

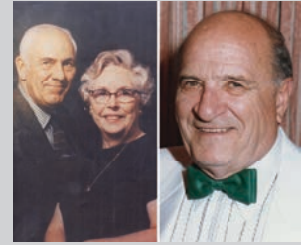


NYSAFC Scholarship and Awards 2021 Forms and Eligibility Criteria

Scholarship Program

Ward A. and Janice R. Bohner Scholarship Award • Anthony J. Messina Scholarship Award

NYSAFC established this scholarship program to enhance, through academic achievement at the college level, the quality of leadership in the fire and emergency services, life safety field, and public safety field and to assist association Individual Members (and their spouses and children) in their efforts to pursue academic advancement. Scholarships will be awarded in memory of Executive Director Emeritus Ward A. Bohner and his wife, Janice R. Bohner, and in memory of Past President Anthony J. “Andy” Messina for their many years of dedicated service to the association. Tuition assistance is offered based upon merit to Individual Members of NYSAFC (and their spouses and children) pursuing degrees (full or part time) at an accredited institution of higher education. The Messina Scholarship is awarded to students working toward an emergency services degree (fire science, EMS, emergency management, etc.) and the Bohner Scholarship is awarded to those pursuing a general course of study in any other field.



Chief Neil McNeight Hands-On Training Award

This award program was established by the Chautauqua County & Monroe County Fire Chiefs Hospitality Committee in memory of Past President Neil McNeight, a 60-year member of the association and 64-year member of the Fredonia Fire Department. It is intended to advance firefighter training by funding the registration of qualified and deserving students in the NYSAFC Hands-On Training program conducted in conjunction with the association’s Annual Conference & FIRE Expo. The award program, open to NYSAFC Individual and Department Members, will include enrollment in the Hands-On Training session of the recipient’s choice (based on availability), as well as hotel accommodations for two nights and a meal stipend.



New York State Fire Chief of the Year Awards

The Fire Chief of the Year Awards are presented to recognize association Individual Members for demonstration of exemplary leadership that has not only benefited an individual fire department, but also the emergency services of New York state. Each year, NYSAFC honors a career fire chief and a volunteer fire chief from the Empire State with these prestigious awards. Honorees are chosen based upon demonstration of outstanding leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, service to the public, and contributions to the fire and emergency services.



Chief Fred W. Singer Fire Educator of the Year Award

The Fire Educator of the Year Award is presented annually in memory of Past President Fred W. Singer, a 40-year member of the Vestal Fire Department who was a highly regarded teacher and champion of firefighter safety and training. This award recognizes outstanding effort in fire service training and education. Any NYSAFC Individual Member who is a fire service instructor providing training within the state of New York at the state, county, or department level is eligible for the award.



James W. Wright Public Education Award

This award is presented annually in memory of Public Education Committee Chairman James W. Wright, a 53-year member of the Norwich Fire Department. The award, which Jim helped to initiate in 1995, was renamed in 2009 in appreciation of his many years of commitment to fire/injury prevention and fire/life safety education. It recognizes an individual, emergency services agency, or community organization for innovation and exceptional effort in fire/injury prevention and fire/life safety public education, with the goal of raising awareness about unique programs for the benefit of other educators.

