

2023-2024 BCVFA SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

Dear Company Officer:

Please discuss the availability of scholarships from the BCVFA with your Company members. There will be eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships available with \$500 available for the Fall Semester of 2023 and \$500 for the Spring Semester of 2024 for each approved applicant.

The scholarships can be used for degree bound students in a college or university type of higher education, which can include undergraduate or graduate level courses.

Please note the basic requirements to be eligible for a BCVFA Scholarship are:

- A. Applicant must be a member in good standing of a BCVFA member company and must achieve a minimum of 50 LOSAP points per year to remain eligible for the financial aid.
- B. Applicant must be approved by the President and Chief Officer of their home company
- C. Applicant must be enrolled in, or accepted into, a degree program at a college or university.
- D. Applicant must have and maintain a minimum 2.0 (C) average to eligible.

Attached to this cover letter are the following items to assist applicants with financial aid application:

- 1. A letter explaining the requirements your Company and the applicant must meet in order to make application for financial aid.
- 2. A copy of the **FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION**.
- 3. An **APPLICATION CHECKLIST** to assist the applicant in completing the process of applying for financial assistance

If additional assistance needed, please reach out to one of the following members of the Scholarship Board.

Jack Amrhein	410-256-4373
Frank Corasaniti	410-812-5551
Leah Littlefield - Chairperson	410-963-7986
Barb McCrea	410-499-7759
Joel McCrea	410-592-7759
Brandon Simmons	410-340-9612

BALTIMORE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

TO: ALL MEMBER COMPANIES
FROM: SCHOLARSHIP BOARD
RE: **SCHOLARSHIP HELP FOR YOUR MEMBERS**

At this time, we are thrilled to announce that we are prepared to accept applications for scholarships from members of the Companies belonging to the BCVFA. There are 8 - \$1,000.00 Scholarships available for individuals attending college either on a full time or part time basis. There will be \$500.00 allotted for the Fall semester (2023) and \$500.00 for the Spring semester (2024) for each Scholarship awarded.

During the next few weeks, a member of the Scholarship Board will try to visit your Company during a meeting if requested to answer any questions from your membership. We believe that these scholarship funds can be a useful retention tool for the Volunteer Fire Service. We hope that you will discuss this with your members and that you will download the application from the BCVFA website. Please note that anyone that previously was awarded a BCVFA Scholarship can reapply. Each awarded scholarship can only last for 1 year.

Basic Requirements for Scholarships

- A. Applicant must be a member, **in good standing**, of a BCVFA member company and must achieve a minimum of 50 LOSAP points per year.
- B. Member **must be approved** by the President and the Chief Officer of their home company.
- C. Applicant must be accepted by, or enrolled in a degreed program at a Community College, College or University. This is not intended for one course.
- D. Must **have** and **maintain** a C (2.0) minimum average to be eligible.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Contact any Scholarship Board member for information and assistance as needed.
2. Complete the entire application form – submit as directed.
3. Submit a copy of your latest high school/college transcript.
4. Applicant may be interviewed by Board representatives if further information is necessary.
5. Applicant will provide proof of enrollment or acceptance into an approved program.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

1. **Completed applications must be submitted by April 1, 2023.**
2. Interviews and reference checks completed by May 5, 2023.
3. Presentation of Scholarships on May 18, 2023 at the BCVFA meeting.

If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact any member of the Scholarship Board – look on the BCVFA website – or call the BCVFA office.

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FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

This is a restricted type of financial aid. It is only available to applicants that are members in good standing of a Baltimore County Volunteer Fire Emergency Services Company, and therefore, are members of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firefighters Association. Beyond that restriction the selection process follows all aspects of every applicable equal opportunity regulation, law, or act.

This application allows you to apply for scholarship aid to assist with your education. This application needs to be completed in its entirety for consideration by the **SCHOLARSHIP BOARD**. If you need help with this form, please contact any member of the Board for assistance. Please email the completed form to scholarship@bcvfa.org on or before **APRIL 1, 2023**.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THIS FORM.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 requires the signature of a parent or guardian of applicants under the age of 18. If the applicant is over the age of 18 their signature is required. The signature will be an order for the school system, Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and EMS Companies, references, and employers to release information pertinent to this application. Without this permission the Board **will not** process this application.

