

Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen

Serving the volunteer fire service of Allegany, Erie, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties

SWAVF 2025 Scholarship

The Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen of the State of New York (SWAVF) and its Ladies Auxiliary are pleased to announce its community service scholarship program for 2025. This is open to all high school seniors who will graduate in 2025, and will be enrolling for full time study at an accredited institution of post-secondary study in the fall of 2025. Applicants must be either:

- (a) A member, junior member, ladies auxiliary member or Fire Explorer of a SWAVF member fire department or company. -OR-
- (b) Be a child or grandchild of an active member, ladies auxiliary member or exempt member of a SWAVF member fire department or company. -OR-
- (c) Be the child or grandchild of an officer, past officer, committee member, life member or annually registered member of the SWAVF or the SWAVF Ladies Auxiliary.

This year there will be one Southwestern Association of Volunteer Firemen's Scholarship awarded in the amount of \$800.00 and three SWAVF Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships awarded for \$150.00 each. The three Auxiliary Scholarships will be awarded to the top applicant from each county not represented by the SWAVF Firemen's Scholarship winner. Each applicant must submit the following:

1. Complete application form.
2. An acceptance letter from an accredited institution of post-secondary education.
3. A letter of recommendation from a school official familiar with both the breadth and depth of the student's community service efforts.
4. A second letter from a representative or supervisor of a community service organization attesting to the applicant's volunteer activities.
5. An essay of 300 to 500 words, describing the applicant's various community volunteer efforts.

Application forms will be available at www.SWAVF.com on December 15, 2024, and all application packets must be returned by USPS to Kim Heath, Scholarship Chairperson, 9483 Lake Shore Rd., Angola, NY 14006. Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2025.

Winners will be selected by the Scholarship Committee. The presentation of awards will take place at the 117 Annual Convention July 30 to August 2, 2025 being hosted by the Forestville Fire Department Inc. Winners will receive payment upon satisfactory completion of their first semester of full-time study. Please feel free to contact Kim Heath for further information by email at k.heath4278@gmail.com

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2025 Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____

County _____ Phone _____

Email _____

High School _____

School Address _____

Guidance Counselor _____ Phone _____

College you will attend in Fall of 2025 (attach acceptance letter)

Intended Major or Concentration of Study _____

Membership: (You must select at least one category to qualify to apply)

_____ I am a member/junior member/ladies auxiliary member/Fire Explorer
of a SWAVF member company/department in good standing.

Name of Company/Department _____

_____ I am the child/grandchild of an active or exempt member or ladies
auxiliary member of a SWAVF member fire company/department in good
standing.

Name of Parent/Grandparent _____

_____ I am the child/grandchild of an officer, past officer, life member,
Committee member or annually registered member of the SWAVF or
its Auxiliary.

Name of Parent/Grandparent _____

This completed application must be mailed together with the required 2 letters of
reference, college acceptance letter and a 300 to 500 word essay describing your
community volunteer activities to: Kim Heath, Scholarship Chairperson
9483 Lake Shore Rd., Angola, NY 14006

Postmark Deadline is April 15, 2025. No Exceptions