

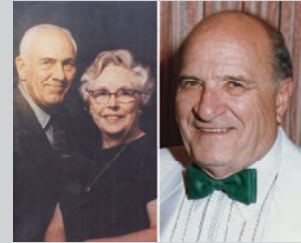


NYSAFC Scholarship and Awards 2021 Forms and Eligibility Criteria

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.



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Scholarship Program 2021 Application

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



Award Details and Presentation:

- Through this program, NYSAFC provides scholarship grants to qualified students seeking to advance their education in their chosen field of study. Assistance is offered based upon merit to individuals pursuing a degree (full or part time) at an accredited institution of higher education.
- Scholastic achievement, quality of essay, references, overall career goals, and potential to favorably impact the fire and emergency services, life safety field, or public safety field will be considered when judging applicants.
- Scholarship is to be applied toward tuition or related academic fees, such as books.
- No more than one scholarship will be granted per family each year.
- All NYSAFC award recipients will be recognized during the NYSAFC Annual Conference General Session. If a scholarship recipient is unable to attend, arrangements will be made to present the award at a local firematic event.
- Recipient and one guest will receive Full Term Registration for entry to the conference and expo.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be an Individual Member of NYSAFC in good standing (dues paid in full) or must be the spouse or child of an Individual Member in good standing.
- Must be enrolled (full or part time) in a matriculated college level program attending an accredited community/junior college, college, or university, and working toward an associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctorate, or professional degree.

Required Items For Consideration:

- Completed application.
- Letter of recommendation from the chief officer of the NYSAFC Individual Member's fire department/organization.
- Two additional letters of recommendation.
- Proof of enrollment at the institution of higher education (letter of acceptance, etc.).
- Essay (approximately 500 words) on the applicant's career plans and academic studies. If applicable, illustrate how career plans and studies will favorably impact the quality of leadership and service in the fire and emergency services or public safety field. Include why financial aid is being sought and any other information relevant to the selection process.

Applicant Information:

Applicant is a NYSAFC Member Parent/Guardian is a NYSAFC Member Spouse is a NYSAFC Member

NYSAFC Individual Member Name: _____ NYSAFC Membership #: _____

Applicant Name (If Different): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Applicant Fire Department Affiliation (If Applicable):

Department: _____ Title: _____

Institution and Degree Information:

Institution Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Course of Study: _____

Degree Pursuing: Associate's Bachelor's Master's Doctorate Professional

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Chief Neil McNeight Hands-On Training Award

2021 Application



Award Details and Presentation:

- For 2021, the inaugural year, two awards will be presented by the **Chautauqua County & Monroe County Fire Chiefs Hospitality Committee** for participation in training at the 115th Annual Conference & FIRE 2021 Expo, June 16-19, in Syracuse, NY. Most training will be conducted at the Syracuse Fire Department Training Center.
- Award covers enrollment in one Hands-On Training program of the recipient's choice (based on availability).
- Recipient will receive Full Term Registration for entry to the conference classroom education programs and expo.
- Includes small stipend for meals and lunch on the day of training.
- Includes hotel accommodations for two nights at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown.
- Recipient will be responsible for transportation and all travel expenses.
- All NYSAFC award recipients will be recognized during the NYSAFC Annual Conference General Session.

Applicant Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be a NYSAFC Individual Member or applicant's fire department must be a NYSAFC Department Member.
- Must meet NYSAFC Hands-On Training course prerequisites (or equivalents): Firefighter I OR Basic Firefighter and Intermediate Firefighter OR Firefighting Essentials and Initial Fire Attack. Must be interior qualified under New York state requirements to participate in live fire training programs.
- Must meet course PPE requirements, which will be provided if applicant is selected.
- Must have the endorsement of the chief of department to complete training. If applicant is selected, chief will also be required to submit a NYSAFC chief's authorization letter. Sample will be provided.

Required Items For Consideration:

- Completed application.
- Essay (approximately 500 words) written by applicant explaining how participation in this training will be of personal benefit and how it will positively impact his/her fire department.
- NYSAFC chief's authorization letter, if applicant is selected. Sample will be provided.

Hands-On Training Programs:

Advanced Thermal Imaging Camera Ops (8-Hour Live Fire Program)

When was the last time you trained with a TIC? At your last fire? NYSAFC's instructors have spent years working with thermal imagers and have found more uses than you can imagine to get the most out of your department's TIC investment. Students will be armed with knowledge to take back to their departments to ensure that the camera is one of the first tools off the vehicle at more than just fire events.

