

# **SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER FIREMEN**

**Serving the Volunteer Fire Service of Allegany, Erie, Cattaraugus And Chautauqua Counties**

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## **SWAVF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019**

The Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen of the State of New York (SWAVF) and its Ladies' Auxiliary are pleased to announce its community service-based scholarship program for 2019. The program is open to all high school seniors who will graduate in 2019, and will be enrolling for full time study at an accredited institution of post-secondary study in the fall of 2019. Applicants must be either:

(a) a member, junior member, ladies' auxiliary member or Fire Explorer of a SWAVF member fire department

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(b) be the child or grandchild of an active member, ladies' auxiliary member, or exempt member of a SWAVF member fire department

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(c) be the child or grandchild of an Officer, Past Officer, Committee Member, Life Member, or Annually Registered member of the SWAVF or SWAVF Ladies' Auxiliary.

This year there will be one Southwestern Firemen's Scholarship awarded in the amount of \$600, and three SWAVF Ladies' Auxiliary scholarships awarded for \$150 each. The three Auxiliary Scholarships will be awarded to the top applicant from each county not represented by the SWAVF Firemen's Scholarship winner. Each applicant must submit the application form accompanied by (1) an acceptance letter from an accredited institution of post-secondary education, (2) a letter of recommendation from a school official familiar with both the breadth and depth of the student's community service efforts, (3) a second letter from a representative or supervisor of a community service organization attesting to the applicant's volunteer activities, and (4) an essay of approximately 300 words, describing the applicant's various community volunteer efforts. Application forms will be available at [www.SWAVF.com](http://www.SWAVF.com) on 10 December 2018, and all application packets must be returned by USPS to Ray Worth, SWAVF Scholarship Chairman, 9300 Boston State Road, Boston, NY 14025. All applications must be postmarked on or before 15 April 2019.

Winners will be selected by the committee in May, 2019 and will be notified promptly thereafter. The presentation of awards will take place during the Annual SWAVF Convention on the first Friday of August in Wales Center, NY, and the winners receive payment upon satisfactory completion of their first semester of full time study. Please feel free to contact Mr. Worth for further information at 716-941-3065 or by email at [lworth66@gmail.com](mailto:lworth66@gmail.com).