



The Northern Virginia First Responders (NVFR) Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia (CFNOVA), will grant scholarships **worth up to \$20,000** to students in the Northern Virginia area who demonstrate academic achievement, financial need, and plan on attending higher education in Fall of 2021.

Each recipient will receive up to \$5,000 per year (maximum 4 years) towards the higher education they will be attending in Fall 2021, as long as the recipient continues to meet the renewal eligibility requirements. The amount, availability, and number of scholarships may vary from year to year depending on funding.

Eligibility for 2021 Scholarship:

1. Student must be a graduating senior from a high school, home school, or secondary school within Loudoun, Fairfax, Alexandria, Arlington, Fauquier and Orange County
2. Student must either be an active first responder (Police, Fire, EMT) or a dependent of an active first responder (volunteer or paid)
3. Student is eligible if he or she (or guardian) is in good standing with the department, and has been "active" a minimum of one year
4. Student must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher to apply
5. Student must be in good standing with the county school system and/or demonstrate high moral character
6. Demonstrate financial need (see below)

Scholarship Renewal Eligibility Requirements:

Once a scholarship has been awarded, recipients of the scholarship must meet eligibility requirements for the scholarship to be renewed in subsequent years. Those requirements include both GPA minimums of 3.0, good standing with the school system with high moral character, and verification of financial need.

Completed applications must be received by **Wednesday, April 15, 2021**. Applications must be emailed to firstrespondernova@gmail.com. Applications must include:

1. Completed application
2. Compliant essay response
3. Copy of your current high school transcript (pdf format)
4. References (pdf format on company letter head with signatures)
5. FAFSA Student Aid Report

Scholarship Awards:

Our selection committee will rank the applications based upon the applicant's GPA, verification of service, financial need, references, and essays. The 10 highest-ranking applicants will be invited to an interview in late April 2021. Following the interviews, the selection committee will recommend awardees of the scholarship – no later than the end of May 2021. A recipient will be expected to attend a Commitment Meeting (likely via zoom) to be held in June 2021, to which parents and/or guardians will be encouraged to attend.



Applicant Information	
Name: Name of parent/legal guardian who serves (if applicable):	
Name or agency were you (and/or guardian) actively serve:	
Current address:	
Date of Birth:	
Cell Phone:	Can you receive SMS Texts on this phone?
Email (please print clearly):	
Do you prefer we contact you by TEXT or EMAIL?	
Academic Record: Please provide a copy of your current high school transcript in pdf format Current GPA:	
Financial Need: You must submit your FAFSA Student Aid Report or your FAFSA4Caster. (Note: If FAFSA4Caster, fill out and print each page manually into .pdf, and submit.)	
References: Submit one letter of recommendation by a teacher, and one by an active officer where you or your family member serves. Letter must confirm active status of at least one (1) year of service and good moral standing. Letters must be on official stationery with signature.	
Essay #1: (maximum 2 pages, double-spaced, font size 12) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Describe yourself and what activities/sports you currently participate2) Example(s) of life challenges and how you have overcome them3) What have you learned by you or your family member serving as a First Responder4) Describe an experience by you or your family member serving as a First Responder that shapes your life today	
Essay #2 (maximum 1 page, double-spaced, font size 12) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) How will you use your aforementioned experiences as you enter College/University2) Where do you see yourself in 10 years	
Expected School and Field of Study:	
Are you currently employed? Y / N If yes, number of hours you work per week:	
List amounts of all scholarships, grants (including the Northern Virginia First Responders Fund) you will receive:	

I certify that the facts stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that any false information will lead to disqualification:

Signature of Applicant

Date