

Scholarships, Grants and Other Student Aid for Emergency Personnel

Local / New York State:

FASNY Help Tuition Assistance:

<http://www.fireinyou.org/fasny-help.html>

Handbook at http://www.fasny.com/pdfs/FASNYHELPHandbook_8-12-11.pdf

“As an incentive for those who serve, FASNY has developed the Higher Education Learning Plan (FASNY HELP). This program provides you with tuition reimbursement for courses taken at a New York State chartered community college. With FASNY HELP, you’re eligible to have up to 100% of your tuition reimbursed in exchange for maintaining your grades and fulfilling defined service requirements. You must also be a “member in good standing” in one of New York’s volunteer fire companies during both your school years and service payback period.”

Because they may have their own programs, the FASNY program is not available to volunteer FD members in the following:

Suffolk County

Nassau County

New York City

Rockland County

Erie County

Chautauqua County

Niagara Active Hose Company I & II (Niagara Falls)

Vails Gate Fire Department

Nassau or Suffolk college students who join a volunteer fire or EMS squad can receive nearly \$4,000 a year to cover tuition. For information, go to:

<http://schumer.senate.gov/record.cfm?id=326216> for details. Similar programs may be available in Chautauqua, Erie, Rockland and NY City. (Check with your County Coordinator; list at <http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/county-fire-coordinators/index.cfm>)

The Anthony J. “Andy” Messina Scholarship (First Bankers Scholarship Programs):

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/alerts-bulletins/information/documents/archive/0603003.pdf>

Funds will be awarded to students pursuing an emergency services degree (e.g., fire science, EMS, or emergency management).

The Ward A. & Janice R. Bohner Scholarship (First Bankers Scholarship Programs):

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/alerts-bulletins/information/documents/archive/0603003.pdf>

Awarded to those pursuing a general course of study in any other field. Tuition assistance is offered based upon merit, to individuals pursuing a higher education (full or part time) at an accredited institution of higher education.

Gerard J. Buckenmeyer Scholarship (FASNY):

<http://www.fasny.com/index.php/awards/fasny-gerard-j-buckenmeyer-volunteer-scholarship/>
\$1000 scholarships are awarded to those students who fit the program's criteria, focusing on a strong volunteer commitment.

Michael Lynch Memorial Foundation Scholarship: <http://www.mlynch.org/ml/index.htm>

The Michael Lynch Memorial Foundation will award college scholarships to the children of: New York City firefighters, victims of September 11, 2001, victims of other disasters and fires in NY City.

New York State Higher Education Services Corporation:

www.HESC.org. Tuition, room and board and books for children and spouses of members who died in the line of duty. Must attend college (public or private) in New York State at undergraduate level.

New York State Professional Firefighters Association, Inc.: www.nyspffa.org/

Funding for children of uniformed members of the NYS Professional Firefighters Association

NYS Propane Gas Association underwrites Elbert Stillwaggon Memorial Scholarships for students enrolled full-time in Fire Prevention Technology programs at several 2-yr and 4-yr SUNY colleges. See <http://nypropane.com/about-nypga/scholarship-news/>

Marist College: <http://www.marist.edu/admission>

New York State volunteer and employees and their families may enroll in an online Master of Public Administration (MPA) program or in classroom-based MPA at Marist's satellite locations in New York City or Albany for half the normal tuition price. Marist also offers a 25% tuition discount for employees and their families on select graduate and adult undergraduate degree programs. Qualified individuals or their family members must work within departments appearing through the FDID database of the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

Northern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association: <http://www.nnyvfa>

This is a college scholarship for benevolent members of the NNYVFA; firefighters who have a relationship with a member; and members' spouses, children, and grandchildren. Applicants must be college students working towards a career in fire, EMS, public safety, or community services.

