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Subject: 2015 Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Scholarship Program

Purpose

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to provide guidance and information regarding the 2015 Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Scholarship Program, and the process for submitting applications to be considered for inclusion in the 2015 Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Scholarship application.

Program Overview

The revenue from "Secure Indiana" license plate sales funds the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation. The Foundation offers a Secure Indiana Scholarship to provide higher education financial assistance for Indiana students who wish to pursue a degree. The scholarship rewards those who volunteer for public safety organizations.

There are eighteen (18) potential scholarships to be awarded to undergraduate students attending an Indiana college. It is limited to two scholarships per Congressional District.

A full-time student with at least 12 credit hours is eligible for a \$2,000 scholarship and a part-time student with at least 6 hours is eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship. The program funds are intended solely to reimburse eligible student educational expenses. Deadline for application is July 1, 2015.

Eligible Applicants

An Indiana resident who is an incoming or continuing student who:

1. Attends or will be attending an accredited Indiana college.
2. Must have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. **Volunteers** at a public safety organization such as fire, law enforcement, emergency management or emergency medical services (validated by chief executive). IDHS will determine compliance eligibility. For more information on the compliance of an organization contact council coordinator.

NOTE: Applicants who are state employees or special state appointees ARE NOT eligible for a scholarship

All applications will be processed electronically through the Indiana Grants Management System (iGMS: <http://myoracle.in.gov/hs>). If you are interested in submitting an application, please contact the Grants Management Section at grants@dhs.in.gov and you will be provided the required forms, budget, username and access to the system. The application closes on July 1, 2015. Awards will be announced by January 2016. Questions should be directed to Mary Fields, Council Coordinator:

Evaluation

Once received, proposals will be reviewed by the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation Project Committee. The Project Committee will make their recommendations to the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation board for consideration. Proposal submission or approval does not guarantee funding. The date of the next Indiana Homeland Security Foundation committee meeting is September 29, 2015.

Timeline

Applications may be submitted via the iGMS beginning **May 15, 2015** and must be submitted by no later than **midnight on Tuesday, July 1, 2015**.

Questions

Questions regarding this program should be directed to the Council Coordinator:

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