

Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors

William E. Clark Scholarship Application Instructions and Selection Guidelines

In 1994, the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Society of Fire Service Instructors decided to establish a training scholarship program. The scholarship fund was named after William E. Clark, a Wisconsin fire service training pioneer. Two awards (\$2500.00 and \$1000.00) will be granted for use during the 2025/2026 school year. These individual scholarships will be given to students enrolled in an Associate Degree, Bachelor's Degree, or Master's Degree program. The scholarships aim to further the fire service education of members of the Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors or their dependents.

1. Please follow all application instructions carefully; incomplete and illegible applications will not be considered.
2. Applicants must be Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors (WSESI) members or their dependents. (Applicant or sponsor must have three years active membership)
3. Applicants will be screened for those who desire Associate, Baccalaureate, or Master's degrees in fire-related areas, such as fire administration, fire science, or public administration.
4. Leadership abilities, financial need, academic capability, and personal goals to serve the public are areas that will be judged by the Scholarship Committee.
5. All award monies will be sent directly to the school of entry in the selected individual's name after class acceptance and must be used between August 2025 and September 2026.
6. Awardees will be eligible to apply for additional assistance in succeeding years.
7. All applicants are required to submit their most recent high school and college transcripts, along with a one-page autobiographical sketch. The sketch should include details about any fire-related courses you have taken, as well as your future career goals related to fire service education and associated costs.
8. Applications will be screened, and three scholarship committee members may interview a field of selected candidates. Their recommendations will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees of the William E. Clark Memorial Education Endowment Fund Charitable Trust, whose decision for awards will be final.
9. All applications must be received by April 1, 2025. The Board of Trustees of the William E. Clark Memorial Education Endowment Fund Charitable Trust will make the final decision at its spring meeting based on the Scholarship Committee's recommendation, and successful students will be notified.

Please submit the completed application form, autobiographical sketch, and any other pertinent information to:

Wisconsin Society of Emergency Services Instructors
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P O Box 764
Oshkosh WI 54903

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William E. Clark Scholarship Application

Name _____

Address _____

Birthdate _____ Phone Number _____

If not a WSESI Member, Family Member's Name _____

List All Schools Attended:

Grade School _____ Dates Attended _____ Graduated _____

High School _____ Dates Attended _____ Graduated _____

College / University _____ Dates Attended _____ Graduated _____

College or University Planning to Attend _____ Subject _____

Significant Activities or Special Interests _____

Present Occupation / Title _____

Employer: _____

Employer's Address _____

Have you received a previous award? _____ Y/N

Are you currently receiving Financial Assistance from another source? _____ Y/N

If yes, specify the source – For example, grants, loans, veteran's benefits, etc.:

How would this Scholarship benefit you and your department /organization?

In what way have you demonstrated a commitment to fire safety education or policy advocacy?

Describe how you have been involved in any community initiatives, programs, or training efforts related to the fire service.

Required Attachments:

1. Certified transcripts (high school, college)
2. Using the questions above, please provide a detailed one-page autobiographical sketch. Include information about the fire-related courses you have taken and your future career goals related to fire service education and their costs.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____