

NEW YORK STATE VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Objective: Provide a recruitment incentive by offering college scholarships to men and women who join volunteer fire departments and ambulance squads.

Administering Agency: NYS Higher Education Services Corporation

Specific Program URL: www.hesc.org

NYS Object Code: NA

Year Established: 2002

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NY Education Law, Section 669-C

Regulation: NA

Program Contact:

HESC Scholarship Unit
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Fiscal Contact:

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Eligibility: Volunteer firefighters & ambulance personnel who: (1) have been NYS residents for at least one year; (2) are enrolled in an approved undergraduate degree program in NYS; (3) have a course load of at least six credits per term; (4) if 23 years of age or older, have less than six months of volunteer service at time of initial award; (5) are not in possession of a baccalaureate degree or higher; (6) are attending a school/institution within 50 miles of volunteer organization, or if no college available within 50 mile limit, the nearest college/institution; (7) have a high school diploma or equivalent; and (8) have applied for state and federal financial aid.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Student financial aid for NY residents enrolled in undergraduate degree programs at approved institutions in NYS.

Action Required to Receive Aid: The volunteer organization distributes applications and selects one eligible candidate per year and submits the completed application to NYSHESC. Volunteer organization means ambulance company as defined in section three of the volunteer ambulance worker's benefit law or fire company as defined in section three of the volunteer firefighters law.

Description of Aid:

Flow of Funds: State to school/institution. Payment will be made on behalf of students upon certification of eligibility. Awards will equal the amount of tuition, reduced by any tuition-based grant, but cannot exceed the amount of tuition charged by the State University of New York. Recipients will continue to receive benefits as long as they are continuously enrolled, meet the eligibility requirements and funding is available.

Type of Aid: Ongoing. College financial grant.

Formula: If the number of applicants exceeds funding for the program, NYSHESC shall randomly select recipients from the applicant pool. Recipients of the scholarship in future years is based on funding but preference will be given to renewal scholarships.

Matching Requirement: Applicants are required to apply for State and Federal financial aid.

Maintenance of Effort: Applicant must: (1) file for State and Federal financial aid; (2) maintain a good academic standing; (3) maintain a "C" average; (4) maintain status as an active volunteer with an organization for duration of scholarship; and (5) maintain continuous enrollment in school/institution for duration of scholarship.

Amounts Appropriated: New Program

	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State General Funds</u>	<u>State Spec. Rev.</u>
SFY 02-03	NA	2,000,000	NA

Amounts Disbursed: NA

PUBLICATIONS

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: Brochures and fact sheets which provide student financial aid information to students, parents, schools and lending officials. All program information, including career and college planning and access to admissions and financial aid applications is available at www.hesc.org.

Administering Agency: NYS Higher Education Services Corporation

Specific Program URL: www.hesc.org

NYS Object Code: 61601

Year Established: 1975

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NY Education Law, Section 663

Regulation: NA

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NA

Eligibility: All New York State Residents.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Mandated, required by State law or regulation.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Competitive and/or non-competitive applications for aid may be required. Generally, students begin application process using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA may be filed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Description of Aid:

The brochures, fact sheets, and the HESC web site provide student financial aid information regarding tuition and non-tuition costs of college attendance.

Higher Education Services Corporation

TRAINING

(Technical Assistance Program)

Objective: Training sessions or seminars sponsored by the NYS Higher Education Services Corporation with the intent to instruct students, parents, school officials or school and lending administrators regarding student financial aid.

Administering Agency: NYS Higher Education Services Corporation

Specific Program URL: www.hesc.org

NYS Object Code: 61601

Year Established: 1975

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No.: NA

Legal Authority:

Law: NY Education Law, Section 663

Regulation: NA

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Eligibility: All New York State Residents.

Type of Program and Special Restrictions: Mandated, required by State law or regulation.

Action Required to Receive Aid: Competitive and/or non-competitive applications for aid may be required. Generally, students begin application process using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA may be filed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Description of Aid:

The training sessions are held to provide student financial aid information regarding tuition and non-tuition costs of college attendance.