.

If there are any problems or questions please feel free to call Alice Sturdy at the LAFD Scholarship Fund (323) 692-8200.

For recommenders: Your letter should indicate how long you have known the applicant and in what connection, in what ways the candidate has distinguished himself or herself among peers and any particular weaknesses or opportunities for growth. In addition, please comment on the applicant's behavior (e.g., respect for others, honestly, integrity, accountability for personal behavior) you have observed in your organization or community. Your willingness to share your knowledge about the applicant is very much appreciated!

# APPLICATION LAFD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Student Name:	·	
Street Address:		
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Home Phone:	Date of Birth:	
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High School:	Address:	
City/State/Zip Code:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Date of Graduation:	Principal's Name:	
College you attend, or will a applied) and expected gradu	attend (if uncertain, list the colleguation date:	ges to which you have
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NAME:	
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## On this page, please list your extracurricular and community service activities.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY	APPROXIMATE DATES OF PARTICIPATION	NAME AND TELEPHONE # OF CONTACT PERSON

NAME:
In the space provided or on a separate piece of paper, please tell us how you spent the last two summers (or vacations between school years), including any jobs you have held.
Please describe either (a) a field of study or (b) an activity that you hope to pursue in college. Explain briefly why this subject or activity is important to you.
Please tell us the following information:
Your favorite book
Your favorite movie
Your favorite recording
Your favorite keepsake or memento
Two adjectives your friends would use to describe you