

IAFF Local 1071

Elvis Reyes Memorial Scholarship

Introduction:

The IAFF Local 1071 Elvis Reyes Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of City of Rochester Firefighter Elvis Reyes, who died in the line of duty on September 21, 2022. Elvis was a profound example of what it means to be a civil servant, having spent 20 years with the Rochester Fire Department. In addition to this he volunteered time training Firefighters in the Dominican Republic, and bringing equipment to Puerto Rico for those in need. He received multiple awards for rescues both locally and abroad. His commitment to the residents of the City of Rochester and his community was second to none, both on duty and in his free time. Elvis was there for everyone he came across; always willing to give a helpful hand, bring comic relief, and joy.

Scholarship Opportunities:

This year the IAFF Local 1071 will be awarding **5 Elvis Reyes Memorial scholarships**; each scholarship will be for a **\$2000**.

- 3 scholarships will be awarded to **Rochester Central School District Students**.
- 2 scholarships will be awarded to **IAFF 1071 Members' children**.

Rochester Fire Fighters Local 1071:

Rochester Fire Fighters Local 1071 was founded in 1950 and currently represents 482 Active Fire Fighters of the Rochester Fire Department. The men and women of Rochester Fire Fighters Local 1071 are highly trained to respond to various incidents. These including structure fires, EMS, Fire Investigation, hazardous materials, rope rescue, structural collapse, confined space, swift water rescue, ice rescue, and accident victim extrication. In addition, our members provide fire prevention, fire safety education and training, operate a smoke detector installation program and are available to the citizens of Rochester 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Rochester Fire Fighters Association Local 1071 Scholarship fund was established in 2021 as a way to give back to the community that has given so much to the men and women who serve the Rochester Fire Department. We want to assist these individuals as they advance their education, and help shape the Rochester youth and community. The members of Local 1071 are also involved in many charities including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Retired Professional Fire Fighters Cancer Fund, and Operation Warm.

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Applicant Requirements:

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Completed application must be submitted to IAFF Local 1071 Scholarship Committee at 65 Hudson Ave, Rochester, NY 14605 by May 15, 2026.

ELIGIBILITY:

RCSD/ CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANTS:

The scholarship is open to all seniors graduating from a Rochester City School District High School, or residing in the city of Rochester who followed all the rules, regulations and procedures of his/her school.

1071 MEMBER APPLICANTS:

The application is open to any senior graduating from high school, who is the son or daughter of a current dues paying member in good standing with Rochester Fire Fighters Association IAFF Local 1071. The parent must be an active member with IAFF Local 1071 at the time of application.

CRITERIA:

Applicant must demonstrate the ability to succeed in college, technical or trade school, or other post high school advancement program. This is most frequently demonstrated by a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (out of 4.0) or excelling in a particular subject area or skill set. Preference will be given to applicants who demonstrate a diverse range of extracurricular activity participation, compose a compelling personal essay, and provide letters of recommendation indicating success from individuals who have seen first-hand the positive affect the applicant has had on the people around them and the community.

Applicants must submit a complete application packet, which includes:

- The completed application form with a personal statement/essay
- Two references, one must be from a school official (Teacher, Coach, Principal, etc.). References from a relative or family member are not permissible.
- Official sealed high school transcripts or electronic equivalent sent to Scholarship.iaff@gmail.com by high school official. Transcripts must be received by the May 15 deadline.
- Acceptance letter from the college, technical or trade school, or other post high school advancement program (if unavailable, the student must provide proof of acceptance prior to July 1st, 2026)

AWARD:

If selected for the scholarship, the student will be awarded a check for **\$2000**. A copy of the student's "Letter of Intent" from the college, or post high school advancement program he/she is attending must be submitted prior to disbursement of the funds. Please email us at Scholarship.iaff1071@gmail.com if you have any questions.

2026 APPLICATION FORM:

Application Applying For (RCSD or IAFF MEMBER): _____

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

Address: *(Street)* _____

(City) _____ *(State)* _____ *(Zip code)* _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Please list any extracurricular activities in which you are involved with including employment, volunteer work, sports, community groups, or hobbies. Please include how long you have been involved with them.

Intended area of study or trade: _____

Please list below the college or program you will be attending or have been accepted into. Acceptance letter or letter of intent from the program is required if award is made:

Please list any other scholarships/ grants you are receiving, applied for, or have won:

Number of persons in household (including yourself): _____

My gross family income is: (please check or circle)

- ☐ Less than \$29,999
- ☐ \$30,000 to \$59,999
- ☐ \$60,000 to \$89,999
- ☐ Above \$90,000

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT/ ESSAY

Please write an essay (500-1500 words) that answers **both** questions below:

1. Explain how you have helped your family or made your community a better place to live. Please provide specific examples.
2. What are your specific educational plans and career goals, why have you decided on these plans and goals?

Typed responses are preferred

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM: REFERENCE 1 (FROM SCHOOL OFFICIAL)

Applicant's Name: _____

Person providing letter of recommendation:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ Zipcode: _____

Contact Information:

Work Phone Number: _____

Personal Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

How do you know the applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant: _____ Since: _____ (month/year)

Highest grade point average a student can attain at your High School: _____

Why should the applicant be considered for this scholarship?

Within two or three paragraphs please state examples of the applicant's ability to work at the college level or excel in another post high school advancement program and their ability to make a positive impact and those around them. *(Typed responses are preferred)*

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM: REFERENCE 2

Applicant's Name: _____

Person providing letter of recommendation:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ Zipcode: _____

Contact Information:

Work Phone Number: _____

Personal Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

How do you know the applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant: _____ Since: _____ (month/year)

Why should the applicant be considered for this scholarship?

Within two to three paragraphs please state examples of the applicant's ability to work at the college level or excel in another post high school advancement program and their ability to make a positive impact and those around them. *(Typed responses are preferred)*

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST:

To be submitted with application

CHECKLIST:

- Completed application form
- Applicant personal statement/essay
- Recommendation Letter 1 (from school official)
- Recommendation Letter 2
- Signed commitment statement
- Official, sealed, high school transcripts
- Acceptance letter from college or post high school advancement program (if available)

APPLICANTS COMMITMENT STATEMENT:

If awarded the scholarship, I will be invited to receive the scholarship in person at the Rochester Firefighters Local 1071 Charity Golf Tournament or Local 1071 Union Hall and agree to be photographed. Photographs will be used in the organization's materials and on its website to help increase its ability to help additional students.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Rules governing scholarship assistance are as follows:

1. No distinction as to race, color, creed, sex, rank of parent/legal guardian, association with City of Rochester or Rochester Fire Fighters Local 1071 shall be drawn in granting of scholarships.
2. The candidate must be a graduating high school senior in 2026.
3. The candidate must be accepted at an accredited post secondary institution and provide proof of acceptance prior to 1071 charity golf tournament
5. No request for assistance will be considered until the candidate has provided a complete application. Failure to complete the application in full and submit by deadline will result in disqualification.
6. Scholarships will be paid directly to the applicant and will be used towards school related expenses such as tuition, books, room and board, etc.
7. All scholarships are a onetime payment for the first year of attendance.
8. Completed applications must be post marked no later than May 15, 2026
9. No member may serve on the scholarship selection committee who has a child/relative applying for this scholarship.

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