



**2021**

# **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](mailto:info@americas911foundation.org)

### Website:

- [www.americas911foundation.org](http://www.americas911foundation.org)

## Columbia Southern University Distance Learning College Tuition Discount (Now Accepting 2021 Applications)

### 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:

- 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.
- Contact CSU Corporate Outreach or FDNY Registrar.

### Dates:

- There are no additional stipulations other than enrollment must take place by **June 30, 2021**.

### 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](mailto:Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov)



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## **Fire Bell Club Scholarship Award Application** **(Now Accepting 2021 Applications)**

### **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 [Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov).
- A written statement of 500 words explaining why the applicant continues to work in dispatching communications and how they would use the award is also required with application.

### **Dates:**

- Applications are due by **April 30, 2021**.
- The award will be distributed in mid-June.

### **Contact:**

- Fire Bell Club Treasurer Ken Martin
  - Phone: 856-296-7626
  - Email: [treasurer@firebellclub.org](mailto:treasurer@firebellclub.org)

### **Website:**

- [www.firebellclub.org](http://www.firebellclub.org)



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## FDNY Foundation Tuition Scholarship Reimbursement Program

*The FDNY Foundation has announced additional partnered colleges for Spring 2021 enrollment.*

### Eligibility:

- All active members who are Fire Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Specialist, Communication Dispatchers and Fire Protection Inspectors attending partnered colleges are eligible for this program.
- The following colleges have been added for Spring 2021 enrollment:
  - College of Staten Island
  - Kings Borough Community College
  - Queens College
- Partnered colleges also include:
  - Baruch College (BSPA)
  - Empire State College
  - John Jay College
  - Metropolitan College
  - Monroe College
  - Nassau Community College
  - Rockland Community College

### Program:

- The program reimburses eligible applicants up to \$700.00 per course for a maximum of two courses.

### Application/Forms:

- Complete a FDNY/TR-I Tuition Reimbursement Request form via FDNY DiamondPlate/Intranet
- <http://diamondplate.fdney.org/operations/educational-opportunities-information-and-scholarships> at the beginning of the semester.
- The student must submit the FDNY/TR-I form to the FDNY College Advisor, Lizzette Perez-Cruz via e-mail to [Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov), fax to 718-281- 8422 or mail to 401b Murray Avenue, Fort Totten, Bayside, NY 11359, on or before the due date.

### Contact:

- Lizzette Perez-Cruz, FDNY College Registrar/Advisor
  - Email: [Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:Lizette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov)
  - Phone: (718) 281-8465



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## First Responder Program Degree Support at Marist College

### Program:

- Marist College's Master's in Public Administration Program is NASPAA Accredited and teaches you how to be an effective leader – and challenges you to embrace the qualities and values necessary for success in the public/nonprofit arena.
- The curriculum aims to integrate public administration theories and research with practice; to enhance skills such as communication, quantitative and qualitative analysis, data-driven decision making and the use of technology to enhance leadership in, and management of, public organizations; and to promote public service values.

### 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
- Employees and immediate adult family members receive 25% discount on other select graduate and undergraduate programs.

### Contact:

- Van Riley, Senior Assistant Director Graduate Admission
  - Email: [Van.Riley@Marist.edu](mailto:Van.Riley@Marist.edu)
  - Phone: (845) 575-3981

### Website:

- <https://www.marist.edu/admission/graduate/financial-aid/resources>

## 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](mailto:JFagiolo@iaff.org)

### Website:

- [www.iaff.org](http://www.iaff.org)



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## 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/>

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>

### Contact:

- International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation Scholarship Program
  - 4795 Meadow Wood Lane, Suite 100, Chantilly, VA 20151
- Terri Crowder, Manager
  - Phone: (703) 273-0911 EXT 375
  - Email: [foundation@IAFCF.org](mailto:foundation@IAFCF.org)

### Website:

- [www.IAFCF.org](http://www.IAFCF.org)



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## 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.

