Dear Scholarship Candidate,

The Peoria Firefighters Charities, a non-profit group made up of Peoria Firefighters, will be offering two scholarships to graduating Peoria area seniors. The first is the Johnny Valentine Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $2,500 for any student wishing to attend Glendale Community College seeking a career in the fire service or medical field. John Valentine was a Peoria Firefighter who passed away during the prime of his career from a brain tumor leaving behind a wife and daughter. Johnny’s spirit and energy live on today thru the Peoria Fire Department and its members. Johnny was a well respected Firefighter who lived the Fire Department’s Motto: Serving with Strength, Honor, and Compassion.

To be considered for the Johnny Valentine Memorial Scholarship each candidate must write an essay indicating why you think you deserve this scholarship. Include in the essay what it means to serve with Strength, Honor and Compassion. Letters of reference may be included with your application. The following two questions must be answered on a separate sheet to complete the application process.

1. What are your education goals and how do you plan to attain them?
2. What are your career goals and ambitions?

The second scholarship is the General Education Scholarship in the amount of $1,000 for the 2016/2017 academic school year. This scholarship may be used at any university, community college or vocational school. Once accepted and enrolled for the 2017/2018 academic school year arrangements will be made to access the scholarship funds. The student’s academic progress and citizenship will be monitored periodically.

To apply for the “Peoria Firefighters Scholarships” the following must be submitted to:

Peoria Firefighter Charities
Attn: Kiel Littell
31330 N. 137th Ave
Peoria, Arizona 85383

Applications must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2017
The following items must be submitted with each scholarship application.

- Completed application form.
- Copy of your most recent transcripts.
- Two recommendation letters from high school counselors, administrators, and/or teachers.
- Personal Essay (2 to 3 pages typed and double spaced)

**Personal Essay:** Briefly introduce yourself and focus on one or two of your principal interests. Address why you need this scholarship. What are your career plans? Explain what you would like your life to be in five years and how you plan to fulfill that goal. Include any community service involvement.

**Selection Interview:**

- Peoria Firefighter Charities will be hosting an interview process for each qualified applicant prior to our selection of this year’s recipients.
- The interview panel will consist of three to five members of the Peoria Firefighter Charities.
- The interview will be three questions focusing on who each applicant is, and their future goals and academic aspirations in their own words.
- The process will be held in early March 2017 and a selection will be made prior to high school graduation.
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP – 2016/17

Full Legal Name______________________________

Gender______ Age______ Date of Birth_____/_____/______

Permanent Mailing Address______________________________________________

City_______ State_________ Zip Code_________

Contact Phone Numbers:

Home ( ) _______-

Cell ( ) _______-

Application applying for (check box below)

☐ Johnny Valentine Memorial Scholarship   ☐ General Education Scholarship

High School:

Name of High School____________________________________________________

Graduation Date________________________________________________________

I will be attending:______________________________________________________

Type of School: ___University/College   ___Community College   ___Vocational/Technical

Planned college major___________________________________________________

to prepare for a career in_______________________________________________

Have you been awarded any other scholarships?____________________________

Family Information:

Father’s Name_________________________ Occupation & Employer_________________

Mother’s Name_________________________ Occupation & Employer_________________

Parent’s combined annual income before taxes______________________________

Number of dependents and ages, excluding father and mother________________________

Number of siblings (not counting yourself) attending college/vocational school next year?________________

Student Signature____________________ Date__________

By signing this form, I affirm that the information provided on this application form is true, correct and complete. Any false statements, misrepresentations or omissions will be cause for cancellation of the scholarship application process. Scholarship monies must be used within two years of award. All monies will be forfeited after that time.

Peoria Firefighter Charities PO Box 6659 Peoria, Arizona 85345

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