



Kids' Chance

Scholarship Program
Educating Children of Injured Workers

Katelyn's dad was a cab driver in New Orleans for 30 years. As he was approaching the customer's destination, the customer robbed him and shot him seven times. He died on the job.

Alesha's dad was an ambulance worker in Cameron Parish. He was crushed when strong winds knocked the trailer housing his office off of its blocks. He was pinned between the building and a car. He died on the job.

This year it is estimated that more than 100 Louisiana workers will die on the job. More than 45,000 will be injured, leaving half of those injured disabled. Families of these individuals will face difficult challenges as they struggle to overcome the financial burden of these losses. Often a child's dream of going to college is crushed because of unexpected income loss and/or the necessity for the child to forfeit an education to help financially support other family members. To these children, the future can appear frightening. Already confronting difficult emotions, they often have to confront the hurdle of funding their education beyond high school.

This year Katelyn, Alesha and 18 additional students received \$54,500 in scholarships from the Louisiana Bar Foundation (LBF) Kids' Chance Scholarship Program. These scholarships are specifically awarded to dependants of Louisiana workers who have been killed or permanently and totally disabled in a workplace accident. The LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program is administered by the LBF and is governed by a committee representing a cross-section of the state's legal and workers compensation communities. Since its inception in 2004, the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program has awarded 255 kids like Katelyn and Alesha scholarships totaling \$533,100.

Applications for the 2017-18 school year along with the guidelines will be available on the LBF website December 1, 2016.

For more information or questions about the LBF Kids' Chance Scholarship Program call Dennette Young (504) 561-1046, or go to our website at dennette@raisingthebar.org/kidschance.