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Firefighters Association of the State of New York
107 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12210-2269

Dear Department Officer:

We're looking for you to help us recognize the state's bravest and most generous volunteer firefighters with a nomination for one of our awards, which recognize superior efforts on the fireground and in our communities.

Please consider nominating someone deserving of the Firefighter, EMS Provider, Fire Safety Educator, Teacher, Youth Group or Youth Mentor of the Year awards. In addition, the Recruitment and Retention Award recognizes the organization that best executes this essential volunteer fire service function, and the Fire Service Community Achievement Award honors those who dedicate themselves to community service in addition to volunteer firefighting duties. All applications are now available online at fasny.com/awards

Also, FASNY wants to help you retain your young members and one of the ways we do that is with the Gerard J. Buckenmeyer Memorial FASNY Volunteer Scholarship Program. Each year we provide deserving high school seniors with scholarships to continue their post-secondary education. We're asking you to help spread the word about the 25 \$1,500 scholarships FASNY will award during this 2025-26 academic year. Applications are now being accepted online at fasny.com/scholarship

Our annual scholarships aren't the only way FASNY supports education. The Higher Education Learning Plan (HELP) is a program that reimburses volunteer firefighters for tuition at New York's two- and four-year state colleges. Find out how students who are also volunteer firefighters can get HELP at fasny.com/help

Applications for both the awards and scholarships are due by March 15, 2026.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Eugene J. Perry, Jr.
FASNY President