Advanced Vehicle Extrication (8-Hour Program)

This fast-paced extrication experience will cover all aspects of vehicle extrication, from stabilization to plenty of tool time. Evolutions will include wheel, roof, and side resting vehicles with minimized vehicle access. Students will be challenged to use their skills to perform scenario-based extrication with victim rescues, scene hazard recognition, and mitigation.

Aggressive Interior Fire Attack (8-Hour Live Fire Program)

This challenging program will offer a unique opportunity to put your skills to work in live fire. Students will review techniques that are essential for survival in today's fire environment. Skills that will be enhanced include effective and efficient hose stretches, hose loads, hoseline operation, standpipe and defensive operations.

Build To Burn (8-Hour Live Fire Program)

Firefighters will participate in the construction of portions of both platform frame and balloon frame buildings highlighting the identification of void spaces. Upon completion of construction, participants will conduct live fire evolutions, placing an emphasis on predictable fire spread and tactics associated with fire in void spaces.

Fire Behavior On the Inside (8-Hour Live Fire Program)

This intense training will provide firefighters with the rare opportunity to view changing fire conditions as aggressive interior tasks are performed. Expect eight hours of live fire with an emphasis on heat, smoke, and air movement throughout the fire building. The effects of window failure, VES, and door control will be viewed from the inside.

First-In Officers' Responsibilities (8-Hour Live Fire Program)

In this program, students will operate in the roles of first and second due engine and ladder company officers. Basic firefighting practices and principles will be reinforced with emphasis on leading a team of firefighters at structure fires. Participants will have the opportunity to assume the role of both company officers. They will be actively performing size up, reporting to the incident commander, and communicating with other company officers while supervising their crew during hoseline stretches, search for fire and victims, suppression, and overhaul.

Hoarder Fires (4-Hour Live Fire Program)

This program will challenge both engine and truck companies in dealing with a hoarding situation under fire conditions. Students will complete both engine and truck evolutions under heavy smoke and high heat conditions. The truck company will be placed in a scenario where they must remove a victim through a moderate to heavy hoarding environment. The engine company will advance and flow a 1¾-inch handline through an extreme hoarding environment while clearing a path for advancement of the hoseline.

Truck Company Essentials: The Tasks That Must Get Done (8-Hour Live Fire Program)

This program will focus on the fireground truck company tasks that must be accomplished during the initial stages of structural firefighting. It will cover the principles of forcible entry, building search and rescue, the use of ground ladders, and VES tactics. Students will learn various tricks of the trade and safety tips.

Truck Company: Saw Work and Roof Ops (4-Hour Live Fire Program)

This program is for firefighters already possessing the basic knowledge and skills required for roof operations. It will provide an overview of basic saw maintenance and operations, the cutting of different materials, and ventilation and forcible entry cutting techniques, culminating with roof saw ventilation under live fire conditions. Students will be physically challenged as they work in teams to cut on both flat and pitched roofs and in different forcible entry situations.

Chief Neil McNeight Hands-On Training Award 2021 Application

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ NYS AFC Membership #: _____

Department: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Department's Annual Training Budget: \$ _____

Chief's Endorsement:

Chief's Name: _____ Chief's Signature: _____

Hands-On Training Program Selection:

Choose one program and session. If the first choice is full, recipient will be contacted to select an alternate program and/or session. Training will be conducted from Wednesday, June 16 through Saturday, June 19, 2021.

Advanced Thermal Imaging Camera Ops:

Thursday Session Friday Session

Advanced Vehicle Extrication:

Thursday Session Friday Session

Aggressive Interior Fire Attack:

Thursday Session Friday Session

Build To Burn:

Thursday Session Friday Session

Fire Behavior On the Inside:

Thursday Session Friday Session Saturday Session

First-In Officers' Responsibilities:

Thursday Session Friday Session Saturday Session

Hoarder Fires:

Thursday Session A (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Session B (1:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Friday Session A (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Session B (1:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Saturday Session A (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Session B (1:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Truck Company Essentials: The Tasks That Must Get Done:

Thursday Session Friday Session

Truck Company: Saw Work and Roof Ops:

Thursday Session A (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Session B (1:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Friday Session A (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Session B (1:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