Arnold R. Depetro Memorial Scholarship: <http://www.crcfonline.org/Default.aspx?tabid=343>

For graduates of the following Chautauqua County, New York schools: Cassadaga, Chautauqua Lake, Clymer, Falconer, Frewsburg, Jamestown, Maple Grove, Panama, Ripley, Sherman, Southwestern, and Westfield. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be undergraduate students with financial need, pursuing vocational careers in public or private security.

BTA Firefighter Christopher Blackwell Memorial Scholarship:

<http://www.bef.org/bef-scholarships.html>

This scholarship is for seniors at Brewster High School in Brewster, New York. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be continuing their education in the field of paramedics/EMS service, fire science, or the medical field.

Chuckie Fletcher Friendship Award: <http://www.ithacafire.org>

A monetary donation will be presented to a Tompkins County resident with a record of community service and dedication to others. Contact: Ithaca Fire Department

Fire Chiefs Dan & Jim O'Connell Mem. Scholarship:

<http://www.bef.org/bef-scholarships.html>

This scholarship is for seniors at Brewster High School in Brewster, New York. To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must be the child of a living or deceased volunteer firefighter.

H. Peter Kahn Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of a veteran Trumansburg firefighter lost in the line of duty in 1997. Assists members of the fire department and their children with college tuition. (May also be available to members of adjacent departments?) Contact Treasurer, Trumansburg Fire Company, 74 W. Main Street, Trumansburg, NY 14886

FDNY:

Bravest Scholarship Fund: www.ufanyc.org/cms/contents/view/10315

Children of members who died while an active member of the FDNY

Terry Farrell Firefighters' Scholarship Fund: <http://www.terryfarrellfund.org>

Children of active, retired and deceased members in Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, or Brooklyn.

NYS Honorary Fire Chiefs & NYSPFFA Memorial Scholarship: www.nyspffa.org.

College scholarships for students who have completed one year or less of college. Contact: Jacqueline Merveil, FDNY registrar, 718-281-8465.

Phillips Beth Israel School of Nursing: www.futurenursebi.org/

Children of active, retired, or deceased employees of the FDNY.

BC Matthew Ryan Memorial Scholarship: www.ufanyc.org/cms/contents/view/10315

Children of active, retired and deceased members. Member must be an active or retired hockey player on FDNY, Firehouse, Town, Local, or League hockey team

Tuttlemondo-Dolney Scholarship, Battalion 44: www.ufanyc.org/cms/contents/view/10315

Children of current or former (living or deceased) members of the 15th Division.

UFA Thomas R. Elsasser Scholarship Fund: www.ufanyc.org/funds/elsasser.php

Sheila Petit Children of firefighters who died non line-of-duty, or whose family deals with a specific hardship

UFA Scholarship: <http://www.ufanyc.org/funds/scholar911.php>

This scholarship is for dependent children of active, retired or deceased Firefighters, Fire Marshals or Marine Wipers who are full-time, undergraduates. Dependent children, spouses of LOD deceased UFA members, & dependent children of non-LOD deceased UFA members are eligible to receive scholarships for undergraduate education.

Terry Farrell Scholarship: <http://www.terryfarrellfund.org/>

The Scholarship is open to the children of all active, retired, disabled and deceased FDNY Members or Volunteer Department Members residing in the 4 Counties of Long Island. (Nassau, Suffolk, Queens, and Brooklyn)

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Out of State & International:

American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarship Program (AFSA):

www.afsascholarship.org/. \$1,000-\$2000 scholarships for trade school students

A.L. Brown Scholarship Fund:

<http://www.sfpe-newengland.org/Default.aspx?pageId=280145>

Sponsored by the New England Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers. The goal of this Scholarship is to encourage students to consider a career in engineering related to Fire Protection. Past awards have ranged from \$1,000 to \$7,000.

