



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

Awards:

- Fifteen \$2,000 scholarships are awarded annually.
- The scholarship is renewable for up to four years.
- The scholarship is 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

A-TEAM SCHOLARSHIP

The family and friends of Lt. Joseph Cavaliere, FF Christopher Bopp and FF James Bohan have established an A-Team Scholarship in their memory.

Eligibility:

- Any child of an active or retired member of the UFA or UFOA entering a private high school as a freshman in September of the application year is eligible to apply for this award.

Awards:

- The scholarship awards a freshman entering a private high school \$500 for each year.
- The student must maintain a C or better average throughout high school.

Application:

- The student must submit an essay describing why they want to attend the particular private high school.
- Applicants must submit the essay, along with parent's name, address, phone number and work unit via mail to FF Andrew Spadaro, L-170, 1361 Rockaway Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11236, Attn: A-Team Scholarship FDNY.

Dates:

- Applications are typically due in August.

Contact:

- FF Andrew Spadaro | | Phone: 646-915-2284 | Email: a.e.spadaro@gmail.com



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BC MATTHEW RYAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

BC Matthew Ryan Memorial Scholarships are named to honor the fallen Chief who made the supreme sacrifice on September 11, 2001.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be the daughter or son of an active, retired or deceased (line of duty or non-line of duty) member of the Fire Department.
- The Firefighter (not the student) must be an active, retired or deceased member who played hockey on a FDNY, Firehouse, Town, Local, or League hockey team.

Awards:

- Two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually and can be used for college/university, high school, trade school or private school.

Application:

- <https://fdnyhockey.org/scholarships/ryan>

Dates

- The application period typically opens in February.

Contact:

- B.C. Matthew Ryan Memorial Scholarship Committee, PO Box 1096, Massapequa, NY 11758

Website:

- fdnyhockey.org

E. VIRGIL CONWAY COLLEGE SCHOLAR AWARDS NYC DEPARTMENT OF CITYWIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DCAS) - THE HUNDRED YEAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

Eligibility:

- Children of at least one permanent civil service employee with at least two years of continuous, full-time service with a gross family income of less than \$125,000 are eligible to apply.

Awards:

- Awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The number of awards distributed varies.

Application:

- Nomination forms and applications are available online at: www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/agencies/hundred-year-association-college-scholar-awards.page
- Applications can be returned to: DCAS at 1 Center Street - 24th Floor, New York, NY 10007.

Dates:

- Applications are available between March – June of each year.
- Awards are announced in December or January of each year.

Contact:

- Mark Cox | Phone: 212-386 -6403 | Fax: 212-669-3105

Website:

- <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/agencies/hundred-year-association.page>



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FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL J. CAWLEY SCHOLARSHIPS

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be children of active, retired or deceased FDNY members who are in 8th grade and will attend Archbishop Molloy High School in September 2022 are eligible to apply for this award.

Awards:

- Three scholarships for students entering Archbishop Malloy High School are awarded in total.

Application:

- Applications are available when applying to school or by contacting Brendan Cawley at 917-225-1847.

Dates:

- The application period typically opens in March.

Contact:

- Brendan Cawley | Phone: 917-225-1847 | Email: info@ffmichaelcawley.org

Website:

- www.ffmichaelcawley.org

FRIENDS OF FIREFIGHTERS ANNUAL TOMMY PHELAN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is presented by the Phelan Family and Marine 9, together with Friends of Firefighters.

Eligibility:

- Children of active or retired FDNY Firefighters are eligible to apply for this award.

Awards:

- The scholarship awards \$500 to be used specifically for SUNY Maritime College.

Application:

- Applications can be obtained by contacting Friends of Firefighters.
- Proof of enrollment must be submitted with the completed application.

Dates:

- The application period typically opens in August.

Contact:

- Marlo Lagrimas | Phone: 718-643-0980 | Email: info@friendsoffirefighters.org

Website:

- www.friendsoffirefighters.org



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GARDEN OF DREAMS INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Providing high school seniors and college freshmen from Garden of Dreams partner organizations with financial assistance to advance their educations and realize their dreams.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be high school seniors or college freshmen, between the ages of 17 – 22, at the time of application submission.
- Applicants must plan to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire academic year.
- Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent) at time of application or can provide official documentation supporting a learning need.
- Applicants must have been recommended by, and have received the application link from, one of Garden of Dreams Foundation's 30 partner charities – specifically, the UFA.

Awards:

- The current distribution for new awards is \$180,000 (at a minimum 12 awards of \$10,000 each for high school seniors and at a minimum 6 awards of \$10,000 each for college freshmen); to be confirmed by Garden of Dreams pending additional funding. All awards may be renewable - \$40,000 total per award for high school seniors (\$10,000 initial year; plus 3 years renewable) and \$30,000 total per award for college freshmen (\$10,000 initial year; plus 2 years renewable); awards are renewable provided the student continues to adhere to the eligibility requirements as communicated by or on behalf of the Garden of Dreams Foundation (for example: maintaining a certain minimum GPA).
- For students attending a two-year college or vocational-technical school, awards are renewable up to one year or until an associate's degree or certificate is earned, whichever occurs first, on the basis of satisfactory academic performance (maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent).
- For students attending a four-year college or university, awards are renewable up to three years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first, on the basis of satisfactory academic performance (maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent).
- In the event that a student must defer their award due to military service, medical or other family-related event, their deferred renewal will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Awards are for undergraduate study only.

