**Mike Corley Scholarship ✯ 2023 Application Packet**

**Who is eligible to apply?**

* Active, non-probationary and/or exempt members of the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD), including ERV Explorers.
* Children, grandchildren or spouses of active, non-probationary and/or exempt members of FVFD.
* Qualified Resident Volunteer Firefighters and Resident Intern Firefighters.

**Applicants must be enrolled and already attending one of the following accredited scholastic institutions:**

* University
* Junior/Community College
* Technical Trade School

**Applicants must fully complete the application in its *entirety* and include in the *following* *order:***

* A cover letter introducing yourself and outlining your future personal and career goals. Also include any FVFD activity you’ve been involved in or related community service you’ve performed or volunteered for.
* FVFD Scholarship Application form (see attached).
* Verification of acceptance or proof of enrollment from the institution you plan to or are currently attending, showing a minimum of six enrolled units.
* A copy of current transcripts showing a cumulative overall GPA of at least 2.0.
* Two current letters of recommendation: One from a faculty member and the other from a personal friend or associate
* A professional resume including all academic and work history, as well as community service or volunteer time.

**Priority will be given in the following order:**

* FVFD High School seniors
* First time applicants
* Previously non-awarded applicants
* Previously awarded applicants
* Active members will be given priority over Exempt members.
* Applicants who have or are scheduled to help with the FVFD Mike Corley Scholarship Rodeo booth (or related fundraising event if residing out of the area), will be given additional consideration.
* Applicants that are pursuing public service careers; Fire, Police and medical fields will be given additional consideration.

**The Mike Corley Scholarship applications will be evaluated based on the following:**

* Verification of the relationship to a FVFD Active or exempt member
* Financial need
* Purpose and plans for higher education
* Personal background, academic and work history, career goals, and references
* Community service participation
* Proof of acceptance from the institution you plan to attend.
* Students must maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, for continued eligibility.

**Application opening and closing dates:**

The Mike Corley Scholarship Committee will begin accepting applications on March 1st, 2023 and the process closes on May 1st, 2023. Applications postmarked after May 1st, 2023 will ***not*** be considered and shall be returned to sender. Also, hand delivered applications will ***not*** be considered. In order to be accepted, all applications ***must be*** mailed (to the below address) and postmarked. The recipient(s) of the Mike Corley Scholarship will be notified of their award and its amount by July 1st, 2023. Please include a recent photo for use in the newspaper, if awarded (photos will not be returned). Fire Explorers and Resident/Intern pictures shall be in uniform.

**Mail your application to:**

**Mike Corley Scholarship  
c/o Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department  
320 So. Fortuna Boulevard  
Fortuna, CA 95540**

**Recipients of this scholarship will receive disbursements per semester or per quarter. All disbursements will be made directly to the student at the FVFD’s discretion on or before the start of the school year.**

***The money received is to be used to cover educational costs only!***

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

*Please provide a wallet sized photo. It will be used for publication in the newspaper if applicant receives an award. This photo will not be returned.*

Name:   
 *(Last, First, Middle initial)*

Address:

*(Street/P.O. Box, City, State and Zip)*

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Parent’s Name:   
 *(Last, First, Middle initial)*

Parent’s Address:

*(Street/P.O. Box, City, State and Zip)*

Name of FVFD Member: { } Active { } Exempt

Company #:

**REFERENCES**

Name of faculty member who wrote your reference letter:

Contact information:

*(Address, e-mail, or phone number)*

Name of personal friend who wrote your reference letter:

Contact information:

*(Address, e-mail, or phone number)*

List any FVFD fundraisers or functions you have helped with, or other community service:

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

School I plan on attending is a: { } 2 year college { } 4 year university { } Trade/Vocational

Name of school:

Address:   
 *(Street/P.O. Box, City, State and Zip)*

Major or field of study:

Expected start date: Expected graduation date:

School now attending: Units completed:

Address:   
 *(Street/P.O. Box, City, State and Zip)*

Have you been elected to a high school or college scholarship society?

If yes, please name society(s):

Please list any high school or college student body offices you have held:

What honors have you received?

Please list any extracurricular activities you have participated in (high school or college):

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**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Applicant’s present employer(s):

Address:

Hours worked per week: Estimated annual income:

Mother’s occupation: Employer:

Father’s occupation: Employer:

Number of family members in your home, including yourself:

Estimated financial contribution by student: Parents:

Please list any additional source of income:

If you are the recipient of any other scholarship(s), please list the scholarship and the amount:

**ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS**

Tuition: Books & Materials: Room & Board:

***I hereby attest that the afore mentioned information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understanding.***

***Applicant signature Date***