

## DAVID L WALLACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

This is a \$500.00 Scholarship given by his family in memory of Dave Wallace, a long-time volunteer firefighter. Graduating seniors of all Allegany County schools who meet the criteria are eligible.

1. Applicant must have at least one parent or legal guardian who is an active member of an Allegany County Volunteer Fire Department and who has been so for at least one year. **This will be certified by the Fire Department ACTIVE list submitted to the County Fire Service for 2026.**
2. Applicant must expect to further his/her education by attending a college, university or vocational school in the fall of this year. This need not be in New York State.
3. Applicant must submit an essay with a maximum of 2 pages on "What Involvement in the Volunteer Fire Service Means to Me". Student does not need to be a fire department member to qualify.
4. Applicants are to refrain from using proper names in the essay. Relationship or position are preferred – father, uncle, chief etc. Name of fire department and to be included on the separate sheet.

Essays are to be sent to the Volunteer Firemen's Association of Allegany County Scholarship Chairman at the address listed below by **May 15, 2026**. Student information including name, address, school, college plans and parent names and fire department affiliation are to be submitted **on a separate sheet**. **Students name should not appear on the front of the essay.**

A committee from the association will review the essays and choose the winner. There will be only one award chosen from within the schools in Allegany County. The award will be presented at the appropriate award or graduation ceremony.

The winner and his/her parents will be invited and encouraged to attend the county convention business meeting and dinner as our guests. The winner will also be invited to ride in the parade in July. A complete report of the scholarship winner will be given and check will be issued during the county convention. All submitted essays will be displayed with a photo in the Firemen's Building at the Allegany County Fair also in July. As soon as possible after the winner is selected the school will be notified so presentation arrangements can be made.

Any Questions can be referred to the Volunteer Firemen's Association Scholarship Chairman:

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