Selection Criteria:

- The program will use finalist selection criteria including the consideration of academic performance, demonstrated leadership and participation in Garden of Dreams, school and community activities, work experience, a statement of career and educational goals and objectives, unusual personal or family circumstances and an outside appraisal.

Application:

- <https://www.myscholarship.app/garden-of-dreams-inspire-scholarship>

Dates:

- The application period typically opens in February.
- Winners are typically notified in April.

Contact:

- Garden of Dreams Foundation | Phone: (212) 465-4170 | Email: gardenofdreams@msg.com
Address: 2 Pennsylvania Plaza #14, New York, NY 10121

Website:

- www.gardenofdreamsfoundation.org/



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JAMES B. BOYLAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Eligibility:

- Children of active or retired firefighters and fire officers entering a Catholic High School on Staten Island are eligible to apply for this award.

Award:

- One award not to exceed \$7,000 over 4 years is distributed.

Application:

- Recipients are required to enroll with the Congressional Award Foundation and must achieve Gold Medal by December of their senior year. Check themaverickfoundation.com for specific details of the program.

Contact:

- Mr. Robert Gullickson | Email: rjgullickson@gmail.com

Website:

- themaverickfoundation.com

LT. JOHN BELLEW SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility:

- Children of active, retired or deceased members who attend Pearl River High School in Pearl River, NY are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Application:

- The application process is done with the high school guidance counselor.

Dates:

- Applications are typically due at end of April.
- Interviews and selections typically take place in May.

Contact:

- Bill Voigt | Email: billvoigt3@yahoo.com

NYS HONORARY FIRE CHIEFS AND NYSPFFA TED GREEN MEMORIAL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Eligibility:

- The scholarship competition is open to children of active uniformed union members of the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association who are high school seniors or **recent** high school graduates who have not completed more than one year of college before September of the application year. Members of the Executive Board or employees of the New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association or their children are not eligible.

Awards:

- An award of \$3,000 will be made to each selected student when the recipient has registered at an accredited Undergraduate college as a full-time student or any school furthering education beyond high school.

Application:

- Applicants are required to take the SAT or ACT test no later than January of the application year.
- An essay of approx. 400-500 words indicating why you should receive the award must be submitted with application.
- For an application and/or additional information, visit the NYSPFFA website.

Dates:

- Applications are typically due in May & winners are typically announced in June at the annual NYSPFFA Convention.

Contact:

- NYS Professional Fire Fighters Association | 174 Washington Ave | Albany, NY 12210

Website:

- www.nyspffa.org



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SAINT JOHN'S UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARDS

Eligibility:

- An eligible student must be a dependent child of a fire department member (full-time active service, retired, or killed in the line of duty) and a current high school senior planning to enroll at St. John's in the upcoming fall term.
- Eligibility is dependent upon parent occupation as indicated on the Undergraduate Admission application for the upcoming fall term.

Awards:

- St. John's University will award \$2,000 per year for up to four years of continuous, full-time undergraduate enrollment to the children of firefighters within the United States.

Application:

- Inquire with St. John's University for application information.

Dates:

- Admission application is typically due by the end of January.

SILVER SHIELD SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility:

- To be eligible, a student must be the natural or adopted child of an FDNY member currently serving as a Firefighter, Fire Officer, EMT, Paramedic, EMS Officer, Wiper, Engineer, Pilot, Fire Marshal or Supervising Fire Marshal. Grandchildren and stepchildren are not eligible.
- The children of retirees, deceased members, or civilians are not eligible.
- The student must have graduated from an accredited high school in the current year and must be accepted at an accredited four-year college to matriculate in the summer or fall of that year.

Awards:

- One \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a winner chosen by lottery. The scholarship is renewable annually, up to four years.

Application:

- To be considered, student should write their full name (first, middle and last), name of high school and graduation date, name of college and start date and the name of their FDNY parent on a piece of paper and sign the page. The paper should be sealed in a plain white envelope with no address or markings.
- That envelope should be enclosed in another envelope addressed to: Evelyn Tesoriero, Assistant Commissioner, Family Assistance Unit, Rm 8S-10, 9 MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, NY 11201.
- Write the parent's reference number across the seal of the outer envelope.
- Only one entry will be accepted per child.

Dates:

- The application period typically closes in March.

Contact:

- Evelyn Tesoriero, Assistant Commissioner, Family Assistance Unit | Phone: 718-999-1473 | Email: familyassistance@fdny.nyc.gov

Website:

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



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TUTTLEMUNDO/DOLNEY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eligibility:

- To be eligible for consideration, a child must be a dependent of a current or former member of Division 15 and currently attending a college that imposes a charge for tuition or entering a college in September that imposes a charge for tuition.

