

Mike Corley Scholarship ★ Application Packet

Who is eligible to apply?

- Active, non-probationary and/or exempt members of the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD), including Fortuna Jr. Firefighters and 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, of the current year **and the process closes on May 1st, of the current year.** Applications postmarked after May 1st, 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, of the current year. Please include a recent photo for use in the newspaper, if awarded (photos will not be returned). Jr. Firefighters 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

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)

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 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