

RAYMOND T. EDMONDSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
GUIDELINES

- I. Eligibility Requirements - To be eligible for the Florida Public Pension Trustee Association Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship, an applicant must:
1. Be a current or retired member of a Police, Fire, or General Employee Plan, which is an Active Member, Associate Member, current staff member of the FPPTA, or Consultant of the FPPTA with all fees current if applicable, or the “Child” or “Spouse” of an Active Member, Associate Member, current staff member of the FPPTA, or Consultant of the FPPTA. [6/26/21]
 - a. For the purposes of Section (1) above, “Child” shall mean an adopted, biological, or step-child of an Active Member, Associate Member, current staff member of the FPPTA or Consultant of the FPPTA, as well as any child of an Active Member, Associate Member, current staff member of the FPPTA or Consultant of the FPPTA by way of having been appointed guardian or granted legal custody of a child by a court of law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Scholarship Fund Committee shall have within its sole discretion, the right to determine whether an applicant meets the definition of “Child” as used herein. [6/26/21]
 - b. For the purposes of Section (1) above, “Spouse” shall mean the lawful husband or wife of an Active Member, Associate Member, current staff member of the FPPTA or Consultant of the FPPTA. [6/26/21]
 2. Be a current resident of the State of Florida and U.S. Citizen.
 3. Be a graduate of a private or public high school or possess a GED.
- II. Applications will be accepted annually beginning January 1 of each year through May 1st. The following items must be received on or before **May 1st by 5:00 p.m.** in order to be eligible for consideration of a Scholarship Award. Applications can be delivered in person, via mail, electronic mail or faxed.
1. Completed Application (Typed or Printed legibly);
 2. Letter(s) of recommendations (Signed);
 3. Personal Statement (Typed or Printed legibly);
 4. Official proof of academic standing; and
 5. Proof of acceptance at an accredited academic/trade school for post-secondary studies.

III. A Standing Scholarship Committee shall be established in accordance with the By-Laws, which shall be tasked with reviewing each Application submitted and making a recommendation(s) to the Board of Directors as a whole, as to what applicants, if any, should be given a scholarship award.

1. Review of Applications by the Scholarship Committee shall be anonymous and Applications received by the Scholarship Committee shall be blacked out as to any information that would disclose the identity of the applicant.
2. The FPPTA Office Staff/Officers shall be tasked with the duty of ensuring that all Applications submitted to the Scholarship Committee meet the specifications of III(1) above.

IV. Amount of Scholarship Fund Award:

1. The amount of any scholarship awarded shall be in the amount of \$2,500.00 per person. [1-28-23]

V. Source of Funding for Scholarship Fund Award:

1. Initial “seed funding” shall be from the FPPTA 2018 Annual Budget in the amount of \$1,000.00 and at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees from that point thereafter.
2. Scholarship Award check shall be made payable and sent directly to the recipient’s school on the recipient’s behalf.
3. Additional funding may also be received from resources including but not limited to proceeds from the Annual Associate’s Charitable Golf Classic subject to authorization, along with donations from Associate Members and Active Members. Notwithstanding the above, nothing herein shall prevent the Scholarship Fund Committee from accepting funding and/or donations from other sources.

Return Completed Application To:

VIA Mail:

Kimberlie E. Prior, Chief Executive Officer
RE: Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship Application
Florida Public Pension Trustees Association, Inc.
2946 Wellington Circle East
Tallahassee, Florida 32309

VIA Fax:

850.668.8514

VIA Email:

kim@fppta.org

- The Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex (or gender), age, disability and national origin.

Policy regarding award and receipt of Florida Public Pension Trustee Association Scholarships:

Scholarships, if any, are awarded on a once per year basis and awards are subject to the sole discretion of the Board of Directors and shall be awarded on a funds available basis. The determination of whether funds are available is in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. No guarantee or promise is made that an award to a recipient of a scholarship intends to be a guarantee for a subsequent scholarship award to that recipient. A recipient of a one-time scholarship award is eligible to reapply for the subsequent award of another one-time scholarship award, subject to the requirements above, but is not guaranteed nor promised a subsequent scholarship award after the first award. Scholarships, if any, and award amounts are subject to change based on funding availability, the determination of which is in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. FPPTA reserves the right, in its sole discretion to not award a scholarship for any given year for any reason whatsoever.

These guidelines are not meant to be exhaustive or limiting as to the operation of the Scholarship Fund, but rather are used to set a guide and outline for the administrative procedures of the Scholarship Fund Committee. The Scholarship Fund Committee reserves the right to amend these guidelines as it sees fit at any time.