

**MAINE STATE FEDERATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, Inc.
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

PHILIP I. NASON “FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM” SCHOLARSHIP

Phil Nason was a “25 year career firefighter” with the South Portland Fire Dept. Throughout his career, Phil was a friend and mentor to the career, call and volunteer fire fighters of Maine. He was instrumental in the formation and growth of the Pine Tree Burn Foundation. He served as its leader for 10 years and worked tirelessly with the Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters in support of the bowling tourneys and the “Learn Not to Burn” program. Phil was Past President of the York County Firefighters Association and Executive Vice President/Legislative Liaison Officer for MSFFF. He retired in September 2001. The **Philip I. Nason” Fire Science Program “Scholarship** was established by the MSFFF to honor Phil’s commitment to firefighter training and education in Maine. This Five Hundred Dollar (\$500) Scholarship is to assist the selected recipient in furthering his/her education through the Southern Maine Community College “Fire Science Degree Program.”

“MSFFF SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS”

Two (2) “**MSFFF FIRE SCIENCE STIPENDS**” in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) also may be **awarded annually** by the Federation to support **selected participants upon documentation of successful enrollment in the Southern Maine Community College “Fire Science Degree Program”**

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Scholarship Goal

The intent of the scholarships is to provide financial assistance to Maine firefighters and rescue service members to help facilitate their attendance at the *Maine Community College* “Fire Science Program”. Priority will be given to applicants facing financial barriers to attendance.

Application Criteria

Applicant must be a member in good standing of Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters .

The application should include a cover letter briefly stating the applicant’s intent and financial need, and his or her personal goals in the fire service. Also, briefly outline anticipated community and/or fire service benefits. Documentation of program acceptance, and a completed application form with Chief’s endorsement is also required.

Selection Criteria (Applications must be received no later than June 1st)

The Scholarship Selection Committee shall choose recipients based on the following criteria:

- Applicant has met application criteria AND “MSFFF” Membership.
- Applicant has demonstrated personal financial need.
- Chief has endorsed application and documented community/fire department financial need.
- Applicant has explained future benefit to community and fire service in general.
- Applicant has demonstrated and sustained a high level of commitment to the fire/rescue service.