



Scholarship Resource Manual

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AMERICA'S 911 FOUNDATION

Eligibility:

- Children of active members of both Fire and EMS are eligible to apply for this award.
- Active members of both Fire and EMS are eligible to apply for this award.
- Children of retired or disabled members are not eligible.

Awards:

- Fifteen \$2,000 scholarships awarded annually.
- The scholarship is renewable for up to four years.
- Scholarship paid directly to the school.

Application:

- Applications are available online typically beginning mid-end November.

Dates:

- Applications are typically due in beginning of March.

Contact:

- Lisa Sjurseth | Email: info@americas911foundation.org

Website:

- www.americas911foundation.org

COLUMBIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY DISTANCE LEARNING COLLEGE TUITION DISCOUNT

Eligibility:

- All first-time students at CSU are eligible to receive a 50% discount on their first enrollment.

Awards:

- Columbia Southern University (CSU) announced a 50% discount on first time enrollments through June 30, 2021.

Application:

- Contact CSU Corporate Outreach or FDNY Registrar.
- Students will need to allow time for steps in admissions process like application, transfer credit evaluation and transcript submission. The type of enrollment chosen, Term or Life Pace, may also affect the time to enroll, so the sooner the better to get the process started.

Dates:

- Contact the FDNY Registrar or CSU for more information.

Contact:

- Mrs. Sherri Twitty, Director of Corporate Outreach | Phone: 1-800-977-8449, ext. 1359
- Lizzette Perez-Cruz, FDNY Registrar | E-mail: Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov



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FIRE BELL CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

Eligibility:

- Active Firefighters and Fire Officers who have been accepted or are attending an accredited institution of higher learning and are pursuing a degree in Fire Service Administration, Public Service Management, Nursing or a related Fire Service discipline and who have completed a minimum of twelve credits are eligible for this award.

Awards:

- The Fire Bell Club offers a one-time grant scholarship award of \$1,000 to one student annually.

Application:

- Applications can be obtained via email to FDNY College Advisor Lizzette Perez-Cruz at Lizzette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov.
- A written statement of 500 words explaining why the applicant should be considered for the award and how will they plan to use this award is required with applications

Dates:

- Applications are typically due in April.
- Winners are announced in early June.

Contact:

- Fire Bell Club Treasurer Ken Martin | Phone: 856-296-7626 | treasurer@firebellclub.org

Website:

- www.firebellclub.org

FDNY FOUNDATION TUITION SCHOLARSHIP REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Eligibility:

- All active members who are Fire Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Specialists, Communication Dispatchers and Fire Protection Inspectors enrolled in partnered colleges are eligible for this program.

Partnered Colleges:

- Baruch College (BSPA)
- CUNY Colin Powell School
- College of Staten Island
- Columbia Southern University
- Empire State College
- Excelsior University
- John Jay College
- Kings Borough Community College
- Metropolitan College
- Monroe College
- Nassau Community College
- Queensborough Community College
- Rockland Community College

Program:

- A max of 2 courses is allowed, up to \$700.00 per course, in either or both Spring/Fall semesters, during the year.

Application/Forms:

- Areas of studies are restricted towards requirements and electives of the Administration and Management Studies AAS degree, Business Administration AS/BS/BBA degree, Business Management BA degree, Cyber Security AS/BS degree, Fire Administration BS degree, Fire Science AAS/AS/BS degree, Fire and Emergency Services BA degree, Nursing AS/BS degree, Emergency Management Residency Science BS degree, Emergency Management and Business AA degree, Emergency Management Business Continuity AA/BA/BS degree and Public Administration BA degree.

