

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SCHOLARSHIP FAQ

What is the Volunteer Firefighter Scholarship?

There is a shortage of volunteer firefighters, particularly in rural areas. The scholarship provides funds for individuals in any program at Ivy Tech Community College as long as they are an active volunteer firefighter or EMS personnel.

How long is the Scholarship available?

Ivy Tech Community College is planning to pilot funding the program for the next two academic years (2019-2020 and 2020-2021). The funding includes tuition and technology fees, but limited funds are available. Ivy Tech hopes the pilot program will provide information for the state of Indiana in hopes that they will fund a statewide program in the future.

Why is this opportunity so important to Ivy Tech Community College?

Public safety is a community need. As Indiana's Community College, Ivy Tech believes it is important to help public safety entities recruit and retain individuals who will keep our communities safe.

Who is eligible for the Scholarship?

Any individual who is a volunteer firefighter or a volunteer EMS personnel who meets Ivy Tech Community College's admissions criteria.

What other enrollment criteria is there?

The student must enroll as a "degree seeking" student. They can be existing Ivy Tech students or new enrollments. They can attend full-time or part-time and there is no credit hour limit (minimum or maximum) to take per semester. Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

Are there any exceptions?

Returning and current students must not have a balance with Ivy Tech Community College and must be SAP eligible. The scholarship will not pay for previous outstanding balances.

What if the student is a paid firefighter and a volunteer firefighter? Can they receive the scholarship?

No. This scholarship is intended to recruit individuals to become new volunteer firefighters and is intended for those individuals who work in another career, have to spend their own time getting trained as a firefighter or emergency management service worker, and don't get paid to do so.

What if the student already has a degree? Are they still eligible?

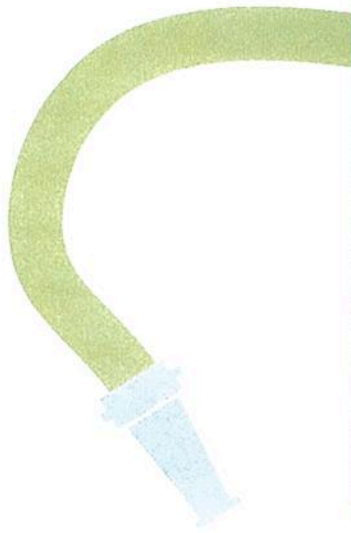
Yes, Ivy Tech Community College will provide scholarships to those individuals who are interested in changing careers if they enroll in a high-demand program for a particular community. However, since funds are limited, Ivy Tech reserves the right to prioritize those students who do not already have a degree on a case by case basis depending on the needs of the community.

In what programs can the student enroll?

The scholarship will cover tuition and technology fees for all for-credit programs at Ivy Tech Community College except flight, aviation and general studies.



We Need Volunteers.



7 out of **10**

firefighters and emergency responders are
volunteers, and your community needs
more volunteers like you.

If you've got the heart to serve your community in ways few can, we've got opportunities for you.

As Indiana's Community College, in partnership with the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association, we want to take care of the people who will keep our communities safe. If you become an active member of a volunteer fire or EMS service provider, serving as a volunteer firefighter or EMS responder, you can apply to most Ivy Tech programs offered and may receive free tuition while serving your community.

To learn more about the admissions process for our public safety scholarship, visit IvyTech.edu/volunteer or ivfa.org.



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