

IGNITE: Women of the Madison Fire Department Scholarship

Scholarship Overview:

IGNITE: Women of the Madison Fire Department established this scholarship to honor retired Madison Fire lieutenant Jan Jefferson. Jan was a trailblazer for women in the fire service. In 1980, Jan was selected by the Madison Fire Department to be in the first recruit class that included women. As a member of MFD, Jan was not only a firefighter, but also a paramedic and a lieutenant.

The IGNITE: Women of the Madison Fire Department Scholarship will honor her legacy and commitment to the Madison Fire Department and inspire the next generation of women in fire and EMS.

Scholarship Criteria:

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

1. Identify as a woman.
2. Be a Wisconsin resident.
3. Must be 18 years old at time of scholarship application.
4. Have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
5. Be enrolled part-time or full-time in an accredited Fire Science or EMS degree program or course.
6. Provide a copy of high school or college transcripts, whichever is most recent.
7. Must submit a complete application, including required essay questions and at least one letter of recommendation from a mentor or teacher.
8. The applicant must attend a formal interview with the IGNITE Scholarship Committee.

Members of IGNITE: Women of the Madison Fire Department are not eligible for this scholarship.

The scholarship application is due May 31, 2022.

Gift Arrangement: The scholarship award is for \$500 per academic semester. A student may be awarded the scholarship for two consecutive semesters. The scholarship award will be sent to the Bursar's Office of the education institution the student will be attending.

*****For questions regarding this scholarship, contact IGNITE: Women of the Madison Fire Department at ignitewmfd@gmail.com*****

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Personal Information:

Applicant Name: _____ (Last) (First)(MI)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: ____ - ____ - _____

Email: _____

Academic Information:

High School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: ____ - ____ - _____

Final Cumulative GPA: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Date of GED/HSED Certification: _____ (A copy of your high school transcript must be attached to this application form for scholarship consideration, unless already a college student).

College: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: ____ - ____ - _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

(If you are currently enrolled in college, you may submit college transcripts in lieu of high school transcripts).

Post-Secondary Educational Institution Accepted to:

Degree Program or Course Enrolled In:

Address of Institution:

_____ City:

_____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: ____ - ____ - _____

Semester you are applying for the scholarship:

Please check one: Fall: _____ Spring: _____

Plan to attend: Full-time: _____ Part-time: _____

Please list extracurricular community involvement and/or volunteer activities you have participated in. Please include dates:

Essay Questions (submit a minimum of one page per question, no more than two pages per question):

1. Why are you applying for this scholarship? What led you to become interested in pursuing a career in the Fire and EMS Services?
2. Matters of mental health were important to Jan Jefferson. How is mental health an issue for first responders (e.g. firefighters, EMTs, paramedics)? What are some unique challenges first responders face regarding mental health issues in the communities they serve? What are challenges first responders face regarding their own mental health? Please elaborate on ways first responders can take better care of themselves and their mental wellbeing.

Family and Financial Information:

Are you a single Parent? Yes No
Do you live with your parents? Yes No
Do you live on your own? Yes No
Number of people in your family (Number includes Applicant): _____
What is your race/ethnic heritage? (check one or any combination)
 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian or Pacific Islander
 Black, not of Hispanic origin
 Hispanic
 White, not of Hispanic origin
 Other (Please Explain)

Financial Information:

Employer: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Name of Supervisor: _____ Phone: _____
I am currently working: Full-time Part-time
Do you plan to work while attending school? Yes No
If yes, please check one: Full-time Part-time

Please check your household income for past year:

_____ \$0 -\$9,000 _____ \$9,000 -\$15,000 _____ \$15,000 -\$21,000
_____ \$21,000 -\$27,000 _____ \$27,000 and above

Do you have any unusual financial hardships that you feel should be considered?

(Please explain):

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I, _____ (Applicant Name – Please Print), understand that if I am selected for the IGNITE: Women of the Madison Fire Department Scholarship, this money will be used to meet my educational expenses only. I authorize IGNITE: Women of the Madison Fire Department and the IGNITE Scholarship Committee, to have access to all information related to my eligibility for this award.

I understand that if any information on this application be found to be misleading or fraudulent, I automatically forfeit the scholarship. The IGNITE Scholarship Committee and IGNITE: Women of the Madison Fire Department may use my name and likeness in news releases, social media, and websites belonging to and associated with IGNITE: Women of the Madison Fire Department.

I also understand that the selection of a scholarship is at the discretion of the IGNITE Scholarship Committee or its designee.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

***Scholarship application and required documents are due May 31, 2022. You can mail the completed application materials to:**

**IGNITE WMFD
PO Box 1884
Madison, WI 53701-1884**