

# WILLIAM BUECHNER JR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



**Applicants have the chance to receive a \$1,500 scholarship!**

## ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The William Buechner Jr. Memorial Scholarship is available for children of first responders who currently work or have retired as full-time law enforcement officers, firefighters, corrections officers, and dispatchers. Several scholarships will be awarded each year to graduating high school and first year college students. This includes children of first responders who live or work in Lee County. The scholarship winner receives a non-renewable scholarship of \$1,500.

Applications open on April 1<sup>st</sup> and will close on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship awards will be announced no later than May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## ABOUT WILLIAM BUECHNER JR

William "Will" Buechner Jr. was born on August 27, 1981, in Montgomery, Alabama. Will graduated from Trinity Presbyterian School and Auburn University. He selflessly served the City of Auburn Police Department for 13 years until he was killed in the line of duty in 2019. Will had a smile that would light up a room and a sense of humor to keep you laughing for hours. If he wasn't at work, you could find him spending time with his family or taking in the open air on his motorcycle. Will was tragically killed in the line of duty on May 19, 2019. Although his time on earth was cut short, he positively impacted many lives. Will is survived by his wife Sara, and two children.

## ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

First responders make daily sacrifices to put others first. In no less than 500 words, tell us about a time in your life that you experienced an act of selflessness. This could be something you did for someone or a time when someone did for you. We want to know how this experience changed you and how you plan to use it for good in the future. We can't wait to hear your story!

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Email this application with the requested information to the address below before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

To be considered you must include the following with this application:

- 1 - Minimum 500 word typed essay on the subject "Selflessness."
- 2 - Your Resumé
- 3 - Current School Transcript
- 4 - Two letters of recommendation from teacher, supervisor, or first responder (nonrelative)
- 5 - College/University Enrollment Verification
- 6 - Copy of parent First Responder Identification

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The scholarship of \$1500 will be awarded based on the following. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- 1 - Applicant must write a quality essay
- 2 - All required documents must be completed and emailed by 11:59pm (cst) on April 30<sup>th</sup>
- 3 - All required documents must be in PDF format
- 4 - Applicant must receive two good recommendations

## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please submit completed application packets in PDF format to the William Buechner Jr Memorial Scholarship Committee by email at [williambuechnerfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:williambuechnerfoundation@gmail.com).