



# **BUCKS COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS & FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

## **Bucks County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association 2018 Scholarship Awards Programs**

“This is a great benefit of membership”

The Bucks County Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association is proud to announce the Scholarship Award Program for 2018. This program is an excellent recruitment and retention tool for members of all Bucks County Fire Companies. It will provide financial assistance on a competitive basis to members of the association. Copies of the rules for the program, along with a copy of the application can be reviewed on our website: [www.buckscandff.com](http://www.buckscandff.com). Feel free to make copies of these documents and distribute them to members of members' family, who are pursuing post-secondary education.

As of June 1, 2018, four (4) \$1000.00 scholarships will be provided by the Association - Three (3) \$1,000.00 scholarship awards to individuals pursuing “college level degrees” and one (1) specifically to a Fire Science degree program. All applications must be submitted by September 1, 2018. Applications are reviewed and judged on applicant's dedication to giving back to the community. Any applications received after this date will not be reviewed. The Trustees of the scholarship committee will review each application and winners will be announced when the review is complete. The decision of the BCFC&FFA Trustees will be final.

For the application and guidelines, [www.buckscandff.com](http://www.buckscandff.com)



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## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM RULES

This year the Bucks County Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association (BCFC & FFA) is awarding four (4) \$1,000.00 Scholarships, of which one will for a Fire Science degree. This Scholarship program will continue annually, though each applicant must resubmit each year. The objective of the tuition assistance program is to assist individuals in good academic standing who desire to further their post secondary academic education through college level courses. Field of study in Fire Service related programs (Fire Science, Fire Service Management, Public Safety Administration, Fire Officer Certification, etc.) will be given "special consideration".

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The applicant must be or have an immediate family member who is an active or life member of the BCFC & FFA (and be in good standing) and a recognized Fire Company in Bucks County, PA. The Fire Company must also be in good standing with the BCFC&FFA.

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications may be obtained from the BCFC & FFA website ([www.buckscandff.com](http://www.buckscandff.com)) or by contacting any Officer of the BCFC & FFA. All fully completed applications must be sealed and submitted using the BCFC & FFA form. All application packets must include:

- An essay of approximately 250 words stating why this grant is sought and how the Scholarship will benefit your fire service career, according to your goals and objectives
- A copy of your BCFC & FFA Membership Card or the Membership Card of an immediate Family Member
- Written recommendation from a Fire Chief or appropriate Officer
- Two (2) additional letters of recommendation
- Copy of your high school or college transcript
- Documentation of other academic achievements
- A College description of your program of study
- A completed application increases chances of award.

Completed sealed application packages must be submitted to:

Bucks County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
1760 South Easton Road  
Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901

No facsimile or e-mails will be accepted. Any applicant that does not complete the application requirements and are not postmarked September 1, 2018, will be returned to the applicant without review. Application must be sealed and will not be opened until after September 1, 2018 at the scholarship committee meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF TUITION AWARDS

Scholarships are for one (1) year ONLY! Winners will be notified of their success by mail. All successful applicants will be listed on the BCFC & FFA Official Website. The decision of the BCFC & FFA Trustees will be final.

### PAYMENT OF TUITION

Payments will only be made to the award winners when confirmation of adequate (minimum of 2.0 grade point average) college courses are acquired. This must include a transcript of final grades and a copy of each invoice for tuition and textbooks which are equal to or greater than the award amount. No grants will be obtained without the information described above. All grants expire one (1) year from the award date.



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## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Information

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address and/or Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Gross of Immediate Family Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_ Any Immediate Family Members Attending College Y or N

If "Yes", Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Reside with Parents \_\_\_\_\_ If "No", Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are You a Member In Good Standing With the BCFC & FFA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "No", Please List Any Family Members Who Are In Good Standing with the BCFC & FFA \_\_\_\_\_

### Representative of Department Information

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relation to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address and/or Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position \_\_\_\_\_ Station Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Length of Fire Service \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Current Chief's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Applicant a Member of Your Fire Department? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes", What Is Their Position and Standing? \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION – Continued

### General Education (High School or GED)

Highest Year Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma / GED \_\_\_\_\_

Applicable Education (Certificates, Honors, Etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Education

I am currently enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_ Program/Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Credits Earned: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach program description of above) Approx. Date of Completion \_\_\_\_\_

Current Activities in Professional, Community and Collegiate Organizations \_\_\_\_\_

Current Educational Goals \_\_\_\_\_

I Wish to Enroll at \_\_\_\_\_ Program/Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition Cost (Specific) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Program/Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive other educational funding? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (G.I. Bill, Department Funding, other scholarships Etc.)

If "Yes", Explain \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Information

Applications will be reviewed by the Trustees of the Scholarship Committee and graded based on the applicant's essay, community service, financial need, fire department or BCFC & FFA involvement, and field of study.

In applying for consideration, I am aware that any grant is to be applied only against tuition. In the event that my course(s) do not cost the full amount of the grant, I am eligible for the amount of the tuition and have no claim against the BCFC & FFA. I declare that all statements herein are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I will use all monies granted to me within one year of award, for the program(s) and institution for which application is made.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_