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Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Male\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Current Rank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in Fire Service: Volunteer\_\_\_\_ Paid\_\_\_\_ Explorer\_\_\_\_

Degree/certificate being pursued \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Intended Institution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Course/Courses\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What dates will you be attending the course? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Tuition cost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently a member of the IAFC Federal Military Section? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

In applying for consideration, I am aware that any grant will be applied against tuition, cost of books, or expenses directly related to the pursuit of the studies listed above. I declare that all statements herein are complete & correct to the best of my knowledge by signing.

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

**THE FOLLOWING TO BE COMPLETED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMANDING OFFICER**

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

Fire Department Address \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Officer phone number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Officer Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ IAFC member # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
Length of applicant's service to the department: Volunteer\_\_\_\_\_\_ Paid\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Explorer\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Chief \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Email application to**: foundation@iafc.org Please do NOT fax or send by mail. For more information please go to [www.iafcf.org](http://www.iafcf.org)

**Please see next page for more information**

**IAFC Foundation Scholarship Guidelines**

**IAFC Foundation Applicant Criteria:**

* **Applicant must be an active member of the U.S. or Canadian Fire Service (state, county, providential, municipal, community, industrial or federal fire department)**
* **Applicant’s Fire Chief should be a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs - IAFC members given preference**
* Volunteers must have 3 years experience; Paid- 2 years; Combination- 3 years Paid and Volunteer; and Explorer- 1 year
* Applicant must demonstrate leadership and proficiency as a member of the fire service in a supervisory or middle management position or similar position of paid or volunteer work
* Applicant must use the scholarship funds in a recognized institution of higher education
* Scholarship may not be used to fund formal academic research projects
* Scholarship may not be sole source of academic funding

**Named Scholarships Available:**

***The Chief Charles “Chet” Henry Scholarship Award*** will be awarded to a qualified applicant annually. This fund was established with support from VFIS honoring the memory of Chief Henry.

***Federal Military Section Scholarship***will be awarded to a qualified applicant who is an IAFC Federal Military Section Member or is with a federal military fire department.

***The Garry L. Briese Scholarship Fund*** will provide one award annually. This fund was created with support from the Motorola Solutions Foundation. Preference will be given to Driver/Engineers and Lieutenants pursuingAA/AS or BA/BS degrees.

***The John M. Buckman, III Award*** will be given each year in his honor at the discretion of the selection committee.

***The Heather Westphal Memorial Scholarship*** will provide one award annually to a female first responder. This award was established in honor of the former IAFC membership marketing manager. This fund was established with support from IAFC ([www.iafc.org](http://www.iafc.org)) and the International Association of Women in Fire and Emergency Services ([www.i-women.org](http://www.i-women.org))

**Application Procedure:**

1. Submit a completed, **typed**, *Word* format, IAFC Foundation scholarship application form (handwritten will not be accepted) and the following documents:
	1. Provide two letters of Endorsement acknowledging applicant’s demonstrated proficiency as a member of the fire service
	2. Provide current curriculum vitae or resume
	3. Provide official course description from institution catalog
	4. Provide a 250 word statement outlining: 1) a brief description of the course work; 2) how the course work will benefit your fire service career and department and improve the fire service; 3) demonstrate significant, unmet financial need
2. Agree to provide a report at the completion of the program or course work that includes proof of course expense, proof of course completion, findings or outcomes from course work, and benefits of course work to your fire service career or to your fire department
3. **Completed application packages must be emailed**. Please do NOT mail or fax your application.

**Scholarship Scoring Guidelines:**

The IAFCF Scholarship Committee will judge each application in terms of: 1) benefits to be derived from the scholarship for the applicant, the applicant’s community and the fire service based on the applicant’s essay; 2) benefits to be derived from 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, has thoroughly completed the application form and submitted all of the necessary paperwork. Preference will be given to those pursuing Bachelors and Associates degrees.

*The IAFC Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age*

 *in its programs or activities, including educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and other programs.*