Helping Those Who Help Us

The IAFF Charitable Foundation’s mission is to support and protect the health, safety and welfare of fire fighters and paramedics and their families. The Foundation is dedicated to assisting IAFF members who put their lives on the line to save others.

The IAFF Charitable Foundation combines five critically important charities under one umbrella:

- Burn Fund
- Disaster Relief Fund
- Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Fund
- John P. Redmond Health and Safety Fund
- W.H. “Howie” McClennan Scholarship Fund

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The W.H. “Howie” McClennan Scholarship Fund is named after IAFF General President William “Howie” McClennan, who began his career as a fire fighter with the Boston Fire Department in 1942.

McClennan held a true passion for trade unionism and an aspiration to speak up for his brothers and sisters in the fire service. He was elected and served as General President of the IAFF from 1968-1980.

Administered by the IAFF Charitable Foundation, the McClennan Scholarship Fund was established in 1977 to provide financial assistance to children of IAFF members killed in the line of duty to pursue post-secondary education.

Scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of $2,500 per year for up to four years.

Student Stories

“Throughout my life, I have always heard that if you find a job you love, you will never work a day in your life. I believe that by continuing my education, I’m on the path to finding that job I’ll love.”

— Kevin Wilkinson, Political Science major, American University

“I had to make a choice in life: allow this tragedy [my father’s death] to define me as a person or live the rest of my life in a way that would make my father proud.”

— Karina Alfaro, Digital Graphics major, University of Maryland

“I want to make a difference in the world. That is what my dad chose to do with his life and he gave his life for that cause. I would only be so lucky to be half the person he was and follow in his footsteps.”

— Nicole Herman, UCLA graduate

How to Apply

Eligibility: Biological or legally adopted children of IAFF members killed in the line of duty.

Download a scholarship application at www.iaff.org/scholarships

Application Requirements: Include the following with your application:

- Official school transcript (current or most recently attended).
- Brief statement (200 words) explaining reasons for wanting to continue your education.
- Two letters of recommendation (from a teacher, counselor, clergy, work supervisor, etc.)

Letters of recommendation can not be from immediate family members, close family friends, blood relatives or relationships by marriage.

Application Deadline: February 1

Send completed applications to:

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