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**Note:  This scholarship award will include the COLS registration fee and a $500 stipend to offset travel expenses.**

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Male/Female\_\_\_

Current Rank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total years in Fire Service: \_\_\_\_\_Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_Paid

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Department Type: \_\_\_\_\_Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Career/Paid \_\_\_\_\_Combination Dept.

Department(s) you are currently a member of or employed by\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously attended the IAFC’s Company Officer Leadership Symposium (COLS): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, when\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ where: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member of the IAFC? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, provide member number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is your department able to fund your attendance at COLS? Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMANDING OFFICER

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Department Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ IAFC member # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Length of applicant's service to the department: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Paid

Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Send completed applications to IAFC Foundation, 4025 Fair Ridge Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22033-2868 or email to foundation@iafc.org. Please do not send registered mail. For more information please visit [www.iafcf.org](http://www.iafcf.org).

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2015 Company Officer Leadership Symposium Scholarship

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

**Applicant Criteria**

* Applicant must be a current member of the American or Canadian Fire Service.
* Applicant’s Fire Chief should be a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. IAFC members given preference.
* Applicant must currently be an active member of a state, county, providential, municipal, community, industrial or federal fire department. Volunteers must have at least three years experience; Career/Paid must have at least two years.
* Applicant must demonstrate leadership and proficiency as a member of the fire service.
* Applicant should currently occupy a supervisory, company officer or similar position.
* Applicant agrees to use the scholarships funds to attend the COLS program at FRI 2015 in Atlanta, GA.
* Applicant agrees to be included in future IAFC Foundation promotional materials.
* Completed application packages must be received by June 1, 2015 in order to be considered.

**Application Procedure**

* Submit a completed, typed, IAFC Foundation scholarship application form designated for the 2015 COLS scholarship.
* Provide two letters of endorsement acknowledging your demonstrated proficiency as a member of the fire service.
* Provide current resume.
* Provide a 250 word personal statement that outlines:

1. How attendance at the COLS 2015 program will benefit your fire service career and your department.
2. Demonstrates financial need.

* For ease in processing your application package, please assemble these documents in the above order and please do not use staples.
* Completed application packages can be mailed or emailed. Please do not fax your application.

Mailing Address: Email Address: foundation@iafc.org

IAFC Foundation

Attn: 2015 COLS Scholarship

4025 Fair Ridge Drive, Suite 300

Fairfax, VA 22033

**Scholarship Scoring Guidelines**

All applications will be reviewed by the IAFC Foundation Scholarship Committee. The Committee will judge each application in terms of:

1. Benefits to be derived from the scholarship by the applicant, the applicant’s community and the fire service based on the applicant’s essay.
2. Benefits to be derived by the applicant and the fire and emergency medical service that are outside normal fire department staff development training.
3. Evidence that the applicant meets all the applicant criteria and has submitted a completed application package and submitted it by the specified deadline.

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