

Virginia State Fire & EMS Association

Educational Financial Grant

The goal of this program is to make financial grants available to enhance education of person's serving in the Fire/EMS fields. It has always been the policy of VSFEMSA to assist applicants to further their education, in order to better serve the Citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Applicant must have been accepted at an accredited college, university, or technical school for the school term following the date of this application.
3. Applicant must be less than 26 years old during calendar year in which you are receiving the award.
4. The scholarships will be paid to the schools by September 1st of the school year. Winners will be announced as soon as possible after July 1st each year.
5. Any person who is a member, or be a child or grandchild of a person, in good standing, of the Virginia State Fire Association and has an interest in the Fire/EMS field will be given preference over other applicants.
6. Any person entering in the Nursing, Physical Therapy, Physicians Assistant, or any other programs in the medical field and holds a current EMT card, thru Virginia Emergency Medical Services, will be given preference over other applicants.
7. Firefighter I and EMT certifications – copy of cards must accompany application.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Attached application must be completed and signed by the applicant.
2. Two letters of recommendation: One from a teacher and one from a person in a leadership position. If you are a member of a fire or rescue squad one letter must be a recommendation from your Fire Chief or Rescue Squad Captain.
3. High School transcript (and/or a college transcript if enrolled)
4. Copy of SAT or ACT scores. (If available)
5. College acceptance letter (if high school senior)
6. Paragraph describing financial need and why this scholarship is important to applicant.
7. No less than 300 and no more than 500 words essay by conducting an Interview with member (s) of your local fire/ems department on the following topic:

What satisfaction do you get out of volunteering in this capacity in your community?

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection of awards will be based on a points system to be determined by the Scholarship Committee prior to receipt of applications. Factors considered in point system will be academic, financial needs, essay, fire/rescue volunteerism, member of VSFA, and field of study. A point system will be used and Applicants receiving the highest scores will be awarded if they meet all other criteria.

SUBMITTING APPLICATION

If any section of the applications or the required information listed above is incomplete the application will not be considered.

Application and all other information listed above must be received at the following address on or before the **May 30th** deadline. Any application postmarked after **May 30th** will not be accepted.

VSFEMSA Scholarships
C/O Chaplain Dale Jamison
161 Semple Farm Road Trlr #3
Hampton, Virginia 23666

****Please Note: The amount awarded will be based on Scholarship funding available this year****