Contact:

- Lizzette Perez-Cruz, FDNY College Registrar/Advisor | Email: Lizzette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov |



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FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM DEGREE SUPPORT AT MARIST COLLEGE

Eligibility:

- Benefits in programs listed below extend to all current or retired First Responders, including volunteers, and their immediate adult family (parent, spouse, sibling, children) age 22 or older upon admission

Programs:

- The NASPAA-Accredited MPA is offered in two formats with a 50% discount on tuition (saving over \$17,000): 100% online, or the on-ground hybrid format at the NYPD Police Training Academy, the NYS Police Training Academy, or on the main campus in Poughkeepsie, New York.
- Additional on-line master's degrees available at a 25% discount off tuition
 - Master of Business Administration (MBA)
 - Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC)
 - Information Systems (MS)
- Select on-ground master's degrees available at a 25% discount for those that can commute to Marist
 - <https://www.marist.edu/admission/graduate/programs-of-study>
- Marist offers two 100% online bachelor degree completion programs with a 25% discount off tuition
 - Professional Studies: Offers over 12 areas of focus, from Organizational Leadership, to IT Management, Project Management, Behavioral Studies, and more.
 - Management Studies: Focuses on key knowledge and skills areas in management, from Accounting, Economics, Human Resources, Marketing and Organizational Behavior.
- Marist Dual Degree to MPA:
 - Students who enroll in either of the two bachelor degree completion programs, Professional Studies or Management Studies, can later expand those into a dual degree to the MPA.
 - In their senior year, they will be able to complete 12 credits from the MPA that will count towards both their bachelor and master degree, saving time and money on a path to completing their masters.
- For a complete list of eligible programs visit www.marist.edu/admission/graduate/partnerships/eligible-programs-pricing

Benefits for Emergency Services Personnel include:

- Over 50% off tuition for the MPA
- 100% Online – no residency required
- Classroom-based hybrid options offered in Albany, Poughkeepsie, and Queens, New York.

Awards:

- 25% off tuition for select undergraduate and graduate degrees
- 50% off the Master of Public Administration (MPA)
- Marist extends the same 25% off to immediate adult family members aged 22 or older upon admission.

Dates:

- Graduate and adult undergraduate programs offer multiple starts a year, please contact Marist to learn more.

Contact:

- Van Riley, Associate Director Graduate Admission | Email: Van.Riley@Marist.edu | Phone: (845) 575-3981
- Email: Graduate@Marist.edu | Phone: 888-877-7900

Website:

- www.marist.edu/nysf



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HARVARD UNIVERSITY TRADE UNION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility:

- Awards are given to members who have demonstrated active participation within their IAFF Local Affiliate as an officer, committee member, etc.
- The signature of the District Vice President is suggested but not required.

Awards:

- The cost of tuition plus \$1,000 is awarded to multiple recipients.

Dates:

- Applications are due by August of that year.
- Winners are announced in October.

Contact:

- Jessica Fagiolo | Phone: (202) 824-1551 | Email: JFagiolo@iaff.org

Website:

- www.iaff.org

IAFF & PURDUE GLOBAL

Program:

- The IAFF believes all members and their families should have access to quality higher education. Through their partnership with Purdue University Global, members and their family members can enroll in affordable undergraduate degree programs.
- Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and recognized as a FESHE institution. Fire science degrees are IFSAC accredited. Expand your knowledge and be better prepared for the challenges of your chosen career in the fire service and beyond.

Education benefits available to you and your immediate family members through Purdue University Global include:

- Tuition reduced to \$230 per credit for undergraduate degree programs
- Textbooks and course materials included for undergraduate programs
- Waiver of application and per-term technology fees
- 100 percent online learning
- Monthly start dates to fit your schedule
- Three-week free trial of undergraduate classes with no financial obligation
- In addition, you can earn credit for eligible work-life experience, IAFF training, Pro Board fire certifications, NREMT certifications, prior learning and more.

Contact:

- IAFF-Purdue Global | Phone: 866-583-6765

Website:

- <https://go.purdueglobal.edu/els/iaff/>



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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS FOUNDATION

Eligibility:

- Active firefighters with a minimum of three years as a volunteer, two years paid, or a combination of paid and volunteer service of 3 years with a state, county, province, municipal, community, industrial or federal Fire Department.

Award:

- The number of awards distributed varies each year.
- Awards range from \$500-\$5,000 each, based on individual need.

