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PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT
FOR THE CHILDREN AND WIDOWS OF
FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS
KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.



UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PLEDGES FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO CHILD OF FALLEN FDNY OR NYPD OFFICER

A Lone Star State public college has pledged a full scholarship to the child of a fallen officer or firefighter from the New York City area.

The University of Texas at Austin is the first college to partner with the Silver Shield Foundation to offer the scholarship program — part of an initiative to broaden the college support the foundation offers, the organization announced Monday.

“We are honored to offer this opportunity to a top student whose family has given so much to their city and country,” University of Texas at Austin’s President Bill Powers said in a statement.

The Silver Shield Foundation was started by Yankees owner George Steinbrenner with former Olympian Jim Fuchs in 1982.

It currently provides \$20,000 in higher education aid to each child of members of the NYPD and FDNY killed in the line of duty as well as to the children of other officers and firefighters killed serving communities in the metro area.

The new initiative aims to find a college in all 50 states within the next two years that is willing to offer a full scholarship to the children of city heroes.

“This initiative enables us to expand our services and provide more opportunities to the children of those who make the supreme sacrifice,” co-chairmen of the foundation’s board of directors William Walters and Howard Lorber said in a joint statement.

Five NYPD officers have been killed in the line of duty since the beginning of 2014.

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Silver Shield Foundation
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ATTN: K.C. Fuchs

Dear Ms. K.C. Fuchs,

My name is Alec O’Leary I am a Police Officer in Ocean Beach, Fire Island, NY. My Father is a retired Suffolk County Detective; I have 2 brothers on the NYPD and one brother that is a NYS Trooper. We are writing to tell you we are so grateful for what this foundation does that we ran a T-shirt Fundraiser with the help of our family’s soda business.

Here is a check for \$10,000.00 which we collected from Dec. 2014-Feb. 2015 selling T-shirts. We also want to say a big Thank You, to you and your staff, for all that you do. This fundraiser was just our small way of giving back.

Sincerely, Alec O’Leary

Certificate of Appreciation

Be it known that

The Silver Shield Foundation

during the course of my study, through personal sacrifice, selflessness, and without material reward, bestowed the support and understanding without which my graduation would not have been possible. This certificate is hereby conferred to honor and recognize the confidence, devotion, guidance and assistance freely given in helping me obtain this important milestone in my life.



Given by Cate Kelly



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PRISCILLA DAVIS

Daughter of Port Authority Police Officer Clinton Davis Sr. #1719
9/11/2001

Graduated from Texas State University - San Marcos, TX
in May 2012. Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with
a minor in Forensic psychology.

Currently pursuing a Master's degree in
Clinical Mental Health Counseling at
Sam Houston State University located in Huntsville, TX.
Anticipated graduation May 2015.



Ms. Fuchs,

The Silver Shield Foundation has truly been a blessing to me. I remember as a high school senior, I could only imagine having the opportunity to attend college. The reality of having to use student loans to further my education was anything less than appealing. It was through organizations such as yours that I was afforded the opportunity and privilege to not only attend, but to graduate with my bachelor's degree debt free. When I made the decision to pursue my master's degree, I knew that I would have to invest in myself, as others had invested in me. What differentiates the Silver Shield Foundation from any other organization, is their willingness to extend assistance to students in the graduate level of their education. This is something hard to come by. I thank Silver Shield for all you have done for me, those you have helped in the past, and I'd like to thank you for all of the lives you have yet to touch. This Foundation not only affects those it assists directly, it's generosity extends to those we help as well. Silver Shield has allowed me to gain experience and knowledge to make a difference on the lives of others. I am currently working full-time with the Gulf Coast Trades Center in New Waverly, TX. I am a caseworker for adolescent boys, placed at our facility to earn their High School educations, driver's learner's permit, and vocational trade certificate. My students all know that I am currently attending college, and it has been great being able to be a positive role model for them. I am able to teach and guide my students through questions/concerns/other issues related to college; and my testimony proves to them that anything is attainable. I like to remind them that they may become a product of their perseverance, rather than their environment. Working with at-risk youth is my passion!

Thank you Silver Shield Foundation, for the role you have played in allowing me to live out my dream each day.

-Priscilla Davis

Dear K.C.

Samantha Blackwell is the daughter of the late FireFighter Christopher J. Blackwell of Rescue 3. FireFighter Blackwell perished on Sept. 11, 2001 after 20 years of service. FireFighter Blackwell was also a Paramedic in his off time from FDNY.

Samantha attended Western Connecticut State University and graduated in 2012. She earned her BS in HEALTH PROMOTIONS AND EXERCISE SCIENCE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH.

During her 4 years at Western she was a 4 year starter on the Lacrosse team and Captain her Senior year.

With the help and financial support from the SILVER SHIELD FOUNDATION she has decided to follow her father into the medical field. Samantha is now attending the COLLEGE OF NEW ROCHELLE to study nursing.

Samantha now proudly wears her DADS stethoscope around her neck.

I would like to thank the SILVER SHIELD FOUNDATION AND KC FOR MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Samantha Blackwell'.



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