



# 2020 Scholarship Resource Manual

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# First Responder Scholarships & Educational Programs

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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)

## 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 by emailing Lizzette Perez-Cruz, FDNY College Advisor, at [lizzette.perez@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:lizzette.perez@fdny.nyc.gov).
- A written statement of 500 words explaining why an applicant should be considered for the award is also required.

### Dates:

- Applications for the Fire Bell Club Scholarship Award are typically due in April.
- Awards are typically distributed in Mid-June.

### Contact:

- Lizzette Perez-Cruz, FDNY College Advisor
  - Email: [lizzette.perez@fdny.nyc.gov](mailto:lizzette.perez@fdny.nyc.gov)

### 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>



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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/>



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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 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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## 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/>

## New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation Educational Grant Awards

### Eligibility:

- Members of the Uniformed Firefighting Force, from Probationary Firefighters to Chief Officers, including Fire Marshals, Supervising Fire Marshals, Marine Engineers, Pilots and Wipers are eligible for this award.

### Awards:

- Three (3) Educational Awards worth \$1000 each are available through the New York Firefighter's Burn Center Foundation and are awarded for various types of schooling - academic, technical or a personal interest course.

### Application:

- Additional information and applications are available via email to [thenyffburncenterfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:thenyffburncenterfoundation@gmail.com) or by phone 718-379-1900.

### Contact:

- NY Firefighters Burn Center, 21 Asch Loop, The Bronx, NY 10475
  - 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 College Scholarship

### Eligibility:

- The scholarship is open to all active UFA members who attended college any time during that academic year - you do not need to be a full-time student.

### Awards:

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

### Application:

- Applicants must submit a three-paragraph letter explaining why they should be considered for this scholarship (i.e. seeking credits for promotion, completing courses toward a degree, second career, etc.). Please include a cover sheet with your full name, assigned company, home address, email & cell phone number.

### Dates:

- Applications are typically due in July.

### Contact:

- UFA Recording Secretary Vincent Speciale
  - Phone: 212-545-6974

### Website:

- [www.ufanyc.org](http://www.ufanyc.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](http://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/>