

Omaha Firefighters Historical Society presents:

The Education Sponsorship Application

Proudly funded in remembrance of **Memorial Roll Call:**

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History:

The Omaha Firefighters Historical Society was formed in 2008, by like-minded Omaha Firefighters with the passion for learning and preserving the history of the Omaha Fire Department. In 2016, the Society became an officially chartered and recognized organization throughout the State of Nebraska by obtaining a 501(c)3 status. Since that time our membership has grown. Now the mission of the Society now includes the encouragement and education of young adults with the ambition to become firefighter/EMS workers. The establishment of this Sponsorship Program is made possible with the assistance of **PenFed Credit Union**. This Sponsorship is also funded by memorial donations from the persons mentioned above in the memorial roll call list. These names shall be forever maintained with this account.

Criteria for Eligibility:

1. Limited to **2** recipients each year.
2. Only available to individuals with a major in Fire Science Programs or Emergency Medical Training Programs.
3. Those individuals that are high school seniors, or enrolled in an accredited two or four-year institution, or accredited medical paramedic program.
4. Priority will go to a member of an immediate household or grandchild to a current Omaha Firefighter Historical Society Member, that has held a membership status for at least two years, or any immediate household member or child/grandchild to any Omaha Firefighter that has died in the line of duty. If no one meets this eligibility, then to any immediate household member to an Omaha Firefighter. If no one meets the listed criteria in this section, then it will be made available to anyone in the public but all other criteria must still be met.

Application Procedure:

1. The application shall be in the form of a letter with appropriate attachments. The letter shall contain a statement of the applicant's course of study and the accredited college, vocational or trade school the applicant plans to attend.
2. Attachments to the application shall include a transcript of the applicant's grades. We request a brief letter of recommendation from a counselor, principal, superintendent or work supervisor (whichever may apply), setting forth the person's knowledge of and relationship with the applicant. It would be helpful for that person to bring to our attention any pertinent facts for consideration of the applicant's request.
3. *Attachment essay answering the following questions:*

1. Why should you be considered for the Omaha Firefighters Historical Society Sponsorship? Use examples of your personal strengths and characteristics as well as future career aspirations.
 2. Describe how you have helped others; share a detailed personal story.
 3. Describe your career goals and why you have chosen to pursue a career in fire science or medical field
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4. The deadline for the application shall be no later than **March 15** or **September 15** of the same year prior to the beginning of the school year for which application is being made.
 5. Completed application packets must be postmarked before the above dates and shall be mailed to: **OFFHS, Attention: Sponsorship Committee, PO Box 6003, Omaha, NE 68106**
 6. Because this application is limited to 2 students per year, if a sponsorship was not awarded for an application submitted prior to the March 15 deadline, then 2 sponsorships may be considered for the September 15 deadline for that same year.

Selection an Award:

1. The selection committee shall consist of the following:
 - a. Vice President (committee chairperson) and Treasurer (co-chair) of the Society.
 - b. Three members of the Society (appointed by the Vice-President).
 - c. Any business or family member representative of an Honor Roll funder to assist the selection committee, if they so choose (appointed by the Committee Chair).
2. Selection shall be made based on the material submitted in relation to the eligibility requirements. Committee members are prohibited from selection based on race, color, or national origin.
3. Upon selection, the sponsorship committee chairperson will send a written notification to the recipient(s) awarded and a notice to all applicants not selected.
4. The treasurer of the Society shall issue a check to the recipient(s) or (if the student chooses) to the institution for an amount recommended by the selection committee. The amount of the award shall never be such that it depletes the sponsorship fund.
5. The Society shall recognize the recipient(s) at a time and location determined by the president of the society. Should they wish to attend, this ceremony will also be offered to the general membership of the society and any family or friends of the recipient.