Local Academic Scholarship

Academic Scholarship Application Information for the SFPE Greater Atlanta Chapter Foundation Local Scholarship Award

The SFPE Greater Atlanta Chapter (SFPE GAC) Foundation seeks candidates, who are engaged part-time, including long-distance learning, in obtaining a fire protection engineering or engineering technology degree, to receive an scholarship award from the Chapter Scholarship fundSFPE GAC Foundation. The Chapter Scholarship CommitteeSFPE GAC Foundation will award one or more academic scholarships of at least \$1,000 to deserving applicants based on requirements set forth below.

The actual number of the scholarships awarded will be determined by the Committee Foundation based on the total number of qualified applicants, the total funds available for award, and other relevant factors established by the Committee Foundation. Other criteria that may be considered in the award of a scholarship include including financial need, past academic achievements, community involvement, and association with fire protection. Each case will be evaluated separately on the basis of all facts submitted, with a qualitative rather than quantitative emphasis.

The Local Scholarship is open to part-time students, residing in the geographic area served by the Chapter, who are enrolled in an approved fire protection/fire safety engineering, or fire protection/fire safety engineering technology, or other approved fire engineering/technology program at an accredited university and who are actively matriculating towards either an undergraduate or graduate degree with a minimum of 30 undergraduate credit hours earned or graduate degree (no minimum of credit hours required). The following programs are currently pre-approved by the Chapter:

▲ University of Maryland: BS-FPE, ME-FPE

▲ Worcester Polytechnic Institute: MS-FPE

▲ California Polytechnic State University: MS-FPE

▲ Oklahoma State University: BS-FPET

▲ Eastern Kentucky University: BS-FPET

▲ UNC Charlotte: BS-FPET, MS-FPET (Fire Protection)

Other academic programs may also be approved upon submission of relevant course of study program curricula with the scholarship application.

The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to promote the development of fire protection engineers and professionals in the fire protection industry who are from and/or desire to work in the Southeastern United States, preferably in the Greater Atlanta area. Accordingly, all scholarship awards will be based on consideration of the following:

- ▲ Permanent residence in the geographic area served by the SFPE GAC Preferably from, or planning to relocate to, the Southeastern United States.
- ▲ Demonstrates a sincere interest in pursuing a career in fire protection engineering.
- ▲ Enrolled as a full-time student in a fire protection/<u>fire safety</u> engineering or fire protection engineering/<u>fire safety</u> technology curriculum leading to a Bachelor's or Master's degree-<u>fire</u> protection engineering or fire protection engineering technology.
- ▲ Will have completed a minimum of 30 <u>undergraduate</u> credit hours <u>(if undergraduate student)</u> by the date of application submission.

Although candidates who are either from the Southeastern United States or who show a desire to relocate there after graduation will be given preference over others, the award of a scholarship is not limited by this geographical preference. All candidates must submit the following by the application deadline for consideration:

- ▲ Completed SFPE Greater Atlanta Chapter GAC FOundation Academic Scholarship application.
- A copy of your academic transcript of all undergraduate and graduate programs.
- ▲ A confidential Letter of Recommendation from your School Advisor, Guidance Counselor, or Program Chairperson mailed sent directly to the Committee Foundation.
- ▲ Proof of permanent residence in the geographical area served by the SFPE Greater Atlanta ChapterGAC.
- ▲ Proof of SFPE membership, including student chapter membership.
- ▲ Relevant course of study program curricula (if not enrolled in one of the pre-approved programs identified above).
- ▲ Any other information the applicant feels would assist the Committee Foundation in the selection process.

Applications will be available on or about January 1 of each year. Completed Applications with Letter of Introduction from the student and the Letter of Recommendation from the faculty advisor shall be <u>received</u> no later than <u>midnight (EST)</u> February 28 of each year. All submissions shall be electronic via email.

The scholarship is awarded without regard to race, color, creed, ethnic background, gender, or physical capabilities. The Chapter is under no obligation to award any scholarships.