_____	_____	_____
Printed name – Applicant/Parent	Signature	Date
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Name: _____	_____	_____
Last	First	Middle
Address: _____		
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip
_____	_____	_____
Phone number	Email Address	Date of birth
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Applicant's LOSAP number _____

Applicant's College / University ID# (if available) _____

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Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Address: _____

City State Zip

Phone number

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I am a member of Company number _____, Name _____

I joined the Company on (date) _____.

President's Name _____, Phone _____

Email Address _____

Chief Officer's Name _____, Phone _____

Email Address _____

I have completed and passed the following fire emergency services courses:

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Please write a 300 (or more) word composition indicating why you are requesting aid, what you have accomplished at this point in your life, and what major occupational and volunteer goals you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years.

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Please provide 3 references that we can contact (such as teachers, religious leaders, employers, community leaders, etc.). Please do not include relatives. **Please contact them and get their permission for them to be your references.** Include their name, relationship, email address, and phone number. Do not include either the President or the Chief Officer of your home company.

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Financial Information

If, in the decision making process, the Board needs further information to adequately decide the requests, we reserve the right to request such additional information. We would expect that all reasonable information requested would be supplied in a timely manner.

Do you live with your parents? _____

How many other dependent children do your parents have? _____

How many of your siblings are presently in college _____; public high school _____; private school (elementary or secondary) _____; home taught _____?

Parent/Guardian's occupation: _____

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Your personal adjusted gross income last year {IRS form 1040 or Equivalent} \$ _____

Do you intend to file an application for federal aid or loans? _____

Do you intend to work while attending college? _____

What is your current place of employment? _____

Supervisor's name, Email Address, Phone Number _____

Do you presently have any educational trust funds, other trust fund income, or granted scholarships or aid? If so, please specify below:

Are there other sources of income that you have which have not been reported previously? If so, please specify below:

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The following section deals with your educational achievement. Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript from either high school or college.

High School attended: _____ Phone number: _____

What was your GPA in High School? _____

Date or projected date of graduation? _____

Are you presently enrolled in college? _____

Please list any activities that you were involved in during high school and/or college under the listed categories below:

Honors and Awards:

Leadership activities:

Clubs, Organizations, Community Groups:

Sports:

Do you have military service? If yes what branch?

Please list any special circumstances, challenges, or problems that the Board should be aware of, either financially or otherwise, during the decision making process. If additional space is needed please attach.

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I hereby, swear or affirm, that the information provided herein is true and accurate. I also grant permission for the Board to contact all references and verify all information on this form.

APPLICANTS SIGNATURE

DATE

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ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONS

The following list is prepared to assist you in completing the process of applying for scholarship assistance from the Scholarship Board of the Baltimore County Volunteer Firefighters Association. Please check off each item as you complete it and place it in your package. In this manner we hope to simplify this process for you.

- Obtain the approval of the President and Chief Officer of your home company. **Please discuss this with them so that they will be expecting our email or telephone call.**
- Please list 3 references that we can contact (such as teachers, religious leaders, employers, community leaders, etc.). Include their name, phone number, and email address.
- Please write a 300 (or more) word composition explaining why you are requesting aid, what you have accomplished in your volunteer fire company and in your community at this point, and what major occupational and volunteer goals you hope to accomplish in the next 10 years.
- If you have proof of acceptance to a college, please include this in the package. If you are presently taking courses, be sure to include a copy your latest high school or college transcript. If you know which college or university you will attend, please list the following on the back of this sheet: college or university name, address of the registrar's office, name of person to receive check (if required), and your student ID#.

Email the completed application to scholarship@bcvfa.org Thank You!

FINAL DATE – APRIL 1, 2023!

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- President and Chief Officer Approval**
- 3 References**
- 300 Word Composition**
- Proof of acceptance to a college**

- Completed Application**