Dates:

- Applications are due by the end of April.
- Awards are announced prior to September 1st

Contact:

- International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation Scholarship Program | 4795 Meadow Wood Lane, Suite 100, Chantilly, VA 20151
- Phone: (703) 273-0911 | Email: foundation@IAFCF.org

Website:

- www.IAFCF.org

IRC 529 SAVINGS PLAN (IRS CODE)

Program:

- It's an education savings plan named after Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code. The 529 Savings Plan was designed to help families set aside funds for future college costs. As long as the plan satisfies a few basic requirements, the federal tax law provides special tax benefits to you.

Webinar:

- NY's 529 College Savings Webinars are held monthly via Zoom. These webinars discuss what a 529 Plan is, who can open a 529 and the advantages of the plan. See available dates and register at: <https://ascensus.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEqd-ysqT4pEtOhOJj6x5woBmfA-E-LeTBG>

Website:

- www.nysaves.org

Contact:

- Lissette Ramos-Johnson | Email: Lissette.Ramos-Johnson@ascensus.com



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JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be FDNY members currently entering their freshman year at John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a 90+ high school average and a score of 1200 or better on their Reading and Math SATs.
- Applicants must have documented proof of Community/Public Service.

Application:

- Contact the John Jay College Scholarship Coordinator for details
- A 500 word essay covering a designated topic and 1 letter of recommendation is required for application.

Awards:

- The number of awards distributed each year varies.
- Each award is \$2,000 per year.
- Awards are renewable for up to 3 years as long as the candidate maintains full-time status and a cumulative average of 3.5, and provides evidence of continued commitment to community service or public service.

Dates:

- Applications must be received from currently enrolled students by June 30th of each year.
- The first installment of the award is distributed prior to the beginning of the fall semester, and the second installment is distributed at the beginning of the spring semester.

Contact:

- City University of NY John Jay College of Criminal Justice Scholarship Office | 524 West 59th Street, BMW, 607, NY , NY 10019
- Associate Director / Scholarship Coordinator Michael Scaduto | Phone: (212) 237-8872)

Website:

- www.jjaycuny.edu

JOHN JAY COLLEGE TUITION REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES

The Department offers a tuition reimbursement plan for all uniformed members who are registered for courses at John Jay College.

Eligibility:

- Any FDNY member currently enrolled at John Jay College that completes the required forms by the deadline is eligible for consideration of tuition reimbursement.

Application/Forms:

- Applicants must submit the Notification of Registration form JJ-1, which is available on the FDNY Intranet.
- Members who filed form JJ-1 are required to submit the request for reimbursement form JJ-2 at the conclusion of the semester.
- The form and a copy of their transcript and proof of payment shall be forwarded to the FDNY College Advisor.

Dates:

- The required documentation must be received by the deadline, which is typically January 15th for Fall semester and June 15th for Spring semester.



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MAYOR'S GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (MGSP)

MSGP is a competitive scholarship program for City employees that offers partial or full scholarships in a wide variety of fields.

Eligibility:

- All City employees have the opportunity to apply for graduate scholarships through funding made available by participating MGSP colleges/universities in the NYC area.
- Applicants must be full-time active City government employees and have completed an undergraduate degree.

Application/Forms:

- For more information about the program, application process and participating institutions, visit www.nyc.gov/mgsp or call FDNY College Advisor/Registrar Lizzette Perez-Cruz at 718-281-8465.

Contact:

- FDNY College Registrar/Advisor, Lizzette Perez-Cruz | E-mail: Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov | Phone: 718-281-8465

Dates:

- Applications are typically due in November.

MONROE COLLEGE TUITION DISCOUNT

Eligibility:

- Monroe College offers a 50% tuition reduction for Fire Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Specialists and Communication Dispatchers (active and retired), along with 20% tuition reduction for all Fire Protection Inspectors and Civilians

Webinars:

- Monroe College hosts webinars each semester exclusively for FDNY employees to discuss the tuition reduction programs, as well as degree options in both virtual and online formats and accelerated schedules that are designed to fit the lifestyle of working adults. Lookout for webinar dates on FDNY Department Orders.