Percy Bugbee Fire Protection Engineering Scholarship:

<http://www.wpi.edu/academics/fpe/scholarships.html>

This \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to a fire protection engineering student who has demonstrated excellence in academic achievement and intent to perform a thesis or graduate project activity aimed at improving fire protection engineering methods. See also

<http://www.nfpa.org/training/scholarships-awards-grants/for-students/other-scholarships>

Campus Safety Division, National Safety Council:

<http://www.aie.org/scholarships/detail.cfm?id=15844>. \$2,000 award to undergraduate and graduate students majoring in academic programs in safety, health or environmental affairs.

The Electronic Security Association (ESA): <http://www.esaweb.org/?page=youthscholarship>
Youth Scholarship Program awards \$10,000 in scholarships to two children of active duty police officers and firefighters.

Frank J. Fee Scholarship (U. of Maryland): <http://www.fpe.umd.edu>

A \$5,000 scholarship awarded to students enrolled in fire protection engineering based on the student's academic record, fire protection interest, and academic potential. See also <http://www.nfpa.org/training/scholarships-awards-grants/for-students/other-scholarships>

Grand Canyon University HERO Scholarship: www.gcu.edu/ec/jlinde

International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation: <http://www.iafcf.org/Scholarship.htm>.
Provides numerous memorial grants and scholarships for emergency personnel and trainees in a wide spectrum of categories.

John L. Jablonsky Scholarship:<http://www.nfpa.org>

There will be a minimum of one scholarship per year of at least \$5,000 (USD). Monies will be awarded to one or more graduate students enrolled in fire protection engineering programs in either the United States or Canada.

Brian Jenneman Memorial Scholarship:

www.hultgren.org/library/scholarship/jennemann/index.html

\$1500 awarded to applicants who are 18 years of age or older and have been accepted into a U.S. based, certified paramedic training program. They must be U.S. residents. To receive an application form by mail, or for more details, contact Gail Sanders at (502) 585-4649

Gerald L. Maatman Scholarship:

<http://www.wpi.edu/academics/fpe/scholarships.html>

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA. For more information, contact: Fire Protection Engineering Higgins Laboratories at: fpe@wpi.edu

George D. Miller Scholarship: <http://www.NFPA.org>

Minimum of one scholarship awarded per year of at least \$5,000 (USD). Monies will be awarded to students enrolled in a fire service or public administration program in either the US or Canada.

Charles S. Morgan Scholarship: <http://www.uas.okstate.edu>

A \$5,000 scholarship awarded to a student in the four-year fire protection and safety engineering technology program at Oklahoma State University. See also <http://www.nfpa.org/training/scholarships-awards-grants/for-students/other-scholarships>

National Fire Protection Association: <http://www.nfpa.org/training/scholarships-awards-grants>
NFPA makes funding available:

- **For the fire service** Advancing and supporting methods of fire protection and prevention.
- **For public educators** Taking the lead in making communities and workplaces safer.
- **For students** Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students.

- **For outstanding achievement, committee members & volunteers** Exceptional contributions to the cause of fire and life safety.

Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security:

<http://www.chds.us/?masters/overview>

Offers an 18-month MA degree at no cost to state/local officials accepted.

National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Sarbanes Scholarship:

<http://www.firehero.org/resources/families/scholarships/sarbanes.html> . Provides educational funding for families of fallen firefighters honored at the National Fallen Firefighters memorial.

National Volunteer Fire Council: www.nvfc.org/scholars.html

Lists a variety of emergency services-related scholarships for emergency personnel and their families. Updated annually.

Public Safety Officer Educational Assistance: <https://www.bja.gov>. (888) 744-6513 or (202) 514-0413. For children of those who died in the line of duty (listed on the PSOB).

Richard L. Resurreccion Public Safety Scholarship. <http://www.ptk.org/become-a-member/scholarships/public-safety-scholarship>. Provides scholarships to Phi Theta Kappa members who demonstrate potential for or involvement in public safety or service while enrolled in a regionally accredited associate degree public safety program

Silent Key Scholarship Foundation:

<http://www.apco911.org/training-and-certification/scholarships/silent-key-and-cac.html>

Scholarship recipients must be current APCO Members and maintain APCO membership throughout the scholarship period. Up to \$500 of the award may be applied to travel or living expenses to attend an APCO International educational event.

