Steese Paramedic Scholarship Program

The Steese Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (SVFD) has implemented a Paramedic Scholarship Program to assist its scholarship firefighter members in achieving a paramedic’s license to practice in Alaska. The primary purpose of this scholarship is to assist the SVFD in providing greater depth of knowledge in the medical staffing of volunteers.

This Paramedic Scholarship provides funding to an individual in the amount not to exceed $13,800 for the total duration of student’s participation in the CTC Paramedic program. This will be a receipt reimbursement process for the line item categories below and their amounts. The CTC Paramedic program will be the primary paramedic program considered for this scholarship, but correspondence and other programs will also be considered.

The scholarship will reimburse expenses for the following line items during the Fall and Spring semester, not to exceed $6,900 per semester:

- University Tuition Fees
- Material Fees
- University Fees
- Textbooks
- Parking Fee
- Meals

**Summer Ride-a-Long expenses**

There is no funding for this portion of the program at this time.

**The total possible funding is $13,800.**

**Intern Expectations:**

**During Paramedic Classes in Fall & Spring Semesters**

Individuals will participate in their assigned shift from the start of the program to completion of their ride-a-long when conflicts with their classes and studies do not occur.

Individuals are expected to periodically attend training sessions with their assigned shifts when not in conflict with paramedic classes or clinicals.

**After the Paramedic Ride-a-Long is completed**

Scholarship recipients must serve as a SVFD firefighter for one year after completion of their paramedic ride-a-long. Intern positions are not compensated.
Eligibility Requirements:
- Must be a Steese scholarship firefighter who has been active with the department for two years.
- Must be IFSAC FF1 certified.
- Must have completed an Associate of Applied Science degree in Fire Science.
- Must be functioning as a Steese medic at the EMT 1 level.
- Must be SVFD Jump Seat Qualified (JSQ) and active in both fire and ems responses.
- Must be insurable to drive/operate SVFD apparatus/vehicles.

Selection of Scholarship Recipients:
- The program is subject to the availability of funds.
- Applicants for the program will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Recipients Not Meeting the Scholarship Program Benchmarks:
- Individuals not completing the one-year commitment to the fire department after their ride-a-long must reimburse the program on a pro-rated basis within six months of exiting the department.
- Individuals failing the Paramedic program must reimburse the department within six months of exiting the Paramedic program or exiting the department, whichever comes first.

Application Procedure:
1. Cover Letter – a written request to be considered for the Paramedic Scholarship Program.
2. Complete the Paramedic Academy Scholarship Application
3. Submit the above documentation to the Program Coordinator overseeing the program before March 1st.