Contact:

- Monroe College | Phone: (914) 740-6750 | Email: pdellaporta@monroecollege.edu
- FDNY College Registrar/Advisor Lizzette Perez-Cruz | Email: Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov

Website:

- www.monroecollege.edu



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MOUNT SAINT VINCENT GRADUATE PROGRAM SERVIAM SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility:

- Current and former participants in AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Jesuit, Lasallian, and Vincentian Volunteer Services, and civil servants (police/fire/EMT/corrections) in good standing are eligible for this scholarship.

Awards:

- Recipients of this award will receive \$1,500 a semester to put towards the tuition of any graduate program offered at the College of Mount Saint Vincent.

Application:

- For applications, contact Deirdre Gaughan by calling 718-405-3282 or emailing deirdre.gaughan@mountsaintvincent.edu.

Contact:

- College of Mount Saint Vincent | Phone: (718) 405-3322 | Email: gradstudies@mountsaintvincent.edu

Website:

- <https://mountsaintvincent.edu/graduate-adult/graduate-adult-financial-aid/costs-and-payment/scholarships-for-graduate-students/>

NEW YORK STATE HONORARY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility:

- All active FDNY Fire Officers, Firefighters and EMS personnel who are currently enrolled or will be enrolled in college or graduate level courses during the upcoming academic year are eligible to apply.

Awards:

- 20 scholarships each worth \$3,000 will be awarded.

Application:

- Applications are available on the FDNY intranet.

Dates:

- Applications are typically due at the end of January.

Contact:

- Margaret Gerges | Email: Margaret.Gerges@fdny.nyc.gov



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NEW YORK STATE HONORARY FIRE CHIEFS' SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Eligibility:

- The scholarship is open to active FDNY Fire Officers, Firefighters & EMS Personnel currently attending college or graduate school. This scholarship is for members only, dependents are not eligible to apply.

Awards:

- 10 - 12 scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each are awarded annually.

Application:

- Applicants are required to complete an application and write a brief essay.

Dates:

- Applications are due in November.
- Awards are announced in December.

Contact:

- Catherine McGuire | Phone: 718-999-0743 | Catherine.Mcguire@fdny.nyc.gov

Website:

- www.nyshfca.org

OUTLIER.ORG FRONTLINE WORKERS SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility:

- The scholarship is available to the first 1,000 eligible frontline workers who apply.

Awards:

- The Frontline Workers Scholarship is offered by Outlier.org, in partnership with the University of Pittsburgh, is offering a free, for-credit online college course to workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The scholarship is good for 2 years, so you can take it whenever you have time.

Application:

- The application consists of a simple questionnaire and short video submission.
- Please write "FDNY" in the job description section of the application in addition to a brief sentence about the work you do.
- Application: <https://www.outlier.org/pages/frontline-workers-scholarship-form>

Contact:

- FDNY College Registrar/Advisor, Lizzette Perez-Cruz | E-mail: Lizzette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov | 718-281-8465
- Outlier.org | Email : hello@outlier.org3

Website:

- <https://www.outlier.org/>



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SLOAN PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD OF THE FUND FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Eligibility:

- Please note, this is an award that public service members are nominated for. Members are not able to apply for themselves, but must be nominated by someone else.
- Nominees must demonstrate:
 - extraordinary work delivered with energy, ingenuity, compassion and an expression of commitment beyond the call of duty
 - a responsiveness to public needs by cutting through red tape and developing more effective methods of service delivery
 - an outstanding and reliable performance, both in situations of crisis and under the formidable pressures of daily routines.

Awards:

- Six awards are distributed annually.
- Each award is \$10,000

Application:

- To nominate a city employee, provide an extensive description of the nominee, including information on his/her career.

Dates:

- Nominations are always accepted.
- Awards are distributed annually in June

Contact:

- Jennifer Pamicali | Phone: (212) 590-9455 | Email: Communications@fcny.org

Website:

- www.fcny.org/sloan-public-service-awards/