

Kensington Volunteer Fire Department

V-FIRE College Scholarship Program



The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) announces it had been awarded a federal grant, which will allow for college tuition to be awarded to chosen qualifying students in exchange for volunteer EMT, Paramedic or Fire Fighter training / duty to KVFD.

- Any student that plans to attend a Washington, DC-area accredited college is welcome to apply. (College must be within commuting distance of the KVFD)
- All fields of study are accepted. (Priority will be given to those seeking Fire Science, EMT/Paramedic or related degrees)
- Up to \$4,500 offered per semester (or \$9,000 per academic year), plus books and mandatory fees, for up to 4 semesters or 2 academic years. (Must re-apply each semester.)
- Students may choose to live in the fire house, free of charge. Trainee or duty status must begin before or when tuition is paid.
- For every **semester** that tuition is awarded, the student must complete duty service for KVFD as follows (*double these amounts for an **academic year** of two semesters*):
 - Students choosing to **live in** the fire house must complete a total of (208) 12-hour “riding” shifts within a **12-month** period.
 - Students choosing **not to live in** the fire house must complete the same total of (208) 12-hour “riding” shifts within an **18-month** period.
 - Trainee shifts count towards these required shifts.

Student must first apply for membership within KVFD. Application process consists of an interview, reference check, background check, physical and attendance at an upcoming company meeting for swearing-in ceremony. Once a member (and maintaining membership in good standing), student may apply for scholarship program benefits. Preference will be giving to new members; however, current members are also eligible. **All EMT, paramedic and fire fighter training is provided.** (EMT is mandatory; paramedic & FF are optional but preferred).

Student must first be accepted into chosen accredited college before scholarship is awarded and tuition paid. Tuition grant is paid directly to the college in most cases.

This is only a guide. Terms of Agreement govern.

For more information on the KVFD's scholarship program, or for general information on joining KVFD, please contact KVFD Recruiter, Karen Ralston, at kralston@kvfd.org or 240-472-5832.

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