



With funding provided by the FEMA 2011 SAFER Grant, the Akron Fire Company Scholarship Program is designed to increase and retain membership in three ways.

- 1) By providing funds for college to graduating high school seniors, and others, that join the AFC and become a member in good standing according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the AFC.
- 2) By providing funds for active members, who are in good standing, to continue their own education and training.
- 3) By easing the financial responsibilities of higher education for the children of members, enabling the active member to continue their service with the AFC, and remain a member in good standing.

This program is a four year program beginning in 2011 and ending in 2015.

Section 1.0: New Recruit College Scholarship Program: This program is for both full and part time students.

- 1.1 A full time student is defined as a new member that is enrolled in a higher education institution (i.e. University, College, Community College, trade school, etc.) and carries a course load of at least 12 credit hours.
- 1.2 A part time student is defined as a new member that is enrolled as above, and carries a course load of less than 12 credit hours.
- 1.3 To qualify a new member must fill out an application stating that they will be attending an educational institution, naming the institution and its location, and must indicate whether they are to be a fulltime or part-time student.
- 1.4 Financial awards will be determined by the number of applications received within a given year. A previous year's financial award does not guarantee subsequent financial awards of the same amount. Applications will be due by August 1.
- 1.5 To receive payment a member must turn in a bill from the educational institution to the grant committee chairman, or a designee. A check made payable to the educational institution will be sent to that institution in the members name. If the award amount is greater than the tuition required, an additional check will be written to that member on a semester basis so that the additional funds will be able to be used for books, lab fees, and other educational needs.



- 1.6 To continue in the New Recruit College Scholarship Program a student must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA), and be a active member in good standing of the Akron Fire Company. To verify this, a member will turn in a copy of their report card to the grant committee chairman, or a designee, before further payments are received. The AFC will monitor the requirements needed to be in good standing.
- 1.7 If a member does not meet the requirements as stated in sections 1.5 and 1.6, a meeting will be arranged between the grant committee and the member. A specific course of action on how to improve the member's GPA or membership status will be created, and a defined period of time will be given to show improvement.
- 1.8 Continued failure to meet the requirements stated in sections 1.5 and 1.6, will disqualify the member from being part of the New Recruit College Scholarship Program. If the member leaves the membership of the Akron Fire Company or if their membership in the Akron Fire Company is terminated for any reason, then their participation in the Akron Fire Company Scholarship Program will immediately end, and that member shall become fully responsible for any and all fees and unpaid expenses related to the educational institution being attended.
- 1.9 Any attempt made to falsify required documents, as previously mentioned, will result in the immediate disqualification from the New Recruit College Scholarship Program and may result in the termination of the of the member from the Akron Fire Company.