### Website:

- [www.savingforcollege.com](http://www.savingforcollege.com)

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 New York John Jay College of Criminal Justice Scholarship Office
  - 524 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street, BMW, 607, New York, NY 10019
- Associate Director / Scholarship Coordinator Michael Scaduto
  - Phone: (212) 237-8872

### Website:

- [www.jjaycuny.edu](http://www.jjaycuny.edu)



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## 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.

## 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](mailto:deirdre.gaughan@mountsaintvincent.edu).

### Contact:

- College of Mount Saint Vincent, 6301 Riverdale Ave, The Bronx, NY 10471
  - Phone: (718) 405-3322
  - Email: [gradstudies@mountsaintvincent.edu](mailto:gradstudies@mountsaintvincent.edu)

### Website:

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





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## **New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) The Hundred Year Association of New York Isaac Liberman Public Service Awards**

### **Eligibility:**

- Permanent Civil Service employees who have distinguished themselves in their performance of their daily work and who do not have a current salary that exceeds \$90,000 annually are eligible to apply.

### **Awards:**

- The number of awards distributed each year varies.
- Awards range from \$1,000 - \$3,500.

### **Application:**

- Contact the 100 Year Association.

### **Dates:**

- Applications are due by mid-May.
- Awards are distributed in December.

### **Contact:**

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

### **Website:**

- [www.100yearassociation.com](http://www.100yearassociation.com)

## **New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Educational Grant Award c/o Engine Company 66 & Ladder Company 61**

### **Eligibility:**

- Probationary Firefighters, Firefighters, Lieutenants, Captains, Chief Officers, Fire Marshals, or Supervisory Fire Marshals (Members on the job only, no spouse or child) are eligible to apply.

### **Awards:**

- Three (3) Educational Awards worth \$1000 each are available through the New York Firefighter's Burn Center Foundation and paid directly to the school or institution of the recipient.

### **Application:**

- Contact the NY Firefighters Burn Center for more information and applications.
- Applicants must also submit an essay of 550 words or less explaining why they would like to receive the award and what purpose they would use it for.

### **Dates :**

- Applications are due between April 15 and June 15. Write the word "Grant" on the envelope!
- Awards are announced July 15.

### **Contact:**

- William Leahy, President, NY Firefighters Burn Center
  - Email: [thenyffburncenterfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thenyffburncenterfoundation@gmail.com)
  - Phone : 718-379-1900

### **Website:**

- [www.nyffburncenter.com](http://www.nyffburncenter.com)



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## 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 2021-2022 academic year are eligible to apply.

### Awards:

- 10 scholarships each worth \$3,000 are awarded annually.

### Application:

- Applications are available on the FDNY intranet.

### Dates:

- Applications are typically due in July.

### Contact:

- Jin Lee
  - Email: [jin.lee@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:jin.lee@fdny.nyc.gov)

## 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](https://www.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](mailto:Lizzette.Perez@fdny.nyc.gov)
  - Phone: 718-281-8465
- Outlier.org
  - Email : [hello@outlier.org](mailto:hello@outlier.org)

### Website:

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



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## **Sloan Public Service Award of the Fund for the City of New York**

### **Eligibility:**

- Applicants must demonstrate extraordinary work delivered with energy, ingenuity, compassion and an expression of commitment beyond the call of duty.
- Applicants must demonstrate a responsiveness to public needs by cutting through red tape and developing more effective methods of service delivery.
- Applicants must demonstrate an outstanding and reliable performance, both in situations of crisis and under the formidable pressures of daily routines.

### **Awards:**

- The number of awards distributed each year varies.
- 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:**

- Jill Borrero, Vice President
  - Phone: (212) 925-6675
  - Email: [JBorrero@FCNY.org](mailto:JBorrero@FCNY.org)

### **Website:**

- [www.fcny.org](http://www.fcny.org)