

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS

2024 South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo/Annual Conference Grant

PURPOSE: To provide a sponsorship to a member department of the Western North Carolina Association of Firefighters (WNCAF) that wishes to send representation to the 2024 South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo and joint annual conferences of the North Carolina State Firefighters' Association and the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs. It is the intent of the WNCAF to offer this opportunity to someone who has not attended the conference in the past. However, the scholarship will be awarded to a member department to choose the attendee.

Raleigh Convention Center – **August 7 - 10, 2024**

For conference details visit: www.southatlanticfirerescueexpo.com

Each year, fire-rescue service personnel from all over North Carolina come together for skill building and learning sessions that will help them serve their communities to the fullest. The annual conference is an opportunity to refresh the skills needed every day, learn new approaches and techniques, and network with others in the fire-rescue service industry from all over North Carolina and other South Atlantic states. Conference attendees participate in a variety of informational programs, instructional programs and training opportunities coupled along with the experience of one of the largest expositions in the fire-rescue service industry.

The WNCAF Executive Board will accept applications (by email or postal service) up to (postmarked) **December 31, 2023** and will select the grant recipient based upon the **demonstrated interest and financial need of the member department**. The grant recipient will be contacted by **January 12, 2024** and announced at the January WNCAF meeting. *(The WNCAF Treasurer will coordinate with recipients to award the grant money). {Departments awarded the Scholarship are only eligible every 5 years}.*

Please answer the following questions and submit to address below:

Western North Carolina Association of Firefighters - Secretary
103 South Avenue
Swannanoa, NC 28778
ATTN: CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

Department Name: _____ **County:** _____

Department Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Contact #:** _____

Contact E-Mail Address: _____



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS

1. Has a member of your department attended a quarterly meeting of the WNCAFF within the past 12-months?
(Circle all that apply)

January 2023

April 2023

July 2023

October 2023

If not, please explain why: _____

2. Has a member of your department ever attended the South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo and joint annual conference of both the North Carolina State Firefighters' Association and the North Carolina Association of Fire Chiefs?

YES

NO

If not, please explain why: _____

3. What is the annual operating budget of your department? _____

4. How many personnel are on your department's roster? _____

5. Briefly explain your department's financial need for this grant:

6. Briefly explain why your department should be selected for this grant:

7. How can the WNCAFF be of better help to your department?

Fire Chief Signature: _____ Date: _____

Board President/Manager/Mayor Signature: _____ Date: _____