

## 2019 Wisconsin Electronic Security Association(WIESA) Youth Scholarship Program Applicant Information

### HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

#### **ESA Youth Scholarship Program**

In 1996, the Electronic Security Association (ESA) launched the Youth Scholarship Program to promote goodwill among the electronic systems industry and police and fire officers by providing college scholarship awards to their deserving sons or daughters.

Celebrating its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the Youth Scholarship Program has provided thousands of dollars to students attending higher education institutions across our country. In fact, more than \$700,500 has been awarded through the Youth Scholarship Program.

#### **WIESA Youth Scholarship Program**

Today, WIESA and 15 other participating Chartered Chapter Associations are involved in the scholarship program. Since joining the program in 2010, WIESA has awarded \$25,000 in Youth scholarships. A winner from each state's program is submitted for consideration for the national ESA Youth Scholarship Program awards. **Students who reside in a participating state must enter their state-level scholarship program to be considered for national awards.**

The **Wisconsin Electric Security Association (WIESA)** awards two \$1,500 scholarships. One is awarded to the son/daughter of an active member of a Wisconsin fire department and one to the son/daughter of an active member of a Wisconsin police department. Winners of WIESA scholarships will be contacted after March 21, 2019 and will be informed if their application received the highest score of the two winners and will be submitted for consideration of a national ESA Youth Scholarship award. The 1<sup>st</sup> place national winner receives \$7,500 and the 2nd place receives \$2,500 to put toward their college education.

**Submit your completed applications (including transcripts, essay and all other required documentation) to:**

[www.wiesa.org/youth-scholarship-application/](http://www.wiesa.org/youth-scholarship-application/)

**WIESA application deadline is:**

**Friday, March 1, 2019**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED  
ONLINE ON OR BEFORE THIS  
DEADLINE TO BE ACCEPTED.**

ESA, a non-profit 501(c) 6 trade association, is the nation's oldest and largest organization dedicated to representing, promoting, and supporting the electronic life safety, security and systems industry. Member companies specialize in a wide spectrum of services to commercial and residential customers, including security and fire alarms, video surveillance, access control and monitoring. In cooperation with a federation of state associations, ESA provides government advocacy and delivers timely information, professional development tools, products and services that members use to grow and prosper their businesses. ESA may be reached at 888.447.1689 or on the Web at [www.ESAweb.org](http://www.ESAweb.org).

## RULES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must be at least 15 years of age and not older than 20. He or she must be a graduating high school senior who will receive a diploma from an accredited high school, located within the state where they apply. Home schooled students and students attending military or boarding schools are also eligible to apply. Applicants 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. Parent must be a full-time paid member of the police or sheriff's department or fire department. Parent/guardian may also be a volunteer member of a fire department.
  - b. Parent or guardian must be an active duty police officer, firefighter, paramedic, or EMT (public sector). Children of administrative staff do not qualify.
  - c. Children of DHS, FBI and other Federal employees do not qualify.
  - d. Children of reserve officers, part-time sheriff's deputies and retired, or deceased employees do not qualify.
3. Each student must submit a fully completed and signed application online. **Application and all other required documents must be received on or before the deadline to be accepted.** Failure to follow instructions can result in disqualification.
4. Students must submit the following:
  - a. Completed and signed application
  - b. Essay (typed)
  - c. Transcripts from the school (or parent if home schooled) that lists the student's grade point average. GPA must be in a standard 4.0 or 0-100 percent scale or conversion method must be provided.
  - 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 official SAT and/or ACT test score results. (These may be included on and sent with official high school transcripts).
  - g. Résumé listing community service, academic prizes, awards, hobbies, extracurricular activities and work history.
  - h. Proof of verified community service. Applicants must use the official Community Service Forms on pages 20 and 21.
  - i. Letter of recommendations 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 become the property of the ESA Chartered Chapter (if applicable) 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) participating in interviews with state and national ESA communications, local, trade and national press, and submitting photos for inclusion in state chapter and national publications, press materials and online. Applicants will make every effort to meet with the local ESA 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, community service, extracurricular participation and the essay. All decisions are final. The score is based on the following:

a. Grade Average	20 points
b. SAT Scores or ACT	15 points
c. Essay	35 points
d. Verified Community Service	20 points
e. Academic prizes, awards, hobbies, school and outside extracurricular activities	10 points

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**Total**

**100 points**