

To: Colorado Professional Fire Fighters
From: Kevin Reichenbach, CPFF Foundation Chairman
Date: July 11, 2026
Re: 2026 - 2027 Randy Atkinson Memorial Scholarship

The CPFF Foundation will be offering ten one-time scholarships of \$5,000 each for the 2026 - 2027 academic school year.

The scholarship program was established under Atkinson's presidency and is designated for the children and grandchildren of all active members of the CPFF.

The deadline for the scholarship application is 11:59 p.m. on September 15, 2026.

Please review the following attached pages for detailed information regarding the scholarship application.

Thank you!

Randy Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Information

What: Ten scholarships awarded at \$5,000 per scholarship

Qualifications

1. The applicant's parent, guardian, or grandparent (or active retired) must be a member in good standing of the Colorado Professional Fire Fighters.
2. Applicants must be entering an institution of higher education (junior college, college, university, or technical/trade school) in the Fall of 2026 or Spring of 2027. The applicant may also be a current student of an institution of higher education.

Application Materials

Applicants must submit this application along with:

- Resume
 - High school or college transcripts
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - A 1-to-2-page essay addressing the following topic (500 - 1000 words)
 - Growing up with a firefighter in the family shapes a person in ways that few other experiences can — through sacrifice, pride, uncertainty, and a deep sense of purpose. Reflect on what it has meant to have a parent or grandparent serve as a Colorado firefighter.
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Submission & Process

1. The application, resume, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and essay must be combined into a single .pdf document and submitted electronically to cpfffoundationscholarship@gmail.com. Applications not submitted as a single .pdf document will be disqualified.
2. The top 15 candidates will be required to participate in an interview with CPFF Foundation Board Members to determine the final award recipients. Interviews will take place in October via Zoom.

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Scholarship Committee: The Board of Directors of the CPFF Foundation.

2026 - 2027 Randy Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Application

Name:

Home phone:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Parent/guardian/grandparent name(s):

Parent/guardian/grandparent CPFF Local affiliation name and Local #:

Current school name and location:

Grade Point Average (GPA) and scale:

List any extracurricular activities and community service participation:

List high school or community awards or honors received:

Junior colleges/colleges/universities/technical/trade schools applied to:

Junior college/college/university/technical/trade school planning to attend:

When do you plan to begin? ☐ Fall 2026 ☐ Spring 2027 ☐ Already a student

Have you applied for admission? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Have you been accepted? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

What is/will be your intended major or area of study?

Received and/or accepted other scholarships? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes to the previous question, what scholarships and for what dollar amount?

Number of persons dependent upon family income. Please include parents, dependent children, aged relatives, or others reported on tax returns:

State your need/plan for financial assistance for your higher education:

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from school or charged in accordance with the law for an act of vandalism, assault, possession of narcotics, alcoholic beverages, a controlled drug, or possession of a dangerous weapon on a school campus? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I decline to answer

If you answered yes to the previous question, please explain:

Signature of Applicant verifying the above information and submitted information is true and accurate:

Student signature date:
