Applying for a Scholarship

Requests for matching-fund scholarships should be directed to the Illinois Fire Chiefs’ Association Education and Research Foundation. To apply, contact:

Illinois Fire Chiefs’ Association Education and Research Foundation
P.O. Box 7
Skokie, IL 60076-0007
1-800-662-0732
www.Illinois.firechiefs.org

Applying for a Grant

Written applications for special grants can be sent directly to the IFSI Education and Research Awards Committee. Requests must be submitted to the Committee by December 1 for consideration at the Committee’s meeting in April of the next calendar year. Applications will be evaluated according to the need for training in the proposed subject area and the appropriateness of the training activities. Greatest consideration will be given to proposals that are supported by fiscal commitments from other sources contacted by the applicant.

Scholarships Currently Funded

James T. Berggren Memorial - $1,000.00
Andrew Fredricks - $1,000.00
Pete Lund Memorial - $1,000.00
Dean Mercer Memorial - $1,000.00
Gerald M. Monigold Memorial - $1,000.00
William Renaker Memorial - $1,000.00

Supporting firefighter education in Illinois

Help support the education of Illinois firefighters by directly contributing to the IFSI Education and Research Awards Fund.

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IFS Institute and Research Awards Program

In 1990, members of the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) field staff created the Education and Research Awards Committee to provide funding for the education of firefighters in Illinois. Since that time, the fund has grown and is now overseen by the University of Illinois Foundation, but continues to be managed by the Committee.

Committee members include a minimum of six firefighters (four IFSI field staff and two faculty members). The Director of IFSI serves as the Chairman and IFSI’s Director of Budget and Resource Planning acts as a non-voting financial advisor.

Grants

Special grants are awarded to help IFSI Field Staff attend classes, seminars and schools.

The program also supports research that studies ways to enhance firefighter safety and to promote new technology. Examples of activities that are supported by grants from the IFSI Education and Research Awards Program:

- Field staff instructor development
- Heat stress research
- The study of special event occurrences where firefighters can learn new fire fighting techniques

Scholarships

The Illinois Fire Service Institute Education and Research Awards Program serves Illinois Firefighters by providing matching funds for scholarships awarded by the Illinois Fire Chiefs’ Association Education and Research Foundation. Scholarships are awarded annually in a program presented by the Illinois Fire Chiefs’ Association (IFCA). Illinois Fire Fighters may make application to the IFCA for a scholarship in support of the pursuit of educational degrees at the associate, bachelors or masters degree level or to support training opportunities. The IFSI Education and Research Awards Program supports Illinois Firefighters by supporting a number of scholarships each year.

The enclosed flyer provides detail on the Scholarships being supported by the IFSI Education and Research Awards Program, along with information on the application process.

How You Can Help

You can play an important role in helping your colleagues expand their skills. Make an annual contribution to the Education and Research Committee Fund, equivalent to two hours of your instructor’s pay. The Committee’s ability to respond to the growing need for additional training will depend on supporters like you.

Your contribution must be made by check payable to the University of Illinois Foundation.

You can also encourage firefighters to continue their education. Share information about the Illinois Fire Chiefs’ Association Education and Research Foundation with your colleagues and recommend that they apply for scholarship funds.

For more information on the IFSI Education and Research Program, contact:

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217-244-6359

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Updated information is always available on the IFSI web site:

www.fsi.illinois.edu