

Chief Nicholas J. Morosco Memorial Award



This award is presented in memory of the late Chief Nicholas J. Morosco who was a proud graduate of the Whitesboro Central School class of 2004. Born into a family of first responders, Nick dedicated his entire life to serving his community. Nick joined the Yorkville Fire Department as their first junior firefighter in 2002. Throughout his 22 years of service with them, he climbed through the ranks while exhibiting the definition of a true leader and mentor of the volunteer fire service. In addition to being an Assistant Fire Chief, he was also a New York State EMT, a New York State and Nationally Certified Fire Investigator, a New York State and Nationally Certified Fire Instructor, and an exceptional leader. As a firefighter with a goal of saving life and property, he was driven by an immense passion for the science behind the fire. He attended countless trainings and seminars to learn fire behavior, arson investigations and the reason behind the ignition, something that he did exceedingly well, all while mentoring his crew and sharing his knowledge. He lived for taking care of his department, creating a safe and fulfilling environment full of camaraderie and a sense of brotherhood. He was the coordinator for so many football Sundays at the station, parades, evenings of darts or cornhole, and cooking for his crew. He also spent many years working for the Town of New Hartford as a 911 dispatcher, as well as an Animal Control Officer for New Hartford Police Department. He was a well-respected mentor to many as he led his team with integrity, pride and an immense amount of unwavering dedication to all aspects of public safety. Nick had a huge heart and a passion for the volunteer fire service. On August 27th 2024, Nick passed away unexpectedly from a cardiac event

shortly after leaving the fire station. He is missed tremendously by his family, friends, fellow first responders and this entire community. This memorial award is presented to 2 graduating Whitesboro High School seniors who are currently serving their community as a first responder. These awards are valued at \$500.00 each.

Criteria for this award:

- Have a GPA of 85% or higher
- Must be in good standing as a first responder with a local volunteer fire service, meeting department requirements for response and training
- Provide a 500 word essay explaining why you joined the volunteer fire service, what your goals are as a first responder and what being a first responder means to you
- Provide 1 letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or coach
- Provide 1 letter of recommendation from a Line Officer from the fire department that you belong to, including a statement supporting proof of good standing
- Provide a copy of high school transcript
- Provide a completed application (attached)

Application and all requested documentation must be received no later than May 10th. Please mail to:

Ali Morosco-Davis

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For more information: 315-525-4025,

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Application

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- Full Name

- Address:

- Fire Department:

- Length of Service:

- Phone:

- Email:

- Please list any additional extra-curricular activities that you have participated in during grades 9-12:

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I hereby attest to the above information being accurate. I understand that references may be verified.

Signature:_____

_____Date:_____

Parent/Guardian:_____Date:_____

