

First Responder **Blaize Madrid-Evans Scholarship**

Introduction

Blaize Madrid-Evans graduated from Smithville High School in 2018. In July, 2021 he graduated from the Police Academy and began a law enforcement career with the Independence, MO. Police Department. On September 15, 2021, only 2 months out of the academy and only 18 days on patrol he lost his life in an exchange of gunfire while performing his duties as a police officer. In memory of Blaize a \$2000.00 scholarship will be awarded to one graduating student from Smithville High School who is pursuing post-secondary education.

Blaize had a strong desire to serve his community, enjoyed community service and outreach, was very kind and helpful and had a very strong work ethic. The recipient selected will be the individual deemed to most embody the qualities, aspirations and passion of Blaize

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for this scholarship you must meet all three of the criteria listed below:

- One of your parents is a first responder
- You are a Smithville High School senior who graduates during the 2023/2024 academic year.
- You plan on attending an accredited college, university or trade school/vocational school beginning the Fall Semester of 2024 as a full-time freshman student.

For the purposes of this scholarship 1st responder professions include only the major groups; emergency medical services personnel (EMS), firefighters and police officers.

Proof of vocation as a 1st responder must be provided as listed below:

ACCEPTABLE

- Employee ID card or badge
- Any Proof of Employment

Selection Criteria

- Academic Achievement
- Character
- Leadership
- Community Involvement
- Attitude/Citizenship

Scholarship Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted through March 29, 2024.

- *The high school counselor's office will be notified with the winner's name within 3 weeks of the submission deadline. The winner will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony.*
- *The award will either be presented in person at the Senior Awards Ceremony or mailed to the winner's home address in the form of a check made to the registrar's office of the appropriate college.*

Application Process

Complete this application, attach or otherwise enclose with ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

- 1st Responder proof of occupation documentation
- High School Transcript – Must be current through the most recently completed semester
- Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, coach, counselor or administrator

The application and all required materials and documentation must be submitted to the SHS Counseling Center by March 29, 2024 at 3:00 PM. Failure to provide ALL requested materials and documentation by the deadline will result in the applicant being dropped from consideration.

Student Information:

Last Name _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell () _____ Home () _____

Email Address _____

Semester in which you graduate (Fall or Spring) _____

GPA _____

College You Plan to Attend _____

Indicate the degree/discipline you intend to pursue _____

Family Member with qualifying 1st responder occupation

Last Name _____ First _____

Relationship to scholarship applicant (parent or grandparent) _____

Type of 1st responder occupation _____

Type of acceptable proof of occupation provided _____

Parent or Guardian:

Last Name _____ First _____

Cell () _____ Home () _____

In your own words, provide a brief response (3-4 sentences each) to the following:

- Describe your high school experience as a student and how it has impacted your life.

- Explain the importance of good leadership and community involvement as a student.

- Explain ways you have demonstrated outreach, leadership and involvement in your school and community.