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New York State Fire Chief of the Year Awards

2021 Nomination Form



Award Details and Presentation:

- Two awards will be given, one for a career fire chief and one for a volunteer fire chief. The status of the fire department as a whole – paid, volunteer, or combination – will not be considered.
- If NYSAFC does not receive a nominee for a category, the association Executive Board, with the approval of the president, may select an award recipient.
- All NYSAFC award recipients will be recognized during the NYSAFC Annual Conference General Session.
- Recipient and one guest will receive Full Term Registration for entry to the conference and expo.
- Includes hotel accommodations for one night (choice of Wednesday or Thursday) at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown.

Nominee Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be an Individual Member of NYSAFC in good standing (dues paid in full).
- Must be an active or past chief of department (five trumpets).
- Members of the NYSAFC Executive Board are ineligible.

Required Items For Consideration:

- Completed nomination form.
- Cover letter on nominating organization's letterhead.
- Current resume detailing nominee's involvement in the fire service.
- Supporting documents, such as letters of recommendation, newspaper clippings, etc. (maximum of six).

Nominee Information:

Name: _____ NYSAFC Membership #: _____

Department: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Award Category: Career Volunteer

Nominating Individual Contact Information:

Name: _____

Department/Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Email: _____

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Chief Fred W. Singer Fire Educator of the Year Award 2021 Nomination Form



Award Details and Presentation:

- All NYSAFC award recipients will be recognized during the NYSAFC Annual Conference General Session.
- Recipient and one guest will receive Full Term Registration for entry to the conference and expo.

Nominee Eligibility Criteria:

- Must be an Individual Member of NYSAFC in good standing (dues paid in full).
- Must serve as a fire service instructor providing training within New York state.

Required Items For Consideration:

- Completed nomination form.
- Essay (approximately 500 words) that provides information about the candidate and his/her activities as a fire instructor. Include emergency services background, years of service as an instructor, frequency and location of instruction, impact on the community and the fire service, and goals of the instructor.
- Letters of reference (maximum of three).

Nominee Information:

Name: _____ NYSAFC Membership #: _____

Department/Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Nominating Individual Contact Information:

Name: _____

Department/Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Email: _____

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James W. Wright Public Education Award 2021 Nomination Form



Award Details and Presentation:

- Individuals and organizations are invited to nominate themselves or others for consideration.
- NYSAFC seeks to recognize resourceful and creative individuals or organizations for the presentation of new, unique, and/or innovative fire/life safety programs. These can be specialized activities presented annually (possibly as part of an education program or campaign) or conducted continuously throughout the entire year.
- The 2021 award recipient will be invited to attend the 2021 Fire & Life Safety Educators' Conference at the New York State Academy of Fire Science, co-hosted by OFPC and NYSAFC, where they will be recognized. Conference registration, plus room and board for two individuals, will be provided.
- The recipient will be invited to participate in the 2022 Fire & Life Safety Educators' Conference, where they will present and discuss their program with the goal of sharing new ideas and information with other fire/life safety educators. Conference registration, plus room and board for two individuals, will be provided.
- All NYSAFC award recipients will be recognized during the NYSAFC Annual Conference General Session.

Nominee Eligibility Criteria:

- Any individual emergency services personnel or any emergency services department or organization that provides public education focusing on fire and/or life safety in New York state is eligible for consideration.
- Any individual community educator or community organization that provides public education focusing on fire and/or life safety in New York state is eligible for consideration, including schools, individual teachers, civic organizations, etc.

Required Items For Consideration:

- Completed nomination form.
- Essay (approximately 500 words) that provides a brief overview of the program and illustrates what sets it apart from other public education programs. Include when the program was developed and implemented, where and when it has been delivered, its benefits, goals, and objectives, how it impacts the community, frequency of presentation, length of the program, and the target audience (children, teenagers, adults, senior citizens, etc.).
- Letters of reference (maximum of three) and supporting documents (maximum of three).

I Am Nominating: Another Individual Another Organization Myself My Organization

Nominee Information:

Type of Nominee: Individual Fire/EMS Department/Organization Community Organization

Name of Individual Nominee or Contact Person for Organization Nominee: _____

Nominee/Contact Person Title: _____

Department/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Email: _____ Website (If Applicable): _____

Nominating Individual Contact Information (If Different):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Department/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

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