

## Karl Corbin Memorial Scholarship

The Philomath Fire and Rescue Volunteer Association (PFRVA) awards educational college scholarships to students within the Philomath Fire District.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2025, PFRVA will award a single \$1000 scholarship for assistance with college expenses. The award is applicable to a specific academic year. Scholarship funds are issued in the form of a check made out to the school that the recipient will be attending. The funds are to be used by the student for any education expenses. Students receiving an academic scholarship for one year will be eligible to reapply for additional years.

Scholarships will be based on student performance in school, financial need, and overall merit in relation to other applicants.

### BASIC QUALIFICATIONS

Students must:

- **Reside in the Philomath Fire District**
- Successfully complete high school, or receive a GED
- Have established a GPA of at least 2.75 (on a scale to 4.0) in senior high school.
- If special circumstances or financial needs dictate, the Scholarship Committee can waive the minimum GPA requirement.

College-bound students must have completed all college applications and have been admitted into an accredited college.

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL

**The deadline for submission of the application packet is April 15, 2025.** Applications must be postmarked by that date or can be dropped off in person at the Philomath Fire Department. The scholarship will be awarded by the first week of June.

### JUDGING CRITERIA

The Scholarship Committee will use the following general guidelines but are not limited to these criteria exclusively.

- Involvement in extracurricular, volunteer, or community activities
- An essay written by the student (3-5 pages), explaining who they are, their academic and volunteer background, and why they are qualified to receive the scholarship.
- Financial need
- Character reference
- Academic excellence

- **Preference will be given to students who aspire to a career in the Fire Services, or any position in the field of medicine.**

EXTRA-CURRICULAR, VOLUNTEER, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT The applicant should cite any activities performed in the community in which they reside, whether it relates to their academic major. Examples include tutoring, clubs, student government, sports, work experience, charitable organizations, etc.

#### ESSAY

The essay must be original work by the applicant. Any sources used must be cited in the essay. The essay, once accepted, becomes the property of the PFRVA, and may be used for publication with the writer's credit.

The essay will be judged based on creativity, factual content, interest, and the completeness of thought. Please read your essay carefully for grammar, spelling and punctuation edits.

#### FINANCIAL NEED

Please state financial need clearly on the attached form.

#### CHARACTER REFERENCES

Letters from three references (unrelated to the applicant) must be included in the application packet. Members of Philomath Fire & Rescue may only use one reference from within the organization.

#### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Applicants must include transcripts from the senior high school(s) or college(s) they attended.

#### OVERALL PACKET

The application packet must include the essay, application, transcripts, cover letter, and character references.

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**Scholarship Application**

Please type or print clearly. Additional information may be provided as an attachment.

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities**

Please list your extracurricular, volunteer, or community activities.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Academic information**

Current cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (attach a current transcript)

Please give a brief explanation of your course of studies:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ School you are planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial information**

Clearly state your financial needs; that is, why do you need this scholarship? Attach additional pages, if needed.

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**Essay**

The Scholarship Committee is interested in your ability to think and express yourself clearly in writing. Please attach a 3–5-page essay describing yourself, your academic and volunteer background, and why you are qualified to receive this scholarship.

**Applicant Signature**

In signing below, you certify that all the information in this application is true and correct, knowing that falsification will result in disqualification both now and in the future.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Mail or hand-deliver the application and other materials to:

**Philomath Fire and Rescue**

**Scholarship Committee**

**1035 Main Street**

**PO Box 247**

**Philomath, OR 97370**