

International Fire Service Foundation

Scholarship Program Policy

International Fire Service Foundation (IFSF) will establish and fund an annual scholarship to be awarded by its executive board.

Purpose

IFSF will provide financial assistance to those who are improving their lives by furthering their education and commitment to their community.

Eligibility

Those attending any post-secondary educational institution will be eligible. Eligible institutions include universities, colleges, technical schools, trade and vocational institutions. IFSF employees, Board and Committee members and their immediate families are not eligible.

Application Process

All applicants will submit a scholarship application and an essay of at least 300 words. Applicants are encouraged to compose an essay on how the Fire Service impacts their community and why they are interested in a fire service career. Applicants may interview employees, volunteers and members to assist them in their essay. Application deadline is May 1st of each calendar year.

Selection Process

A Selection Committee made up of the executive board will judge the application and essay contents.

The Committee should plan to meet as soon as possible after the application deadline to review and assess all applications and essays. Their duties will also include preparing and distributing new applications annually.

Scholarship Amount

The amount to be awarded is between \$500 - \$2000 for each successful applicant. The number of scholarships awarded will be determined based on available funding.

Distribution

The Scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's school. The funds may be used for tuition, room, board, books, or materials. A letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment from an educational institution is required. This letter may be submitted with the application or any time prior to the payment.