

GUNS & HOSES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Guns & Hoses program has a long-standing tradition of bringing public safety agencies together through sporting events that support charitable causes. Building on that tradition, we launched the Guns & Hoses Softball Game at VMI as a way to unite the community and provide an opportunity for residents to see local police officers and firefighters outside of their everyday roles and uniforms.

Through the success of this event over the past two years, we have raised sufficient funds to establish the Guns & Hoses Memorial Scholarship in honor of past police officers and firefighters from our local community. All participants in the game are local first responders.

Each year, we will recognize and honor fallen members from each participating police and fire agency and dedicate the scholarship in their memory. Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to one graduating student from RCHS and one graduating student from PMHS who plan to pursue a career as a first responder.

The scholarship will be a one-time award payable to the trade school/vocational program/or college you attend. Applicants must be students of good character and be planning a career in Firefighting, EMS, Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice.

Criteria and Eligibility

1. Applicant must attend and graduate from Rockbridge County High School or Parry McCluer High school.
2. Applicant must be a graduating senior during the year of application
3. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
4. Applicant must plan to pursue a career as a Firefighter/EMS /Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice
5. Applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from a mentor/coach/teacher. (If you're currently a member of a fire department or rescue squad, please have the chief/Captain write you a letter of recommendation.)
6. Please attach a copy of your transcript.
7. Application is due to Ms. van Ravenswaay or Mr. Wheeler by April 1, 2026

Your Name:

Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:**

Phone: _____ **Email:**

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

What are your career plans? What made you interested in this profession?

Have you been involved in sports, extra-curricular activities or volunteer work in high school? If so, please describe:

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Have you ever or do you now belong to a fire/rescue department in Rockbridge County? If you do, which one?

If you've worked during high school, please list your past and present job(s).

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Please tell us about any special circumstances which would make you a particularly worthy candidate for this scholarship.

How would this scholarship help you achieve your career goals?

Please attach a letter of recommendation and your transcript to this application and turn in to Ms. van Ravenswaay no later than April 1, 2026.