Society of Fire Protection Engineers: NCNSFPE Brady Williamson Annual Scholarship Fund: <http://ncnsfpe.org/2011-10-15-02-28-02.html>

The purpose of the scholarship is to promote interest and public awareness of the science and practice of Fire Protection Engineering, and to encourage study for a career related to Fire protection engineering. Go to website or contact: atif@hotmail.com for more information.

See also other scholarship opportunities for fire protection engineers at:

http://careersinfireprotectionengineering.com/career_guidescholarship.htm and

<http://www.wpi.edu/academics/fpe/scholarships.html> (for fire protection engineering).

John Charles Wilson Scholarship Program:

<http://www.iaafoundation.org/iaaf/Scholarships/IAAFoundationScholarship.html>.

Serves students interested in pursuing a career in arson investigation.

Yvorra Leadership Foundation: www.yld.org/

Scholarship assistance for leadership development in the emergency services field.

Corporate/Union Funding:

Best Buy Scholarship: www.bestbuy-communityrelations.com or www.at15.com

Open to students currently in grades 9-12 who demonstrate commitment to and involvement in community volunteer service or work experience.

Lowe's Safety Education Hero Award: <http://loweshomesafety.org>

Eligible individuals include those who conduct a fire prevention and education project with the local fire department.

MasterGuard Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund: <http://www.fallenheroes.org/>

Offers annual financial assistance for higher education and training to families of firefighters honored at the National Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Motorola Foundation: Garry L. Briese Scholarship Award: <http://www.motorola.com>

Reserved for a company officer, especially targeting a driver/engineer for his/her professional education toward AA/AS or BA/BS degree.

Uniformed EMS Officers Union: www.uemso.com/

Funding for the child or grandchild of an active EMS officer.

Vantagepoint Public Employee Mem. Scholarship Fund: www.icmarc.org/vantagescholar.

Children and spouses of deceased public employees who died in the line of duty.

Families / Survivors of Emergency Personnel

Bound Tree Medical: <http://www.boundtree.com/scholarship-program.aspx>

Scholarship funds up to \$2,000 for children of EMT's and Firefighters interested in pursuing a career in emergency services.

The ICMA-RC Vantagepoint Public Employee Memorial Scholarship Fund (ICMA-RC Memorial Scholarship Fund): <http://www.vantagescholar.org/xp/plans/vantagescholar/>

Provides financial assistance to the surviving spouses and children of state government employees who have died in the line of duty and are planning to attend an accredited two-year community college, four-year accredited university, or vocational school full-time.

National Law Enforcement and Firefighters Children's Foundation

Victoria Ovis Memorial Scholarship Award: <http://www.nleafcf.org/scholarships.html>

One undergraduate or graduate scholarship annually based on academic excellence, essay and recommendations. Email: jcaplan@4kidsent.com

9/11 Survivors & Dependents

Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund: <http://www.familiesoffreedom.org/>.

Funds for families of 9/11 victims.

CFA Institute 11 September Memorial Fund: <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/cfainstitute/>

A scholarship program to assist families of those persons who died or were permanently disabled as a result of the 11 September 2001 attacks. Scholarships are offered for part-time or full-time undergraduate study in finance and business subject areas.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation:

http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org/jkcf_web/content.aspx?page=Sept.

Spouses and dependents of members who died or were permanently disabled on September 11, 2001 and Anthrax attacks.

Lt. Charles Margiotta Memorial Scholarship-BrownUniversity: <http://www.brown.edu/>

Educational funding for children of members who died on September 11, 2001.

National Firefighters Foundation Scholarship: www.firehero.org

Contact: Mary Ellis (301) 447-1365. Children and spouses of members who died in the line of duty. Must meet criteria for inclusion in National Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, MD. This can be used for undergraduate, graduate and/or certificate programs.

