



West Virginia State Firemen's Association
Scholarship Committee
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WV SFA HARMAN – BAILEY AND GEORGE FINLEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The West Virginia State Firemen's Association (WV SFA) is proud to offer scholarships to those desiring to further their post-secondary education for the betterment of themselves, their fire departments, the fire service in general, and the communities they serve. WV SFA scholarships are named in honor of David Harman, Past President of our Association, Life Member, and a long-time advocate and champion of education; William "Bill" Bailey, of Bill Bailey Insurance Services who has tirelessly held fundraisers to support our scholarship efforts; and George Finley, of Finley Fire Equipment, who has endowed a scholarship to promote the educational development of our members and their families. We are grateful to these leaders and honor them with these scholarship awards.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

CELLPHONE #: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ TOTALS YEARS LIVED IN WV: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

DATE OF GRADUATION OR DATE GED OBTAINED: _____ GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

SCHOLASTIC OR ATHELETIC HONORS RECEIVED IN HIGH SCHOOL (use additional attachments if necessary):

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED IN HIGH SCHOOL (include offices held, use additional attachment if necessary): _____

ACCEPTED IN: CERTIFICATE PROGRAM: _____ DIPLOMA PROGRAM: _____ ASSOCIATES DEGREE PROGRAM: _____

BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM: _____ NAME OF INSTITUTION: _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF INSTITUTION: _____

MATRICULATION DATE: _____

INTENDED MAJOR (attach copy of institutions curriculum): _____

LIST ANY COURSES TAKEN TO DATE (copy of official transcript attached): _____

SCHOLASTIC AND ATHLETIC HONORS RECEIVED IN COLLEGE _____

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED IN COLLEGE (include offices held): _____

FIRE SERVICE (NOTE: You do not have to be a member of a fire department to be eligible for this scholarship)

NAME OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF AFFILIATED FIRE DEPARTMENT (if any): _____

DATE JOINED: _____ OFFICES/POSITIONS HELD: _____

LIST ALL FIRE SCHOOL COURSES TAKEN (attach copies of fire school certificates or official transcript): _____

***REQUIRED - ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN A TYPED ESSAY OF APPROXIMATELY 250 WORDS AND ATTACH THAT ESSAY TO THIS APPLICATION:**

- 1) *Why are you applying for financial assistance?*
- 2) *Why do you believe this course of study will be useful?*
- 3) *What are your career goals and objectives?*

****REQUIRED: You must attach/include two (2) letters of reference from someone, other than a relative, attesting to your character and/or as to why they believe that you merit a scholarship award. Examples may include, but are not necessarily limited to: letters from school officials, a letter from your Fire Chief, a letter from a community leader, JROTC endorsements, or other acceptable person(s).**

If awarded a scholarship, the funds for the first semester will be awarded and/or distributed at the annual convention of the WV SFA. It is the sole responsibility of the grantee to submit their grades and/or other supporting documentation to the Committee within sixty (60) days of the completion of the semester/term(s) in order to receive the next semester's award. Course work on a Quarter system will be handled under the premise that two (2) academic quarters = one (1) semester. **The deadline for receipt of scholarship applications is JULY 1 of each year.**

I hereby declare that all of the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also declare that I have been a resident of the State of West Virginia for at least one (1) year prior to the date of this application. I further declare that either I or my parent or guardian have been an active member of a fire department that is a member in good standing of the West Virginia State Firemen's Association for at least one (1) year prior to the date of this application. I further understand that scholarship awards are based on the availability of funds and compliance with the scholarship program requirements.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

ESSAY: (Required) Be sure to address the following in your essay:

- 1) *Why are you applying for financial assistance?*
- 2) *Why do you believe this course of study will be useful?*
- 3) *What are your career goals and objectives?*

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO: West Virginia State Firemen's Association Scholarship Committee, c/o Thomas Miller, Scholarship Chair, 100 Conestoga Lane, #7, Charleston, WV 25312 - May be e-mailed to: tomfirerescue@msn.com