



## **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS FOUNDATION**

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### **IAFC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

The International Association of Fire Chiefs Foundation (IAFCF), committed to strengthening future leaders through higher education, announces its 2019 Scholarship award recipients. The Foundation is pleased to award forty-two (42) scholarships for 2019. This was made possible by the contributions and support of IAFC Foundation donors. Recipients of IAFC Foundation named scholarships are:

- ***The Arthur J. Glatfelter Memorial Scholarships***, made possible by a generous endowment from the Glatfelter Insurance Group and VFIS, are presented to *Fire Chief Andrew Hawkins*, Autryville Fire Department in North Carolina, *Captain Brian Leciejewski*, Springfield Fire Rescue Division in Ohio and *Deputy Chief Dustin Tetrault*, Big Sky Fire Department in Montana.
- ***The Garry L. Briese Scholarship***, made possible with support from the Motorola Solutions Foundation, is presented to *Lieutenant Matthew Vanderweel*, Northbrook Fire Department in Illinois.
- ***The John M. Buckman, III Scholarship***, honors Chief John Buckman and reserved for a volunteer furthering their fire service education, is presented to *Firefighter Nathan Adams*, Fargo Fire Department in North Dakota.
- ***The Chief Charles A. "Chet" Henry Memorial Scholarship***, made possible with support from VFIS, for exceptional commitment to public service, is presented to *Lieutenant Joseph McClimon*, Bloomingdale Fire Protection District in Illinois.
- ***IAFC President's Scholarship***, honors IAFC Presidents and their support for aspiring leaders in the fire and emergency services, is presented to *Firefighter/Paramedic Jesse Phan*, Chagrin Falls Fire Department in Ohio.
- ***The Heather Westphal Memorial Scholarship***, created in memory of the IAFC's Membership Marketing Manager and benefiting women in the fire service, is presented to *Deputy Chief Martha Newport*, St. Lucie County Fire District in Florida.

In addition, the following individuals will receive educational scholarships:

- **Drew Abel**, 1st Lieutenant, Roanoke Fire-EMS Department (VA)
- **Matthew Barnes**, Battalion Chief, Southern Marin Fire District (CA)

- **Jeff Buchanan**, Deputy Fire Chief, Clark County Fire Department (NV)
- **Brandon Burke**, Firefighter/Paramedic, City of Two Rivers Fire Department (WI)
- **Thomas Conley**, Firefighter/Paramedic, Dekalb Fire Department (IL)
- **Patrick Connor**, Fire Chief, Newark Division of Fire & EMS (OH)
- **Bernard de Hoog**, Lieutenant, Eden Prairie Fire Department (MN)
- **Richard Edwards**, Division Chief/ Fire Marshal, Stockton Fire Department (CA)
- **Colin Ehler**, Lieutenant, Fox Crossing Fire Department (WI)
- **James Gladwell**, Deputy Fire Chief, Salisbury Fire Department (MD)
- **Joshua Henry**, Firefighter, Fresno Fire Department (CA)
- **Henry Hickman**, Battalion Chief, Myrtle Beach Fire Department (SC)
- **Douglas King**, Firefighter/Paramedic, Akron Fire Department (OH)
- **Jason Kinlaw**, Battalion Chief, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire & Emergency Services (VA)
- **Joseph Kosiorowski**, Division Chief, Green Valley Fire District (AZ)
- **John Lawrence**, Deputy Chief, Burlington Fire Department (NC)
- **Cody Lockwood**, Firefighter, District of Columbia Fire & EMS (DE)
- **Chris MacFarlane**, Firefighter, Lexington Fire Department (KY)
- **David Malo**, Senior Fire Medic, Des Moines Fire Department (IA)
- **Nicholas Mellinger**, Firefighter/Paramedic, Wheaton Fire Department (IL)
- **Brian O'Neill**, Battalion Chief, San Antonio Fire Department (TX)
- **Jeremy Potter**, Firefighter, Boise Fire Department (ID)
- **James Ray**, Battalion Chief, Tuscaloosa Fire Rescue (AL)
- **Glenn Schlessner**, Assistant Chief, Steger Estates Fire Protection District (IN)
- **Caleb Sherwood**, Master Technician, Winchester Fire and Rescue Department (WV)
- **Mark Smith**, Captain, Central Jackson County Fire Protection District (MO)
- **Reginald Smith**, Battalion Chief, Dekalb County Fire Rescue (GA)
- **Dylan Spotts**, Firefighter, Mahoning Township Fire Department (PA)
- **Brian Sullivan**, Battalion Chief, Virginia Beach Fire Department (VA)
- **Russell Thompson**, Fire Chief, Greenville Fire Department (OH)
- **Randall Wright**, Firefighter/Paramedic, Lansing Fire Department (IL)
- **Ken Zahara**, Lieutenant /Paramedic, West Chicago Fire Protection (IL)

Fire Explorer Scholarship awards:

- **Jackson Cantrell**, Explorer Post 299 (GA)
- **Jeannet Vargas**, Explorer Post 250 (NY)

“The Foundation is pleased to assist these dedicated men and women in pursuing higher education to further strengthen their careers as fire and emergency services professionals,” stated Anthony P. Campisi, IAFCF President and President/CEO of Glatfelter Insurance Group.

The IAFC Foundation provides scholarships that make it possible for fire and EMS first responders to access the advanced learning opportunities necessary to prepare for today’s complex world. The scholarship awards made by the IAFC Foundation impact the fire service and communities by providing first responders with the educational opportunities they need to lead the fire service and serve and protect our citizens.

For more information about the Foundation and to donate, please visit [www.iafcf.org](http://www.iafcf.org).