Crookston Firefighters Association
Memorial Scholarship Award

Crookston Firefighters Association announces the **2026 Crookston Firefighters Association Memorial Scholarship Award.** This scholarship is to honor all past members of the Crookston Firefighters Association that are no longer with us today.

Crookston Firefighters Association will distribute one (1) $1000 scholarship.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

*Reside in the city of Crookston or one of the townships served by the Crookston Firefighters Association. (Crookston, Roome, Eldred, Euclid, Belgium, Fanny, Parnell, Lowell, Andover, Fairfax, Gentilly, Kertsonville, Hammond, and Russia)

* Seeking graduating seniors in high school with a record of volunteerism in the community non-school sponsored activities as well as participation in extracurricular school activities and sports.

* Applicants must plan to attend a two (2)-year community college or four (4)-year college or university.

* Scholarship funds will be paid during the month of July 2026—directly to the student. The scholarship funds will be issued upon receiving a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which includes the Student ID number.

* Applications must be received by the Crookston Firefighters Association no later than **April 15, 2026**.

Mail one copy of a completed and typed application package to: Crookston Firefighters Association
% Scholarship Committee
620 S. Main ST
Crookston, MN 56716

The applications will be reviewed, and recipients selected by the Crookston Firefighters Association Scholarship Committee. The scholarship winner will be announced in **May 2026.** The scholarship will be awarded in June 2026 during a dinner meeting of the Crookston Firefighters. A formal invitation will be sent out and scholarship winner should plan to attend.

Applications may be downloaded from the Crookston Firefighters Association website at: www.crookstonfirefightersassociation.org

Please submit any questions to: firereserve@crookston.mn.us

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026

Please type and number your answers on separate sheets of paper.	
1.	Name:
2.	Mailing Address
3.	Telephone number: Email address:
4.	Date of birth:
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): (On a 4.0 scale)
6.	Name and location of high school:
7.	A. List any academic honors, awards, sports and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:
8.	A. If you have decided on the college you will attend, please list the school's name: B. If not, list your top three (3) college choices:
9.	Anticipated field of study:

10.	Number of years of residency in Polk, MN:
11.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): *(Include address if different than your own listed in Question* Phone of parents or legal guardians:
12.	Please write an essay (250 - 500 words) addressing the following: Describe how your community service came about and what being a volunteer has taught you. Are there any causes or organizations that especially interest you?
13.	Please write an essay (250-500 words) addressing the following: How has the fire service affected you personally, your family, or your community you live in?
14.	One letter of recommendation from a leader within the volunteer organizations or school activities you were a part of.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent, that if chosen as a scholarship winner, my picture may be taken and used to promote the Crookston Firefighters Memorial Scholarship Award. (Winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Crookston Firefighters Scholarship policy, I will try to be present at any awards ceremony and/or reception to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Crookston Firefighters Association Scholarship policy, it is my responsibility to submit to the Crookston Firefighters Association, no later than July 2026, a certificate of enrollment for the fall semester, which includes the Student ID number.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Checklist:
___ Application (inserted in document or typed out separately)
___ Essays on separate sheets of paper
___ One letter of recommendation

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