



Dear Scholarship Candidate,

The **Peoria Firefighters Charities**, a non-profit group made up of Peoria Firefighters, will be offering two scholarships to graduating Peoria area seniors. The first is the Johnny Valentine Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 for any student wishing to attend Glendale Community College seeking a career in the fire service or medical field. John Valentine was a Peoria Firefighter who passed away during the prime of his career from a brain tumor leaving behind a wife and daughter. Johnny's spirit and energy live on today thru the Peoria Fire Department and its members. Johnny was a well respected Firefighter who lived the Fire Department's Motto: *Serving with Strength, Honor, and Compassion.*

To be considered for the Johnny Valentine Memorial Scholarship each candidate must write an essay indicating why you think you deserve this scholarship. Include in the essay what it means to serve with Strength, Honor and Compassion. Letters of reference may be included with your application. The following two questions must be answered on a separate sheet to complete the application process.

1. What are your education goals and how do you plan to attain them?
2. What are your career goals and ambitions?

The second scholarship is the General Education Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2015/2016 academic school year. This scholarship may be used at any university, community college or vocational school. Once accepted and enrolled for the 2015/2016 academic school year arrangements will be made to access the scholarship funds. The student's academic progress and citizenship will be monitored periodically.

To apply for the "Peoria Firefighters Scholarships" the following must be submitted to:

Peoria Firefighter Charities  
Attn: Danny Comella  
PO Box 6659  
Peoria, Arizona 85345

Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 1, 2015**

**Peoria Firefighter Charities PO Box 6659 Peoria, Arizona 85345**  
501-3C Tax Identification Number 86-1014510

The following items must be submitted with each scholarship application.

- **Completed application form.**
- **Copy of your most recent transcripts.**
- **Two recommendation letters from high school counselors, administrators, and/or teachers.**
- **Personal Essay (2 to 3 pages typed and double spaced)**

**Personal Essay:** Briefly introduce yourself and focus on one or two of your principal interests. Address why you need this scholarship. What are your career plans? Explain what you would like your life to be in five years and how you plan to fulfill that goal. Include any community service involvement.

**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP – 2014/15**

**Full Legal Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gender** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone Numbers:** Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Application applying for (check box below)**

Johnny Valentine Memorial Scholarship  General Education Scholarship

**High School:**

Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of School: \_\_\_University/College \_\_\_Community College \_\_\_Vocational/Technical

Planned college major \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare for a career in \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been awarded any other scholarships? \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information:**

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation & Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation & Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's combined annual income before taxes \_\_\_\_\_

Number of dependents and ages, excluding father and mother \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings (not counting yourself) attending college/vocational school next year? \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I affirm that the information provided on this application form is true, correct and complete. Any false statements, misrepresentations or omissions will be cause for cancellation of the scholarship application process. Scholarship monies must be used within two years of award. All monies will be forfeited after that time.