

Mississippi Fire Fighter's Association

Scholarship Application for Members

SECTION 1 – BACKGROUND

In 2012, a committee met at the State Fire Academy in order to make recommendations for a Mississippi Fire Fighter's Association sponsored scholarship/tuition assistance program that serves the best interest of the membership, improves the state's fire service, and promotes the attainment of higher education by Mississippi firefighters and officers.

The program began with a scholarship/tuition assistance program based on an annual allocation of \$3000. These funds would be used to sponsor the following scholarships

- One \$1000 scholarship for a full-time student enrolled in twelve or more semester hours.
- Two \$500 scholarships for two part-time students enrolled in three to eleven semester hours.
- Ten \$100 scholarships for ten students seeking to convert applicable certification accomplishments in to six semester hours of college credit.

At the Mid-Winter conference in 2015, the Executive Board voted to double the amount offered due to the allocation of tag money to the Association.

The program now offers:

- One \$2000 scholarship for a full-time student enrolled in twelve or more semester hours.
- Two \$1000 scholarships for two part-time students enrolled in three to eleven semester hours.
- Ten \$200 scholarship for ten students seeking to convert applicable certification accomplishments into six semester hours of college credit.

SECTION 2 – CONSIDERATIONS FOR SELECTION

- Financial need
- High school and/or college GPA
- ACT scores or similar assessment testing information
- Activities and accomplishments in high school, college, and the community
(Use additional pages if necessary)
- Applicant must be a legal resident of Mississippi and enrolled in a recognized and appropriately accredited institution within the State of Mississippi.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a program leading to an associate, bachelors, or higher degree and in a concentration of study related of public safety.
- Applicant must have completed one college level course and be eligible for continued enrollment in an approved fire and emergency services related degree program.
- Applicant must have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a grade of "C" in all previous coursework completed.
- Applicant must have maintained 5 years of continuous membership in the Mississippi Fire Fighter's Association.
- Applicant must provide proof of admission upon application

- Applicant must provide proof of enrollment upon notification of award in order to receive award check.

When submitting the application packet, make sure you include each of the items listed:

- Completed application
- Official transcript(s) from the most recent High School or College attended
- Two letters of recommendation (sealed by the writer)
- A brief (1 page or less) written explanation of your decision to seek an education and career in public safety response field.
- Proof of admission into college

SECTION 3 – APPLICATION

I. Personal Data (print)

Full name _____
 _____ First _____ M.I. _____ Last

Address _____
 _____ Number and Street

 _____ City _____ State _____ Zip

II. College Information

What college are you attending or have been admitted to attend?

Admitted or **Enrolled for the** _____ **of** _____
 Check all that apply Semester Year

How many hours are you enrolled in? _____

III. High School Information

What high school did you attend?

_____ Date Graduated _____ Final GPA _____ ACT Score

If you received a GED, please provide documentation

Overall GPA

IV. Previous Education

List any colleges previously attended

V. Emergency Services Courses

List any emergency service or responder related course you have completed

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

VI. References

List the name, title, and phone number of the two people you will contact to complete the reference section of the application. Include one person that can attest to your character and one that can attest to your prior academic performance.

_____	_____	_____
Name	Title	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____
Name	Title	Phone Number

VII. College Transcript

Please include an official copy of your most current college transcript(s).

VIII. Applicant's Signature

_____	_____	_____
Signature	Title	Date

- Incomplete applications may be rejected or deemed ineligible for scholarship awards*

IX. Supplemental Information

In the space provided below, list your personal activities and accomplishments. Include notable events from high school, college and work in the community. Indicate any work performed or experience you have obtained while serving in a voluntary role. (Use additional pages if necessary)

Deadline for consideration
Applications will be considered by the MFFA scholarship review committee and will be approved and/or disapproved based on the merit of the individual application. The review process will start after the deadline submission date and continue until the grant funding designated to this program is either depleted or impacted by grant expiration.

Deadline for application submission is March 1st of the year of consideration. All segments of the application must be completed and mail to:

***Mississippi Firefighters Association Scholarship
PO Box 1507
Brandon, MS 39043***

Mississippi Fire Fighter's Association
Scholarship Application for Members
Character Reference Form

Applicant's Name: _____

Briefly describe your knowledge of the above named scholarship applicant. This individual has applied for a scholarship specifically supporting students seeking a public safety related degree. From your personal knowledge of the applicant, tell us how you would feel knowing that your/or your family's safety and security is dependent upon this person. (Use additional pages if necessary)

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

I have known the applicant for _____ **years. I know this applicant because**

I am his/her _____

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Scholarship Application for Members
Academic Reference Form

Applicant's Name: _____

Briefly describe your knowledge of the above named scholarship applicant's learning and skill application capabilities. This individual has applied for a scholarship specifically supporting students seeking a public safety related degree. From your personal knowledge of this applicant's scholastic history, tell us if you think an investment in their academic career would be a wise investment. (Use additional pages if necessary)

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

I have known the applicant for _____ **years. I know this applicant because**

I am his/her _____