

Nottawa-Sherman Firefighter's Association Scholarship

Scholarship Application Guidelines

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The Nottawa-Sherman Firefighter's Association (NSFA) will award a single \$1,000 scholarship to a 2012 high school graduate who meets all of the following qualifications except the first paragraph (I). If two or more candidates tie for first place in the judging, the \$1000 award will be split equally among those candidates.

- I. Applicants who select a course of study that will lead to a career in public safety or health will be given preference in the application scoring process. See Score Sheet on Page 2 of the Scholarship Application Form. *Some examples of people who have careers in public safety and health are fire fighters, emergency medical technicians (basic and paramedic), nurses and national, state, county or municipality law enforcement officers (including DNR officers).*
- II. The applicant must have permanent residence within the geographical area currently served by the Nottawa-Sherman Townships Fire Department. (See the attached map.)
- III. The applicant must be graduating and receiving a diploma or an equivalent certification from an accredited high school, charter school or state recognized home schooling program during the 2011-2012 school year.
- IV. The applicant must have an overall high school grade point average of 2.0 by the end of the next to the last semester or trimester of the 2011-2012 school year. **A copy of school academic and attendance transcripts for all but the last semester or trimester of your high school years must be submitted with the scholarship application.**
- V. The applicant must submit a copy of a letter of application or a letter of acceptance that proves intent to enroll in a course or curriculum leading to a degree and/or license necessary for employment in their chosen field. Online and correspondence based coursework does not qualify for this scholarship. **Evidence of application and/or acceptance must be submitted with the scholarship application.**
- VI. By **April 14, 2012**, the NSFA Scholarship Committee must have received from the applicant or school counselor, both pages of the completed application form and all supporting documents, including:
 - (1) proof of application or acceptance by a college or university,
 - (2) a summary of your participation in extra curricular activities,
 - (3) the required essay,
 - (4) the financial need statement,
 - (5) transcripts of school academic and attendance records, and
 - (6) two signed teacher recommendations.

Only application packages, containing all of the items in paragraph VI above and received by the NSFA Scholarship committee prior to April 14, 2012 will be considered for a 2012 scholarship. All six items must be prepared as detailed on pages 3 and 4.

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The NSFA welcomes your application. All information received is necessary for the selection process and will be kept confidential. No person will be denied scholarship funds on the basis of race, religion, age or gender.

The selection of the scholarship recipients(s) will be accomplished by using the point system for the six categories described on the application form. No decision will be based totally on financial need and/or academic performance

Please understand that selection of a course of study that will lead to a career in public safety or health will give an applicant an extra 4 points, but does not mean the applicant will be automatically selected over other applicants. The selection will be based on total points so all applicants should strive to score well in all areas.*

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If a scholarship is awarded to an applicant, the scholarship will be withdrawn if not used within one (1) year of the award date.

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution in which the scholarship recipient is enrolled and will not be paid as reimbursement for expenditures already incurred by the recipient.

Applicants, teachers and parents may be contacted by one or more members of the independent judging panel (no NSFA members) if further information is needed regarding any part of the application.

The completed scholarship application package, as described above and below, must received by the NSFA Scholarship Committee by **April 14, 2012** at the following address:

**Nottawa-Sherman Firefighters Association
Attn: Scholarship Committee
6263 W. Weidman Road
Weidman, MI 48893.**

Note: Application packets may be hand delivered to any Nottawa-Sherman FD officer at the address above between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Tuesday of each month (NSFD meeting nights).

Applicants are encouraged to seek the assistance of their parents and high school counselor(s) in the preparation and review of all materials before the application package is mailed or otherwise delivered to the NSFA Scholarship Committee.

Questions for the NSFA Scholarship Committee may be emailed to:

nsfd@bennsci.com

A complete copy of this document may be downloaded in the Adobe Reader (.pdf) format by clicking on the scholarship link on the front page of our Web site at <http://www.nsfed.net> .

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GENERAL INFORMATION: *(Please type or print all information in ink.)*

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone Number (____) ____ - _____

Date of Graduation _____ Expected final G.P.A. _____

College Choice _____ Major _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

DIRECTIONS:

Complete all sections. Do not be modest. Every bit of information will be used by the judges to assist with the selection of the scholarship recipient.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND/OR HEALTH MAJOR OR MINOR (4 POINTS)

Some examples of people who have careers in public safety and health are fire fighters, emergency medical technicians (basic and paramedic), nurses and national, state, county or municipality law enforcement officers (including DNR officers).

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (8 POINTS)

List all activities, and the years, in which you participated during high school. Briefly describe your accomplishments within each area. Include school clubs, organizations, teams, musical groups, leadership positions, community activities, recognitions/awards and work experience. **If you need more space, you may attach an additional sheet.**

Activity	Year(s) (Circle, please) 9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th	Accomplishments
_____	9 th 10 th 11 th 12 th	_____
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ESSAY: (8 POINTS)

On a separate sheet, please write a brief essay (300-500 words) which includes your reasons for wanting to advance your education and why you should be considered for this scholarship.

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FINANCIAL NEED: (10 POINTS)

Attach a brief statement regarding your financial need. Give a listing of assets available to you for paying your educational expenses (tuition, textbooks, board/room, transportation and other expenses).

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT AND ATTENDANCE RECORDS (10 POINTS)

Attach an official copy of your academic records and attendance records for your high school years (except for the last semester or trimester). **Be sure your overall G.P.A. is indicated on the transcript(s).**

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (10 POINTS)

Attach at least two (2) signed letters of recommendation from teachers you've had during your junior or senior year of high school. Each letter of recommendation must include contact information for the teacher, be **sealed** in an envelope by the teacher and **signed by the teacher across the sealed flap of the envelope**. Your name (applicant) must be printed on the outside of the envelopes. These sealed & signed letters of recommendation must be delivered to your school counseling office (or the NSFA Scholarship Committee) along with all other scholarship application materials as described elsewhere in this document. Applicants should advise the teachers who write the recommendations that they may be contacted by one or more members of the NSFA Scholarship Committee or one or more members of the judging panel.

