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Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation Announces 2026 Scholarship Recipients

AUSTIN TX — The Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation (POMF), the charitable arm of the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT), has announced its 2026 POMF Scholarship recipients.

Each year, the foundation awards scholarships to dependents of Texas law enforcement officers who are graduating from high school or are currently enrolled in an accredited college or university.

The POMF Scholarship Committee continues to see an overwhelming number of highly qualified applicants from across the state, reflecting both the strength of the profession and the dedication of law enforcement families.

“This profession carries a legacy of service and sacrifice that extends across generations,” said CLEAT President Scott Leeton. “The Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation scholarship program reflects our commitment to the families who carry that legacy forward and to the next generation; those who have been shaped by the values of purpose, commitment, and dedication. We're proud to support them as they continue to build on that foundation.”

2026 POMF Scholarship Recipients:

Kayden Billiot – Wallisville TX
Lamar University
Father: Port Arthur PD

Airin Farmer – Fort Worth TX
North Carolina A&T State
Father: Dallas PD

Natalie Garza – San Antonio TX
University of the Incarnate Word
Guardian: Bexar County Sheriff's Office

Charlize Gutierrez-Lopez – Grapevine TX
Florida Polytech
Father: Grapevine PD

Conner Haby – Castroville TX
Texas A&M
Father: San Antonio PD

Jose Holguin – Horizon City TX
University of Texas—El Paso
Father: El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Adrian Nevarez – El Paso TX
University of Southern California
Father: El Paso PD

Jayden Pliego – Laredo TX
Texas Tech
Mother: Laredo PD

Lizzie Rule – Richmond TX
Texas State
Father: Fort Bend Constable's Office Pct 4

Crawford Starrett – Cleburne TX
Texas Tech
Father: Tarrant County Sheriff's Office

Blake Sullivan – Mansfield TX
University of Texas—Dallas
Father: Fort Worth PD

Emily Torres – Amarillo TX
Amarillo College
Father: Randall County Sheriff's Office

Hannah Vasser – Bruceville TX
Steven F Austin State
Father: McLennan County Sheriff's Office

Kelsey Wathen – Heath TX
Abilene Christian University
Father: Mesquite PD

Madison White – Adkins TX
University of Texas—San Antonio
Father: Bexar County Hospital District PD

The Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that strives to perpetuate the memory of Texas law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their communities.

For more information about the Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation, visit www.pomf.org.

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