

New London County Fire Marshal's Association

The Donald Barry Scholarship Program Application Instructions

Background:

Donald Barry retired from the Connecticut State Police in 1992 after 20 years of dedicated service. His years of experience as a State Trooper conducting criminal and fire investigations led him to work in the private sector as a fire investigator in his retirement. He was highly respected for his knowledge, gained by both experience and education. He believed education was the key to attaining the proper knowledge base necessary to excel in police work and fire investigations, leading to the preservation of life and property. Don always made time for his peers and would go the extra mile to show anyone who asked, how to conduct an investigation or related task. Don passed away in 1998 and left a legacy of education and learning.

The New London County Fire Marshal's Association is proud to honor his memory through this scholarship program, so his efforts could be perpetuated through current day students and future investigators.

Scholarship Awards:

The New London Fire Marshal's Association may award one (1) or two (2) \$1,000 scholarships each year in May for the Fall semester for those who are studying for a career in the fire service or law enforcement.

Information packets shall be distributed each January to high schools, junior and four year colleges which have New London residents enrolled in a fire science, fire protection, police science and or criminal justice program in the Fall semester of the current year.

Selection Criteria:

The Donald Barry Scholarship(s) shall be awarded only to New London County Residents who are or will be enrolled in a certified, bona fide college fire science, fire protection, police science or criminal justice program at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Candidates may be enrolled to attend class in person or on-line.

Candidates may be part-time or full time students.

Recipients of the Donald Barry Scholarship can qualify only one time; however, they may re-apply if denied for future semesters.

Candidates must file an Official NLCFMA Scholarship Application with supporting documentation as appropriate, an essay describing yourself and aspirations related to the fire marshal community and two letters of reference; one from a teacher and one from a fire service or law enforcement professional. Neither may be a family member. Proof of address must also be attached.

Selection Process:

The NLCFMA Secretary shall receive and log all scholarship applications. In-complete applications will not be accepted.

The NLCFMA Scholarship Committee (3 members appointed by the President each January) shall review and make recommendations for the award(s).

The NLCFMA membership shall vote on the scholarship committee's recommendations at the May meeting and applicants shall be notified in writing of their application status.

The Scholarship Awards shall be presented by the NLCFMA Scholarship Committee at the June meeting of each year.

All packets must be post marked no later than April 1 of each year or received electronically via nlcfiremarshalsassociation@gmail.com.

Mailing Address:

NLCFMA (Scholarship Committee)
P.O. Box 567
Jewett City, CT 06351

Applicant Checklist:

- ☐ NLCFMA Official Application
- ☐ Supporting Documentation
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Two (2) Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Proof of Residency