

NFFF Scholarship Partners

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (NFFF), in collaboration with its partners, offers educational assistance for spouses, life partners, children and stepchildren of firefighters honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Since 1997, the Foundation and its partners have awarded over \$4,000,000 in scholarships to Fire Hero Families.



**MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS
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**Motorola Solutions Foundation
Memorial Scholarship Fund**



**ICMA-RC Public Employee
Memorial Scholarship Fund**



**Global Health & Safety
Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund**



**National Association of State Fire Marshals
John Heinz Memorial Scholarship Fund**



Engine Company 5 Foundation Scholarship



Columbia Southern University Scholarship



For more information about the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's scholarships, or other sources of educational assistance through your state, including benefits available through the Public Safety Officer's Educational Benefit (PSOEA) program, visit www.firehero.org.



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When a firefighter dies in the line-of-duty, the family must adjust to life without their loved one. Many grieving spouses and partners are left to care for children without sufficient financial assistance. To support their family, they need additional job skills or education. Children left without a parent need to know they still can attain their educational dreams.

NFFF Sarbanes Scholarship Program

Spouses, life partners, children, and stepchildren of firefighters honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial are eligible to apply for the NFFF Sarbanes Scholarship Program and our partner programs. Scholarships are awarded for undergraduate and graduate studies, vocational-technical training, and certification and job training programs. They may be used for study at in-state or out-of-state public and private schools.

Alan Patrick Sondej Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Alan Patrick Sondej Memorial Scholarship Fund is the first NFFF scholarship fund that is designed to provide scholarships that satisfy the full four-year cost of college tuition, books and, where possible, room and board.

The inaugural Al Sondej scholarships were awarded in 2018. The scholarship awards made by the Al Sondej Fund will be issued on a bi-annual basis, meaning that every other year, a new freshman will receive a four-year commitment. Awards are based on an evaluation of academic achievement and need.

Eligibility Requirements

- 📖 Spouse, life partner, child or stepchild of a fallen firefighter honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial
- 📖 High school diploma or equivalency, or in the final year of high school
- 📖 Currently pursuing or planning to pursue undergraduate or graduate studies, a certification program, or job skills training at an accredited institution, online college or university
- 📖 Currently enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time or part-time student
- 📖 Minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or “C” average if pursuing an academic degree
- 📖 Children and stepchildren must be under age 30 and have been under age 22 at the time of the firefighter’s death.

“This Scholarship has lightened my financial burden allowing me to focus on learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community.”
– An NFFF Scholarship Recipient

Columbia Southern University Scholarship

Columbia Southern University (CSU) is proud to honor those who have served their communities. CSU will grant one scholarship to the spouse or partner of a firefighter who has been honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The scholarship will cover up to 60 hours in one online degree program with CSU. The scholarship award will be applied directly to the recipient’s tuition for up to three years or until the completion of the selected online degree program, whichever comes first.

For more information about the CSU Scholarship program, please call (800) 355-4977 or E-mail scholarships@columbiasouthern.edu.

Columbia Southern University, a completely online university, is also offering a 10% partnership discount to family members of a fallen firefighter honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

Complete Scholarship application packages must be postmarked and received by April 1.