

# FPPTA RAYMOND T. EDMONDSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## Scholarship Application

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**Application due date: Must be received on or before May 1, by 5:00 p.m**

1. Applications will begin being accepted by Jan. 1 of each year through May 1.
2. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is they must be received on or before May 1, by 5:00 p.m.
3. Applications can be delivered in person, via mail or electronic mail per the instructions below.
4. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., Letter(s) of recommendation, Personal Statement, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
5. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
6. Typed or printed legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
7. All applications must be legible, no photograph of the application and no scanned documents from a cell phone.
8. You will be notified by phone or electronic mail regarding the status of your application.
9. If you have any questions about the application, please call Kimberlie E. Prior, CEO. 800-842-4064 Ext. 101 or by email at [kim@fppta.org](mailto:kim@fppta.org).

**FPPTA:** The Florida Public Pension Trustees Association (“FPPTA”) was established in 1984. The FPPTA is Florida’s largest state-wide educational organization for municipal public pension boards, plan sponsors and elected/appointed officials. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to current or retired members 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.

**PURPOSE:** The Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship Award was established by the FPPTA Board of Directors in memoriam of Raymond T. Edmondson to recognize the vision and leadership that he provided to the FPPTA for over 30 years. Raymond T. Edmondson was a founder of the FPPTA and remained a vital part of it since its inception in 1984. He stood at the helm of the FPPTA as its CEO for over 30 years and was serving as a Director Emeritus to the FPPTA until the time he passed away. Raymond T. Edmondson throughout his lifetime had a tireless commitment to protecting the retirement security of Florida’s public employees and their retirement systems. He had a resounding and unfettered commitment to preserving the retirement security of Florida’s public employees through active participation in the FPPTA. He was also a lifelong public servant having been employed as a police officer for Fort Lauderdale for 23 years and also served in the United States Navy Seabees as well as having volunteered as certified Firefighter.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:**

The FPPTA will award the Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship Fund on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. The FPPTA pays scholarship funds directly to the recipient’s school on the recipient’s behalf. Scholarships are awarded annually. The Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, religion, sex (or gender), age, disability and national origin. Scholarship(s) awarded are based upon the availability of funds, at the sole discretion of the FPPTA and additional qualifying criteria. FPPTA reserves the right, in its sole discretion to not award a scholarship for any given year for any reason whatsoever.

### **AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARD:**

The amount of any scholarship awarded shall be a one-time award in the amount of \$5,000.00 per person. A recipient of a one-time scholarship award is eligible to reapply for the subsequent award of another one-time scholarship award.

## **CRITERIA:**

1. Applicants must be completing or have graduated from high school (public or private) or possess a GED.
2. Be a current resident of the State of Florida and U.S. Citizen.
3. 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”, “Grandchild” or “Spouse” of an Active Member, Associate Member, current staff member of the FPPTA, or Consultant of the FPPTA. [9/21/24]
  - 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, “Grandchild” shall mean an adopted, biological, or step-grandchild of an Active Member, Associate Member, current staff member of the FPPTA or Consultant of the FPPTA, as well as any grandchild 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 grandchild 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 “Grandchild” as used herein. [9/21/24]
  - c. For the purposes of Section (1) above, “Spouse” shall mean the lawful husband or wife of an Active Member, Associate Member and current staff member of the FPPTA or Consultant of the FPPTA. [6/26/21]
4. Applicants must be accepted as a student at an accredited college, university, Police Academy, Fire Academy, trade or vocational school for the upcoming academic semester/enrollment class. If scholarship money is awarded, this is the only program that will receive the funds on behalf of the Applicant.
5. Applicants must complete and submit a Scholarship Application **on or before May 1 by 5:00 p.m.**
6. 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.

## **NOTIFICATION:**

7. Applicants are notified by either the CEO or Board of Directors if they are awarded a scholarship.

## **Application Process:**

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:**

- Completed application form (Typed or Printed legibly).
- Official proof of academic standing.
- Letter(s) of recommendation (signed).
- Proof of acceptance at an accredited academic/trade school for post-secondary studies.
- Personal Statement written by the Applicant (Typed or Printed legibly).

### **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:**

8. Applicant must provide their **student ID, the correct mailing address of their institution and the department where their scholarship check is to be issued.**
9. Award amounts will be distributed once annually after all requirements are met.

**Please mail, email or submit application in person to:**

### **FPPTA – Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship Fund**

#### **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 Email:**

[kim@fppta.org](mailto:kim@fppta.org)

*[Application for completion begins on next page]*

**Application -must be filled out by Applicant.**

Please check one of the following:

New Scholarship Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Repeat Scholarship Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Please <b>type on a separate sheet</b> or <b>print</b> your answers below. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.	
1.	<div>Last Name: _____</div> <div>First Name: _____</div>
2.	<div>Mailing Address::</div> <div>Street: _____</div> <div>City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____</div>
3.	<div>Daytime Telephone Number: (      )</div> <div>Email address: _____</div>
4.	<div>High School Attended: _____</div> <div>Number of years attended HS: _____</div>
5.	<div>I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of</u> _____:</div> <div>Address/ Phone: _____</div>
6.	What year will you enter school? Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      Senior      Graduate Level
7.	Will you be enrolled as a student for the upcoming semester? _____
8.	<div>High School Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale)</div> <div>Attach proof of GPA: your most recent <b>official</b> school transcript required.</div>
9.	<div>If you are not a current or retired member of a Police, Fire or General Employee Plan that is an Active Member, Associate Member, current staff member of the FPPTA or Consultant of the FPPTA, but are the child, grandchild or spouse of any of the above, please fill out that the information for that individual below:</div> <div>Name &amp; address of the individual:</div> <div>Pension Board or Associate Firm (Member of the FPPTA):</div> <div>_____</div> <div>Name of Individual on Pension Board or Associate Firm with the FPPTA:</div> <div>_____</div>

	Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone number of the individual above: _____				
10.	What specialty/major do you plan to specialize/major in as you continue your education?				
11.	List the name of any college you have attended (if applicable)				
		Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated	Type of Degree Received
	A.				
	B.				

**Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.**

12.	<b>SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/EMPLOYMENT &amp; INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE:</b> Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated and/or any part-time, full-time jobs and internship experience held by you within the last four (4) years. Note leadership roles and dates.
13.	<b>AREA OF STUDY:</b> What do you want to study and why?
14.	<b>ORGANIZATIONS:</b> Please list community organizations such as service and volunteer organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
15.	<b>RECOGNITIONS:</b> Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
16.	<b>GOALS:</b> What are the short and long term goals for your life?

17.	<b>NEED:</b> Please explain your need for the Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship Award:		
18.	<b>CAREER PLANS:</b> What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?		
19.	<p><b>A.</b> The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p><b>C.</b> Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
20.	YES	NO	<p><b>Letter(s) of recommendation.</b> These should be mailed to Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship Application:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> 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 </p>
	YES	NO	<b>Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment.</b> A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	<b>Most recent high school or college transcript.</b>
	YES	NO	<b>Answers to questions 1-19</b>

## **STATEMENT OF ACCURACY AND CONSENT**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship Fund Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship Fund. If I am a Scholarship Award recipient I authorize that my name and image may be shared publicly in FPPTA communications, and agree to participate in marketing activities as appropriate, which include but are not limited to inclusion in the FPPTA's website, blog and social media content.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the accredited post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for this application to be received by Raymond T. Edmondson Scholarship Fund is:**

**Must be received on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> by 5:00 p.m.**

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