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Tate's Foundation Offers First Responder Student Scholarship

Knoxville, TN – Tate's Foundation announced the opening of their First Responder Student Scholarship for the 2026-27 school year. Students at Tate's School celebrated this announcement with superheroes from the Knoxville community. The Knox County Sheriff's Office(KCSO) K – 9 Unit demonstrated odor detection techniques and the KCSO Aviation team surprised students by landing a helicopter on campus.

Community Service and character education have long been an integral part of Tate's School. Tracey Van Hook, Executive Director of the Tate's Foundation passionately believes it is important to offer resources to those that run toward danger. *"We want to support the daily sacrifice and hard work of first responders. Our hope is this scholarship shows our sincere gratitude for their selflessness in service to the community,"* said Van Hook.

The Tate's School of Discovery Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide resources and tuition scholarships to deserving students. The **First Responder Student Scholarship provides a full tuition scholarship to the child of a first responder who wishes to attend Tate's School** (approx. \$19,000 value).

[Fire Chief Stan Sharp](#) of the Knoxville Fire Department was able to send his children to Tate's thanks to their financial assistance program. *"The experience for our children at Tate's was what all parents wish for their children's education. Outstanding academics, kind, engaging teachers, and the opportunity to learn on a one-of-a-kind campus. Having been the recipient of Tate's education scholarships in the past, I highly encourage any first responders with school age children to apply for this amazing opportunity,"* said Fire Chief Sharp.

To be eligible, student applicants for the 2026-27 school year must be between the ages of 5 - 13 and be a good student (hard-working, well-behaved, positive). Families should have a modest income and at least one parent should serve as a first responder. Tate's has defined first responder as Fire-Rescue, Law Enforcement, EMT, & Military Personnel. **Applications must be received no later than June 12, 2026**, and will require documented proof confirming a parents' status as a first responder.

To apply for the First Responder Student Scholarship, visit <https://www.tatesschool.com/admissions/tuition/> There is a \$45 processing fee assessed by FACTS Financial Aid Management, an independent, third-party company that conducts financial analysis to determine financial need. [Click Here](#) to see Fire Chief Sharp talk about this opportunity. Questions about this opportunity can be submitted to info@tatesschool.com.

Tate's Foundation: The Tate's School of Discovery Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the student experience at Tate's School by providing program resources and student scholarships. Federal Tax Id Number is 16-1650137.

Tate's School: Located on 54 acres on N. Cedar Bluff Rd, Tate's School is a private, independent school founded in 1968 that serves approximately 250 students. Tate's School's mission is to nurture and work with children in preschool – eighth grade to promote academic excellence, assist in their intellectual development, and mentor them in their moral evolution to the point that they can become successful, productive, vibrant, accountable young men and women of sound of character and reputation. www.TatesSchool.com ###