DEADLINE: The completed scholarship application package, as described above and below must be received by the NSFA Scholarship Committee by **April 14, 2012** at the following address:

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Application packets may be mailed by the applicant or a school counselor.

Notice! Do not make any marks beyond this point!

Score Sheet (For use by application judges only!)

The qualified student's application will be based on the following point system:

1. Public Safety/Health Major or Minor	4 points	_____
2. Extracurricular Activities	8 points	_____
3. Essays	8 points	_____
4. Financial Need	10 points	_____
5. Academic Transcript	10 points	_____
6. Letters of Recommendation	10 points	_____
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	50 points	_____

Nottawa-Sherman Fire Department (NSFD) Coverage Area

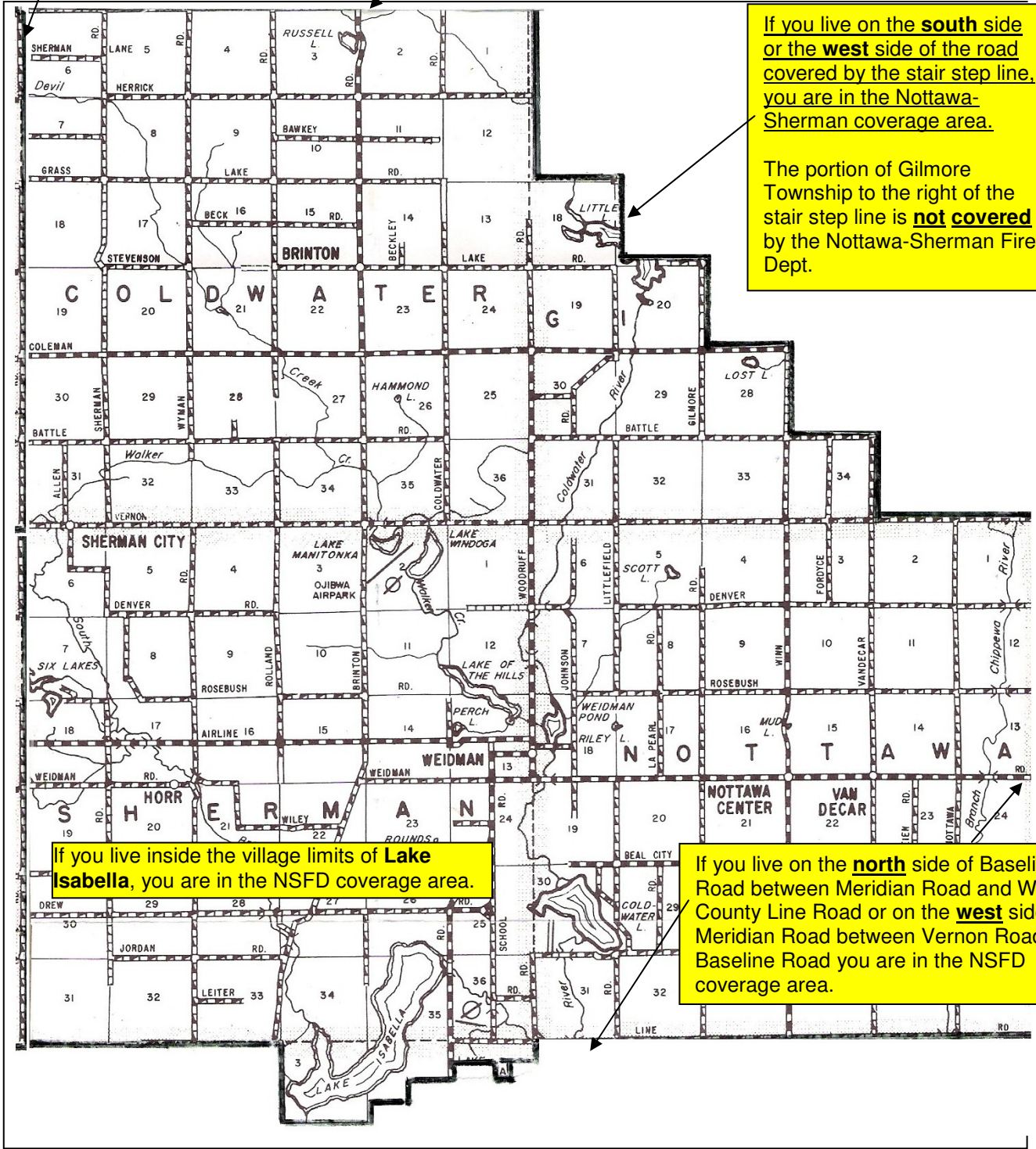
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If you live on the **east** side of this line between North County Line Road and Baseline Road, you are in the NSFD coverage area.

If you live on the **south** side of this line between Woodruff Road and West County Line Road, you are in the NSFD coverage area.

If you live on the **south** side or the **west** side of the road covered by the stair step line, you are in the Nottawa-Sherman coverage area.

The portion of Gilmore Township to the right of the stair step line is **not covered** by the Nottawa-Sherman Fire Dept.



If you live inside the village limits of **Lake Isabella**, you are in the NSFD coverage area.

If you live on the **north** side of Baseline Road between Meridian Road and West County Line Road or on the **west** side of Meridian Road between Vernon Road and Baseline Road you are in the NSFD coverage area.