

MULTI-COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS 2020-2021 CHARLOTTE BRANHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Multi-County Crime Stoppers is pleased to make available scholarship awards to the children of the law enforcement agencies of Montgomery, Liberty and San Jacinto counties, or any resident of the Multi-County area that wishes to pursue or advance a career as a commissioned law enforcement officer in the Multi-County area.

The purpose of this scholarship program is to foster greater interest in continuing education in law enforcement. Scholarships are made possible by the generous donations of local corporations to our program and fundraising by the Multi-County Crime Stoppers Board of Directors.

Scholarship applications can be downloaded at www.multicountycrimestoppers.org.

Please contact Karla Carter at (281) 642-6253 for a scholarship application or for more information regarding these scholarships.

Applications will only be considered if they are mailed to:

**Multi-County Crime Stoppers
Attention: Scholarship Committee
1 Criminal Justice Drive
Conroe, Texas, 77301**

Scholarship Requirements **

- Award must be used at any accredited Law Enforcement Academy, University, College or Junior College in the United States.
- Applicants must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5.
- Undergraduate applicants must be high school graduates of schools in Montgomery County, Liberty County or San Jacinto County, Texas.
- Participation (or equivalent) in Campus Crime Stoppers program, Kid Chat or Junior Leadership program minimum two years
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Briefly explain why you are interested in pursuing a college education. Explain your short-term goals and where you see yourself, five to ten years from now (keep this brief- no more than one page).
- Completed Consent for Release of Information form.

The Crime Stoppers applicant must meet all the requirements listed under the Crime Stoppers Scholarship Requirements. There will be no exceptions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

*** Scholarship criteria may be modified upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and the approval of the Crime Stoppers Board of Directors. Such modifications can occur at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and without notice to any applicants or potential applicants.*



Eligibility for Award

There shall be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, religion, sexual orientation, color, gender, gender identity or national origin.

To be eligible for a scholarship from the Charlotte Branham Memorial Scholarship Program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- a) Applicants must be one of the following:
 - i. A child of an employee of a law enforcement agency in Montgomery County, Liberty County or San Jacinto County in Texas. For clarity, this applies for any employee of a certified Federal, State, County, City, College or University, Independent School District, or other law enforcement agency in the multi-county area.
 - ii. Any resident of the Multi-County area that wishes to pursue or advance a career as a commissioned law enforcement officer in the Multi-County area.
- b) Applicants must be a high school graduate, or in their senior year of high school and within four months of graduation. For clarity, there is no time limit on when individuals may apply to the scholarship program after graduating from high school.
- c) Applicants must have a high school cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
- d) Applicants must agree to undergo a criminal background check.
- e) Applicants must be citizens of the United States.

Use of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship awards from The Charlotte Branham Memorial Scholarship Program are granted for the purpose of assisting qualified students with the costs of continuing education. Accordingly, scholarship funds may only be used as follows:

- a) Recipients that are the child of an employee of a law enforcement agency in Montgomery County, Liberty County or San Jacinto County may use the scholarship for Undergraduate Degrees or Graduate Degrees in a field of their choosing.
- b) Recipients that are residents of the Multi-County area that intend to pursue or advance a career as a commissioned Law Enforcement officer in the Multi-County area may use the scholarship funds for Basic law enforcement training or Specialized law enforcement training.
- c) Recipients must use the scholarship at any accredited Law Enforcement Academy, University, College or Junior College in the United States.
- d) Recipients must use the scholarship money only for tuition. Funds may not be used for housing or other personal expenses.
- e) All scholarship funds will be paid directly to the recipient's chosen school.
- f) If a recipient's tuition is paid in full by any other scholarship, grant or award, the Charlotte Branham Memorial Scholarship Program funds cannot be used to reduce the other funding.
- g) If funds from the Charlotte Branham Memorial Scholarship Program, combined with funds from any other scholarship, grant or award, exceed actual costs for tuition and fees, this scholarship will be reduced by the amount it exceeds the actual costs.
- h) Any unused scholarship funds during a calendar year will remain in the Charlotte Branham Memorial Scholarship Program for future use.



Application Checklist and Procedure

- Completed application must be accompanied by:
 - (1) Completed Consent for Release of Information form
 - (2) Minimum 2-year resume on community/volunteer service (or equivalent) with Campus Crime Stoppers/Kid Chat or the Junior Leadership Program
 - (3) High school transcript
- All applications will be held confidential and will not be returned to the applicants.
- All applicants receiving scholarships will be notified by mail or e-mail.

Scholarship recipients may apply again in another year assuming all eligibility requirements are met. A new updated and current scholarship application must be completed each year.

Application submission deadline is 6 months before the expected need for funds.
Multi-County Crime Stoppers has the right to alter this deadline due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

***Special Notice:** Crime Stoppers Scholarship Awards are granted for the purpose of assisting qualified students with the costs of tuition, books and fees. Funds may not be used for housing or other miscellaneous expenses. Award funds must be used during the regular school year and cannot be used for summer courses. Course and text books must be purchased from a learning institution campus bookstore and billed directly through that institution's bursar's office.*

If recipient's tuition is paid in full by any other scholarship, grant or other award, the Crime Stoppers Scholarship Award cannot be used to reduce the other funding. If payment of the Crime Stoppers Scholarship Award, in conjunction with other such scholarships/grants exceeds outstanding costs for tuition, books or fees, the Crime Stoppers award will be reduced by the amount it exceeds actual costs.



MULTI-COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS
Consent for Release of Information

Applicant's Name _____

Home Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____

Driver License # _____ State Issued _____

List all other names by which you have been known: _____

Have you continuously lived in Texas for the last 10 years? _____ YES _____ NO

If no, please indicate the state or country in which you've previously lived:

I hereby authorize Multi-County Crime Stoppers to conduct a criminal records background check for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not I have a prior criminal conviction. I understand that the background check is a condition of receiving a Crime Stoppers scholarship and that an unsatisfactory background check could lead to my being disqualified as an applicant.

I hereby release Multi-County Crime Stoppers and its authorized representatives from any liability or damage connected with conducting the background check and obtaining said criminal record's information.

Applicant's Signature _____
Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____
Date

Please route the completed and signed form to: Multi-County Crime Stoppers, # 1 Criminal Justice Drive, Conroe, Texas, 77301 for completion of background check.	
FOR USE BY: Montgomery County Sheriff's Dept. or Authorized Representative(s).	
Results of Background Investigation	
<input type="checkbox"/> No prior criminal conviction record was found.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A prior criminal conviction record, described on the attached, was found.	
_____ Signature of Officer or Authorized Rep. conducting security check.	_____ Date



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

High School: _____

GPA: _____ (attach high school transcript)

Major (if known): _____

Please list any other scholarship(s) received:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I have personally prepared this application and all attachments, and believe it to be correct.

Date Signature of Applicant

Date Signature of Parent/Guardian