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TO: 2022 DVFA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

FROM: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

RE: APPLICATION PACKET

Thank you for considering the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter’s Association Scholarship program. We have posted all the necessary information together to make your application to this program as simple as possible. Please remember that all information submitted to the Scholarship Committee must be legible and be mailed directly to the address shown. **DO NOT** give any information to a DVFA firefighter or Ladies Auxiliary member for delivery to either the Fire School or to the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee will automatically reject information received in this manner.

Should you have specific questions, you may call ANY of the Co-Chairs of the DVFA Scholarship Committee: (Kent County) Ken Ryder at 302-245-1417, (Sussex County) Ron O’Neal at 302-249-3972, or (New Castle County) Anthony Guzzo at 302-239-7923. THE DEADLINE FOR THIS YEAR’S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022. Remember, all information (i.e., application, letters of recommendation, college, and fire school transcripts, etc.) must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2022, to be considered for this year’s scholarship.

GOOD LUCK!!

DVFA Scholarship Committee

**Delaware Volunteer Firefighter’s Association**

**Scholarship Checklist**

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| **Please make sure you complete all requirements.****If any of these boxes are not checked off your application will be rejected.** |
| **Requirement** | **Yes** |
| Are you a member of a fire department, auxiliary, or volunteer EMS company in good standing with the DVFA? |  |
| Have you filled out **EVERY** line of the application completely? |  |
| Have you completed the college information portion of the application? |  |
| Did you attach your high school transcript if you did not apply in 2021? |  |
| Did you attach **AN OFFICIAL** College transcript? |  |
| Did you attach the course curriculum for the curriculum you will be studying in college? |  |
| Did you attach **3** letters of recommendation? |  |
| Did you attach a typed essay (250 words or less)? |  |
| Did you have your Fire Department President, Fire Chief, or Auxiliary President sign the application verifying your active status? **Please note this signature must be HANDWRITTEN.** |  |
| Did you attach your Delaware State Fire School transcript **AND** copies of other completed Fire/EMS certified courses not taken through the Delaware State Fire School? |  |
| **Auxiliary members –** Did you provide a letter from your President or Secretary documenting the number of hours of participation in Auxiliary activities and functions from March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022? |  |

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 **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION** 

**DELAWARE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER’S ASSOCIATION**

**VOLUNTEER FIREMEN’S INSURANCE SERVICE, INC.**

 ***(Note: You must be a member of a fire department, ladies auxiliary, or volunteer EMS company in good standing with the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter’s Association to be eligible for this scholarship.)***

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

***Name:*** (First, Middle Initial, Last & Maiden if Applicable)

***Home Address:***

***Home Telephone # Cell #: Email Address:***

***Date of Birth:***

***Student ID # if you have one: or Last 4 digits of Social Security Number:***

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**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

**You must include a copy of your High School Transcript if not an applicant in 2020.**

***High School Attended:***

***Mailing Address:***

***Date Graduated:***

***Grade Point Average:***

***If G.E.D., Give Date Earned and Location;***

Scholastic and Athletic Honors Received in High School:

School and Community Activities Participated in High School (Include Offices Held):

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**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

***Attach copy of Official: Transcript***

Enrollment in the following college program: (please **HIGHLIGHT** only one of the following)

 Certificate Program Diploma Program Associates Bachelors Masters Doctoral

***Name of Institution:***

***Mailing Address of Institution:***

***Matriculation Date: Projected Graduation Date:***

***Major* \*\*\*\*\*(attach copy of Institution’s Curriculum)\*\*\*\*\*\***

***List any courses taken to date:***

Scholastic and Athletic Honors received in college:

School andCommunity Activities in which you participated in College (Include Offices Held):

**FIRE SERVICE INFORMATION**

***Name of Fire Department/Auxiliary/Volunteer EMS company:***
***Mailing Address:***

***Date Joined:***

***Offices Held:***

***Fire School Courses taken:*** **(Attach Official Fire School Transcript and Copies of Other Completed Fire/EMS Certificated Courses**

**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

***All applicants need to attach three (3) letters of Recommendation with the application. Letter(s) of Recommendations must accompany the application. (***We will no longer accept Recommendation letters being mailed separately). ***3 New letters of recommendation must be submitted annually!!!***

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**AUXILIARY APPLICANTS’ INFORMATION**

***For Auxiliary members, the applicant needs to submit a letter or letters on Auxiliary Stationary from the Auxiliary President and/or Secretary verifying the applicant's participation in his/her number of Auxiliary activities/functions (exclusive of meetings) from March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022. The hours participated in each event needs to be listed.***

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**ESSAY**

***Enter here a TYPED Essay of approximately 250 words answering the following questions:***

***1) Why are you applying for financial assistance?***

***2) Why you believe this course of study will be useful to you and the area of Public Safety?***

***3) What are your career goals and objectives?***

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***I hereby declare that all the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also declare that I am a member of a fire department, ladies auxiliary, or volunteer EMS company in good standing with the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter’s Association to be eligible for this scholarship.***

DATE: / / Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Return Application to:**

DVFA Scholarship Committee

c/o Delaware Fire Service Center

Delaware State Fire School

1461 Chestnut Grove Rd.

Dover, DE 19904

***Before turning in this application make sure all the following requirements are completed. Any part not submitted will cause the whole application to be rejected:***

 ***1) Applicant MUST be a member of a fire department, auxiliary, or volunteer EMS company in good standing with the Delaware Volunteer Firefighter’s Association.***

 ***2) Application is LEGIBLE and complete.***

 ***3) Attach a copy of High School Transcript if not an applicant the previous year.***

 ***4) Copy of College Curriculum.***

 ***5) Attach Official College Transcript.***

 ***6) All applicants must attach three (3) letters of Recommendation each year.***

 ***(Applicant must submit letters of recommendation with the application; do not have them mailed separately.)***

 ***7) For Auxiliary Member applicants, a letter(s) from your Company President and/or Secretary documenting your participation in Auxiliary activities/functions (exclusive of Company meetings) from March 1, 2021, through February 28, 2022. The hours participated in each event needs to be listed.***

 ***8) Typed Essay.***

 ***9) Attach fire school transcript and copies of* *other completed Fire/EMS certificated courses.***

**10) *Application must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2022, to be judged.***

**11) This Application is not complete until the applicant’s verification of active status in their department is noted by the HANDWRITTEN signature of one of the officers noted below:**

**Fire Department President**

 **Fire Chief**

 **Ladies Auxiliary President**

DATE: / / Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_.