Awards:

- The Tuttle mundo / Dolney Scholarship Fund will award two \$500 academic scholarships towards the college tuition of qualified dependent children.

Application:

- Applications are available online at www.watkinsst.com or by emailing Bat044@fdny.nyc.gov.
- Send applications to FF Sal Scafuri through the bag at Engine 231 Bn-44 or by mail.

Dates:

- Applications are due in mid-August.
- Awards are announced on a Department Order prior to the start of the academic year.

Contact:

- Firefighter Sal Scafuri | Phone: (718) 965-8231
- Battalion 44 | Phone: (718) 965-8344

Website:

- www.watkinsst.com

UFA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eligibility:

- This scholarship is for dependent children of active, retired or deceased Firefighters, Fire Marshals, Marine Wipers, Marine Engineers & Pilots who are full-time students up to and including age 23 for undergraduate education. Applicants must currently be enrolled in college, trade or vocational school.
- Active members and their spouses are also eligible for this scholarship.
- Dependent children, spouses of LOD deceased UFA members, and dependent children of non-LOD deceased UFA members are eligible to receive scholarships for undergraduate education.
- High School and Graduate students are not eligible for awards.

Awards:

- Students may receive a maximum of FOUR (4) UFA Scholarship Fund Awards.
- The annual number and amount of scholarships are dependent upon the amount of available funds. If applications exceed the number available, awards will be selected by lottery.
- Award checks will be mailed to the address you provide on the application, not necessarily the member's address.

Application:

- Applications can be found online at www.ufanyc.org in the Scholarships + Donations section of the website: ufanyc.org/philanthropy/.
- Proof of Enrollment for the upcoming academic semester for full-time students (12 credits minimum) in the form of an official letter from the school confirming enrollment AND credit load (not an acceptance letter) OR official schedule showing number of credits must be submitted with application.

Dates:

- The application period opens each year on August 1st & Applications are due by October 1st each year.

Contact:

- Melissa Miloscia | Phone: (646) 839-6506 | Email: mmiloscia@ufanyc.org

Website:

- www.ufanyc.org



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UFOA "HANS" MEISTER BRAVEST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Eligibility:

- Children of both firefighters and fire officers who died as an active member are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be attending an accredited 4-year institution, or a 2-year institution as a full-time student (min 12 credits)

Awards:

- This scholarship awards a total of \$15,000 for all new applicants. Eligible applicants will receive \$6,000 their first year of college and \$3,000 per year for the following 3 years of their college career.
- Award checks are mailed to the address provided on application, not the school.
- Awards may be renewed up to 4 years, applicants must reapply each year.

Application:

- Contact the UFOA for applications.
- SAT scores are required, along with a 300 word narrative on how the NY Fire Department has affected the applicant's life, or on what they expect to gain from a college education.

Dates:

- Completed application and accompanying required documents are due by April 15 of each year.
- Awards are given out in August.

Contact:

- UFOA | Danielle Basso | Phone: 212-293-9300 | Email: Dbasso@ufoa.org

Website:

- www.ufoa.org

VFW POST 12033 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Eligibility:

- Candidates must be the child or grandchild, either biological or adopted (if adopted, copy of Adoption Certificate must accompany application), sponsored by an active or retired member of the FDNY that is a veteran of military service or currently serving as a member of Military Guard or Reserves.
- The candidate's parent or grandparent must have served on active duty (DD-214) or be currently serving or previously served in a National Guard or Reserve Unit. Proof of military service must accompany the application.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior with intentions of attending a college or an accredited trade school.

Awards:

- One-time scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 to one male and one female will be awarded.
- Scholarship winner will be determined by random drawing. Alternate winners will be drawn should original candidate fails to fulfill requirements.
- Scholarships will be awarded after the first semester under the following stipulations:
 - (1) Completion of a full semester; (2) A copy of grade report must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee, with a minimum 2.5 GPA or higher for the completed semester; (3) Enrollment in a second semester at the same school as the first semester; (4) Submission of a copy of payment receipt to, Scholarship Committee for a subsequent semester at the same school; (5) Copy of letter of intent must be submitted to Scholarship Committee if applying to and attending a different school; (6) If attending a different school, one full semester must be completed at the new school. Then submission requirements as per 1-4 must be provided.

Application :

- Applications can be found online at: <http://www.fdnvfw.com/scholarship.html>
- Completed applications should be mailed to VFW Post 12033 Attention: Scholarship Committee, 527 Hudson St., #20104, New York, NY 10014

Dates:

- Scholarship applications must be submitted to the VFW Post 12033 Scholarship Committee before September 1 of the student's high school graduation year.

Contact:

- VFW Post 12033 | Email: fdnyvfwcomms@gmail.com

Website:

- <http://www.fdnvfw.com/>