

**ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS  
EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE  
VOLUNTEER SCHOLARSHIP**

Annually, as approved by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Association of Fire Chiefs, a set number of scholarships will be awarded to Chiefs or Chief Officers of an Alabama Volunteer Fire Department. Whenever possible, this scholarship award will include lodging for the conference dates and full conference registration.

**AWARD CRITERIA**

A volunteer fire chief or chief officer is one who earns his or her principal livelihood by some means other than serving as a fire chief or chief officer, even if the position carries some compensation.

To be eligible, the chief or chief officer must be eligible for a volunteer membership rate as defined by the AAFC Constitution and By-Laws.

Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible for award.

Selection criteria will be based on demonstrated leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, service to the public and contributions to their department and the fire service as a whole.

Selected recipients must agree to join the AAFC as an active member (\$25.00) for the year of the conference scholarship.

**APPLICATION PROCESS AND PERIOD**

The application must include the following:

1. Fully completed and signed application form (attached)
2. 200-250 words typed essay on Benefits of Attending FCEDC
3. Letter(s) of reference (*Optional*). Can be from peers or department supervisor (the Fire Chief if applicant is a chief officer; the Mayor, Board President, or County Assoc. President if applicant is Fire Chief)
4. Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae
5. At least one reference who is a current AAFC Member in good standing

The application period shall open on November 1 and close on December 15, annually.

Completed application packages may be submitted by mail to AAFC, 151 Hutcheson Drive, Phil Campbell, AL 35581 or by email to [info@alfirechiefs.com](mailto:info@alfirechiefs.com). All application information should be typed and received no later than December 15 prior to the conference.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Each completed application will be reviewed by the AAFC Nominations Committee. The AAFC reserves the right to omit any application for just cause. The winner(s) will be contacted for award acceptance prior to January 15 preceded the Fire Chiefs Executive Development Conference.

The scholarship recipient(s) will receive a full conference registration and lodging at one of the conference hotels. Recipient(s) will be required to attend the Meet & Greet following the pre-conference business meeting. Unless otherwise notified, the recipient will be responsible for his or her own meal and travel expenses.

AAFC FIRE CHIEFS EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE  
VOLUNTEER CHIEF/CHIEF OFFICER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Year of Conference:** February of 20\_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AAFC Member for Reference:** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended an AAFC Conference? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had an active AAFC Membership? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended any of the following (check all that apply):

Alabama Firefighter's Association Conference? \_\_\_\_\_

Alabama Association of Volunteer Fire Departments Conference? \_\_\_\_\_

Alabama Fire College Weekend? \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a current resume or curriculum vitae along with any letters of reference (as listed in the application process above). Reference letters may include, but aren't limited to, the following: Fire Service Experience, Education (fire service and formal), Professional Development, Community Involvement, Special Fire Service Projects, Statements of Character.

By checking this box and signing below, I agree that all above and attached information is true to the best of my knowledge, and I am aware that if I awarded a scholarship by the AAFC, I must be a member of the AAFC (\$25 for VFDs) at the time of the conference.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date