Needham September 11th Scholarship Fund: <http://www.needhamco.com>

Children of members who died on September 11, 2001

Scholarship America: <http://www.scholarshipamerica.org>

Educational funding for dependents of those killed or permanently disabled on September 11, 2001 and families in Lower Manhattan south of Houston Street who suffered loss of income as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001

September 11, 2001 Children's Fund, Inc.: <http://www.911childrensfund.org>

Educational funding for children and dependents of members who died on September 11, 2001

New York University Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz Scholarship Fund:

www.familiesoffreedom.org/files/NYU

Educational funding for children of members who died on September 11, 2001

United Kingdom 9/11 Scholarships Fund: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/911scholarships>

Children and dependents of members who died or were permanently disabled on September 11, 2001. Funds study at higher or further education institutions in the UK.

United Negro College Fund Liberty Scholarship:

<http://www.uncf.org/LibertyScholar/index.asp>

Educational funding for children of members who died or were permanently disabled on 9/11.

NYS World Trade Center Memorial Scholarship: <http://www.hesc.com/>

For the dependents of victims who died or were permanently disabled as a result of 9/11 and resulting rescue and recovery efforts. Covers tuition, room & board, and allowances for books, supplies, and transportation at CUNY or SUNY for up to 4 yrs. of full-time undergraduate study.

W. H. "Howie" McClennan Scholarship <http://www.iaff.org/et/scholarships/mcclennan.html>.

The W. H. "Howie" McClennan scholarship provides financial assistance for children of fire fighters killed in the line of duty who plan to attend a university, accredited college or other institution of higher learning. \$2,500/year.

Special Event Participation Funding

National Fire Academy Alumni Association: <http://www.nfaalumni.org/scholarship.html>.

This program is open to those first time volunteers in need of a meal ticket to attend either a VIP or a 2-week residential course.

Warren. E. Isman Educational Grant: <http://www.NFPA.org/categorylist.asp?categoryid=471>

There will be a minimum of one \$5,000 (USD) grant for one hazardous materials response team (maximum of five members) to register for specialized training at one national hazardous materials conference each year.

Apprenticeships & Work-Study

The National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD offers year-round student internships. See <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/nfa/about/nfa-082708.shtm>

There are "bunker" programs around the US which allow college students to work in (and usually live in) firehouses. We know of only these at this time in NY State:

- **Onondaga Community College** (315-469-2671) has opportunities for their fire science students to stay in fire stations in surrounding communities. (See the information on the Moyers Corners program at <http://www.mcfcd.org/About/pages.php?page=bunkin> .)
- **North Syracuse** has a program for students headed to Syracuse Univ., LeMoyne, SUNY Oswego and Onondaga CC. Contact Capt Christopher Strong at cstrong@northsyracusefire.com
- A program is also in place at **Schenectady Community College** <http://www.sunysccc.edu>.
- **Cortlandville FD** has a program with **SUNY Cortland** (which again has no fire science program.)

- **Cohoes** (<http://www.boghtfire.org/bunkin.htm>)
- **Brighton** (<http://www.brightonfd.org/bunker.asp>).
- There is a paramedic bunk-in agreement between **Herkimer Community College** and Frankfort, NY. See <http://bit.ly/f2KPhv>.
- The **Montour Falls FD** has a bunker program in connection with Corning Comm. College. Contact Jim Ryan at mffiredept@stny.rr.com , or see <http://www.montourfallsfd.org/Bunker.htm>.

Two students/volunteer firefighters a year at **Clinton Community College** are given free dorm housing in exchange for working 15 hours a week at So. Plattsburgh Fire District. Contact santorj@spfd32.org or see: http://yourfirstdye.com/manager/data/1252985401/File/student_ffr_program_06-14-10.pdf

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For the National Volunteer Fire Council's lists of scholarships and educational grants, go to

<http://juniors.nvfc.org/resources/resources-for-juniors/21-scholarships>

AND

<http://www.nvfc.org/training/education/scholarships>