



North Star Volunteer Fire Department

2358 Bradway Road, North Pole, Alaska 99705

Phone: (907) 488-3400 FAX: (907) 488-6118

Geoffrey L. Coon, Fire Chief

The North Star Volunteer Fire Department offers a limited number of positions for individuals to serve as scholarship firefighters through a residential live-in program while attending the University of Alaska Community & Technical College (CTC) and ultimately the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Campus.

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist the fire department in higher staffing of volunteers for emergency response operations. Through the scholarship program, individuals will acquire the experience, knowledge, and skills necessary to obtain career positions in the emergency services.

This scholarship provides funds for individuals pursuing an Associate's degree in Fire Science and, as funding allows a bachelor's degree, intending to attain a career position within the field of emergency services.

Interested individuals must register with UAF's CTC Fire Science Program.

Scholarship funds are provided under a reimbursement process whereby the scholarship firefighter pays for tuition and other semester expenses upfront at the beginning of each semester. Upon successful completion of the semester, the student is reimbursed up to \$6,900 per semester.

Considerations in selecting individuals for the scholarship program will be made on their efforts towards career goals, service to their community, educational achievements, personal motivation, and commitment to the North Star Volunteer Fire Department.

For more information about our Scholarship program, please contact:

Justin Sammons, Assistant Chief

Office: (907) 488-3400

jsammons@northstarfire.org

Or

Jack Willard, Deputy Fire Chief

Office: 907-488-3400

jwillard@northstarfire.org

Scholarship Outline of Funding

The North Star Volunteer Fire Department provides five two-year scholarships. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist the fire department in higher staffing of volunteers for emergency response operations. Scholarship recipients must be registered as full-time students with UAF'S Community and Technical College (CTC) Fire Science Program in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The scholarship will reimburse expenses for the following line items each fall and spring semester, not to exceed \$6,900 per semester:

- 12 credits minimum
- Course/Material Fees
- Textbooks
- Parking Fee
- Meals

The "Total Semester" cost reimbursement is \$6,900 per semester. Students who are not Alaska residents may be subject to additional tuition fees for which they are responsible.

A fire department dorm room will be provided free of charge at different station locations (dependent on availability). Until Properly Qualified (Driver / Operator) Scholarships shall pull assigned shift from Station 31 no matter what Station Dormitory they have been assigned.

Scholarship recipients must meet eligibility requirements to qualify for reimbursements each semester. The requirements are:

- Maintain 12 credit hours per semester with a grade point average of 2.00 or better
- Volunteer up to 56 hours per week on rotating 48/96-hour shifts
- Maintain a satisfactory driving and criminal record,
- Meet the department's ongoing performance and conduct standards, and
- Successful completion of assigned semester project.

Awarding of the Scholarship

When an applicant is selected for a scholarship position, a scholarship offer is made to the individual, contingent on the applicant's completion of the following items;

1. The applicant has an acceptable driving history
2. The applicant has an acceptable criminal history
3. The applicant has a current and valid driver's license
4. The applicant is registered with the University of Alaska's CTC Fire Science Program.
5. The applicant is enrolled in the CTC Fire Academy and successfully graduates from the Academy or has a current IFSAC Firefighter I certification.
6. The applicant can pass the CPAT or Biddle Physical Agility Test or have a current certification. **Applicant must pass NSVFD Annual Physical each following year as a Scholarship**
7. Must be a certified IFSAC/ProBoard Firefighter or must pass the Firefighter I course within six months.

