



BUCKS COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS & FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Bucks County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association 2017 Scholarship Awards Programs

“This is a great benefit of membership”

The Bucks County Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association is proud to announce the ninth Annual Scholarship Award Program. This program is an excellent recruitment and retention tool for members of all Bucks County Fire Companies. It will provide financial assistance on a competitive basis to members of the association. Copies of the rules for the program, along with a copy of the application can be reviewed on our website: www.buckscandff.com. Feel free to make copies of these documents and distribute them to members of members' family, who are pursuing post-secondary education.

As of June 1, 2017, five (5) \$1000.00 scholarships will be provided by the Association - Four (4) \$1,000.00 scholarship awards to individuals pursuing “college level degrees” and one (1) pacifically to a Fire Science degree program. All applications must be submitted by September 1, 2017. Applications are reviewed and judged on applicant's dedication to giving back to the community. Any applications received after this date will not be reviewed. The Trustees of the scholarship committee will review each application and winners will be announced when the review is complete. The decision of the BCFC&FFA Trustees will be final.

For the application and guidelines, www.buckscandff.com



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2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM RULES

This year the Bucks County Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association (BCFC & FFA) is awarding five (5) \$1,000.00 Scholarships, of which one will for a Fire Science degree. This Scholarship program will continue annually, though each applicant must resubmit each year. The objective of the tuition assistance program is to assist individuals in good academic standing who desire to further their post secondary academic education through college level courses. Field of study in Fire Service related programs (Fire Science, Fire Service Management, Public Safety Administration, Fire Officer Certification, etc.) will be given "special consideration".

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The applicant must be or have an immediate family member who is an active or life member of the BCFC & FFA (and be in good standing) and a recognized Fire Company in Bucks County, PA. The Fire Company must also be in good standing with the BCFC&FFA.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications may be obtained from the BCFC & FFA website (www.buckscandff.com) or by contacting any Officer of the BCFC & FFA. All fully completed applications must be sealed and submitted using the BCFC & FFA form. All application packets must include:

- An essay of approximately 250 words stating why this grant is sought and how the Scholarship will benefit your fire service career, according to your goals and objectives
- A copy of your BCFC & FFA Membership Card or the Membership Card of an immediate Family Member
- Written recommendation from a Fire Chief or appropriate Officer
- Two (2) additional letters of recommendation
- Copy of your high school or college transcript
- Documentation of other academic achievements
- A College description of your program of study
- A completed application increases chances of award.

Completed sealed application packages must be submitted to:

Bucks County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1760 South Easton Road
Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901

No facsimile or e-mails will be accepted. Any applicant that does not complete the application requirements and are not postmarked September 1, 2017, will be returned to the applicant without review. Application must be sealed and will not be opened until after September 1, 2017 at the scholarship committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF TUITION AWARDS

Scholarships are for one (1) year ONLY! Winners will be notified of their success by mail. All successful applicants will be listed on the BCFC & FFA Official Website. The decision of the BCFC & FFA Trustees will be final.

PAYMENT OF TUITION

Payments will only be made to the award winners when confirmation of adequate (minimum of 2.0 grade point average) college courses are acquired. This must include a transcript of final grades and a copy of each invoice for tuition and textbooks which are equal to or greater than the award amount. No grants will be obtained without the information described above. All grants expire one (1) year from the award date.



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2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Date: _____

Applicant Information

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Street Address and/or Post Office _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Employer _____ Position _____

Gross of Immediate Family Annual Income _____ Any Immediate Family Members Attending College Y or N

If "Yes", Explain _____

Reside with Parents _____ If "No", Explain _____

Are You a Member In Good Standing With the BCFC & FFA? Yes _____ No _____

If "No", Please List Any Family Members Who Are In Good Standing with the BCFC & FFA _____

Representative of Department Information

Full Name _____ Relation to Applicant _____

Street Address and/or Post Office _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Fire Department _____

Current Position _____ Station Phone Number _____

Length of Fire Service _____ Signature _____

Current Chief's Name _____ Signature _____

Is the Applicant a Member of Your Fire Department? Yes _____ No _____

If "Yes", What Is Their Position and Standing? _____



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2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – Continued

General Education (High School or GED)

Highest Year Completed _____ Diploma / GED _____

Applicable Education (Certificates, Honors, Etc.) _____

Academic Education

I am currently enrolled at _____ Program/Degree _____

Credits Earned: Yes _____ No _____ (Attach program description of above) Approx. Date of Completion _____

Current Activities in Professional, Community and Collegiate Organizations _____

Current Educational Goals _____

I Wish to Enroll at _____ Program/Degree _____

Tuition Cost (Specific) \$ _____ Program/Degree _____

Do you receive other educational funding? Yes _____ No _____ (G.I. Bill, Department Funding, other scholarships Etc.)

If "Yes", Explain _____

Additional Information

Applications will be reviewed by the Trustees of the Scholarship Committee and graded based on the applicant's essay, community service, financial need, fire department or BCFC & FFA involvement, and field of study.

In applying for consideration, I am aware that any grant is to be applied only against tuition. In the event that my course(s) do not cost the full amount of the grant, I am eligible for the amount of the tuition and have no claim against the BCFC & FFA. I declare that all statements herein are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I will use all monies granted to me within one year of award, for the program(s) and institution for which application is made.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

(Use Additional Sheets or Attachments as Desired)