

**Southeastern
Washington Fire
Commissioners Association**



**2019
Scholarship Application**

Scholarship Information

The amount of the scholarship award is \$500.00. It will be sent to the selected college or university of the recipient upon verified enrollment of full time status.

Important dates to remember:

- May 1, 2019** Scholarship applications distributed to Fire Districts.
- June 30, 2019** Completed packet must be postmarked by this date.
- July 30, 2019** Notification to all applicants will be e-mailed advising of award or denial of award.
- August 15, 2019** Payment will be made to the recipient's college or university (on or after this date). In order to receive payment, the school's Admissions Department must provide a letter on the school's letterhead stating that the recipient is enrolled in school full time. A payment in the amount of \$500.00 will be mailed to the school.

Scholarship Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a graduate (or will graduate in 2019) of an accredited high school and will be attending college in the fall of 2019.
2. Applicant must have a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.7 on a 4.0 scale, or are currently in college and have a grade point average of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Applicant must be affiliated with a fire protection district that is a member of the Southeastern Washington Fire Commissioners Association. Affiliation includes all active members of any Fire District or their immediate family (spouse or children).

Scholarship Application Checklist

1. Meet requirements of eligibility.
2. Complete, assemble and submit the following in one packet, postmarked no later than June 30, 2019.
 - Part I: General Information
 - Part II: Essay Questions
 - Part III: Official copy or copies of high school transcripts (including GPA)
 - Part IV: Letters of recommendation from:
 1. High school teacher/counselor
 2. Employer, church leader, or other non-family member that has worked with you outside the school setting.
3. Mail or e-mail completed packet to:

Southeastern Washington Fire Commissioners Association
Scholarship Committee
c/o Franklin County Fire District #3
7809 N Road 36
Pasco, WA 99301
fcd3@fcd3.org

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Part I General Information

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Affiliate's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of High School: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

School Address: _____

College/University Planning to Attend: _____

Admissions Department Address and Phone Number: _____

Dates Planning to Attend: _____

Part II Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions. If more space is needed, please use the back of the sheet.

1. List your school and community activities. Include any offices held, awards or achievements received. List hobbies and interests, and any contributions made which you feel have enriched your community, school, family, church or charitable cause.
2. Explain any activities or experiences you have been involved with which require you to demonstrate initiative and personal commitment in order to achieve a worthwhile goal or accomplishment. Describe your objectives and what you did to achieve them.
3. List work experience(s) including employer and dates of employment, beginning with the most recent.
4. Explain why you feel you will be successful in your chosen education career.
5. Explain which fire district you are affiliated with, how you are affiliated (member, spouse, or child of a member), and for how long.

How will my application be scored?

After you have submitted your SEWFCA scholarship application, your application is scored by multiple people. These scores are averaged and normalized to 100.

Reviewers are looking for information about qualities related to the applicant's potential for success in the major/career goal they are enrolled in. They want to see a thorough and thoughtful application that is complete and helps to demonstrate who the applicant is. Below is some information on how an application is reviewed/ scored.

Areas of Scoring	Score
<p>Essays:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the applicant answer the question completely? • Are there details supporting the information given? • Do the answers match up with their stated major or career goal? • Did you learn something new about the applicant? 	30 points possible
<p>Spelling and Grammar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the applicant use spell check or have someone review their application? • Did the applicant use proper grammar & punctuation? • Do the mistakes interfere with the message? 	3 points possible
<p>Letter of Recommendations (3 points each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations should be professional references: Never family and preferably not friends. • How long has this person known the applicant? <p>Did this seem like a generic template or a sincere letter?</p>	<p>0 = family recommendation 1 = poor recommendation 2 = standard recommendation 3 = excellent recommendation</p>
<p>Intuitive Score</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you believe this applicant will be a successful student? • Did they have strong letters of recommendation? • Did they answer all their essay questions thoroughly? • 	5 points possible