



## The South Carolina State Firefighters' Foundation Guidelines for Chief Larry Williams Scholarship

Chief Larry Williams was the Fire Chief of the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department in York, S.C. Chief Williams was a 35 year veteran of the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Williams worked his way up through the ranks and served as Fire Chief for the last 18 years. He was also a state constable where he served York county. He was dedicated to his community and his church.

Chief Williams' family has established an annual scholarship to honor the dedication and love that Chief Williams dedicated to the citizens of York County, Bethesda Fire Department, and South Carolina's fire service.

Please review the information below, it will outline the background and criteria for this scholarship; then complete and submit the application online. As part of the application, the applicant must also scan and submit a letter of support from their fire chief and a letter of support from anyone of their choice. Applicants will also be asked to provide a statistical form with all applications to allow the foundation to provide statics of applicants and awardees. This information will not be used to determine the awardees.

**The application period will open on February 1<sup>st</sup> and close on October 31<sup>st</sup> each year.** Applications will be available on the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association ("Association") website. The Foundation and Association will promote the scholarship through its many platforms.

Once the application period closes the Foundation Chairman or his designee will review the applications. All completed applications will be sent electronically and reviewed by the Foundation Board to determine who the scholarship will be awarded to. The Williams' family will be provided with the Foundation's selection. The Foundation Board and Chief Williams' family can provide one or more scholarships as agreed.

Applicants must be members of the South Carolina Firefighters' Association and in good standing with his/her agency and the Association.

All submissions will be evaluated by the South Carolina State Firefighters' Foundation and the finalist(s) will be reviewed by a member of the Williams family.

The South Carolina State Firefighters' Foundation (the "Foundation"- a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization) and Chief Williams' family will present this scholarship annually during the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association's Fire Service Improvement Conference in January.