

James R. O'Neil/W. Robert Powers Scholarship Program

Fact Sheet

New York Metropolitan & New Jersey Chapters of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE)

Purpose and Intent

The purpose of the James R. O'Neil/W. Robert Powers (JRO/WRO) Scholarship Program (hereinafter referred to as "the Scholarship") is to promote *the field of fire protection engineering and fire protection engineering technology* by providing financial assistance primarily to those individuals not currently employed therein.

Preference for the purposes of this Scholarship is to be given to those aspiring toward baccalaureate programs and as listed in the order of priority below.

Scholarship Fund and Awards

Scholarship award(s) of up to \$7,500 each year per full time student in a B.S. Fire Protection Engineering program, and up to \$5,000 each year per full time student in a Graduate Fire Protection Engineering program, and up to \$5,000 each year per full time student in a B.S. Fire Protection Engineering Technology program may be granted by the Joint James R. O'Neil/W. Robert Powers Scholarship Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") to selected students demonstrating high academic achievement.

Awards would be presented in two 50% portions, on a per semester basis, after the posting of official grades.

Eligibility and Selection

- a. Applicants selected shall have a permanent primary residence (not school address) from one of the following counties:

New Jersey - Morris, Warren, Hunterdon, Ocean, Passaic, Bergen, Essex, Union, Sussex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Mercer.

New York - Bronx, Dutchess, Richmond, Westchester, Rockland, Orange,

Putnam, Kings, Queens, Nassau, New York, Suffolk.

Connecticut - Fairfield.

Note: Applicants from outside the areas listed above could also be considered; however, applicants from the above areas shall have precedence.

- b. Applicants shall be considered in accordance with the following priority:
- 1st Priority - Those pursuing a B.S. in Fire Protection Engineering from an accredited academic institution as recognized by the National Council of Engineering Examiners (NCEE).
- 2nd Priority - Those pursuing a B.S. degree in Fire Protection Engineering Technology.
- 3rd Priority – Those pursuing a graduate degree in fire protection engineering.
- c. The evaluation of applicants shall be primarily based on academic performance, as well as an interest and understanding of the field of fire protection engineering. Applicants shall possess and maintain a Grade Point Average of at least 3.0 (out of 4.0), or the fractional equivalent thereof, except in the case of extraordinary circumstance and where specifically exempted by the Committee. Applicants not meeting this requirement may have the balance of their scholarship award forfeited.
- d. Applicants shall be required to complete a facsimile of the Scholarship Application delivering the same to the Committee for consideration. The application may be modified within the intent and spirit of this Resolution by the Committee, as needed. Applications shall be distributed to all committee members by the committee Chairman.
- e. The Committee shall review all current scholarships and applications as needed.
- f. Awards would be available for each individual academic year up to a total of four years for baccalaureate degrees. Where determined appropriate by the Committee, *e.g.* in the case where a 1st Priority candidate is not available, or where a 2nd priority candidate shows exemplary achievement or potential, awards of up to two years for Associates, Master's or advanced degrees, may be considered.
- g. Existing award recipients shall be given consideration over new applicants.
- h. Recipients shall be required to restate their request and update their application for the Scholarship each year providing an update on their associated activities.
- i. Applications received by July 15th will be considered for Fall Semester. Applications received by January 15th will be considered for the Spring semester.

APPLICATION

James R. O'Neil/W. Robert Powers Scholarship Award

**New York Metropolitan & New Jersey Chapters
Society of Fire Protection Engineers**

PART A -TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

Name of Applicant: _____

Mailing Address (School): _____

Home (Permanent) Address (County): _____

From _____ to _____

Previous (Other) Address (County): _____

From _____ to _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS (including Area Code) & Email:

HOME: _____ CELL: _____

SCHOOL: _____ EMAIL: _____

Fire Protection Engineering Program and Program Degree (i.e. B.S./M.S):

Semester Planning To Begin Program: _____ or

Semester Re-Applying For: _____

NUMBER OF FPE Program CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED To Date: _____

NUMBER OF Other College CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED To Date: _____

Most Current CUMULATIVE Grade Point Average: _____ OUT OF A POSSIBLE _____

PART B - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT:

The purpose of the James R. O'Neil/W. Robert Powers Scholarship is to promote the field of fire protection engineering to those individuals not currently employed therein. The program is designed to assist individuals with a bona fide financial need in pursuing such a career. The Scholarship will be awarded to the most qualified applicant as stated in the enacting resolution, and without regard to any other factors.

Initial applicants must include background and a response to the following questions in a detailed LETTER OF INTRODUCTION:

- a. When did you first become interested in pursuing a career in the field of Fire Protection Engineering and what were the circumstances behind your decision?
- b. Please list and briefly explain, in order of your perceived importance, any past experience and/or accomplishments that you feel will make you successful in the field of Fire Protection Engineering.
- c. What are your current educational and career goals, both short term (1-5 years) and long term (5 plus years)?
- d. Why are you applying for this Scholarship?
- e. Have you applied for any other Scholarships?
- f. Have you received any other Scholarships or financial assistance? If so, which ones?

Your response may also include other interests and activities that would demonstrate your probability for success.

PART C -TO BE COMPLETED BY PROGRAM CHAIRMAN OR ADVISOR AND RETURNED DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Applicant: _____

In the space provided below, or a separate letter, briefly discuss why you consider this individual deserving of the James R. O'Neil/W. Robert Powers Scholarship. Your letter should discuss past accomplishments and your assessment of the applicant's probability for completing his/her academic requirements.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Institution: _____

PART D - Disclaimer and acknowledgment to be read and signed by Applicant:

DISCLAIMER -THE SCHOLARSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR IS COMPETITIVE IN NATURE. THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON PAST ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND THE DEMONSTRATED PROBABILITY FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS. THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MOST QUALIFIED APPLICANT AS EVALUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENACTING RESOLUTION, WITHOUT REGARD TO ANY OTHER FACTOR(S). COMPLETION OF THIS FORM IN NO WAY IMPLIES OR GUARANTEES ELIGIBILITY OR RECEIPT OF A SCHOLARSHIP. THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE IS FINAL. THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVOKE SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE CASE OF MISREPRESENTATION OF FACT. THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AWARD NO SCHOLARSHIP IF NO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE IDENTIFIED.

SUBMITTAL -AFTER COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE FORWARD THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO YOUR SCHOOL ADVISOR OR PROGRAM CHAIRMAN FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

The Completed Application Shall Include:

1. The above-mentioned personal information (Part A).
2. Letter of Introduction answering the above questions (Part B).
3. Letter of Recommendation from a high school or college (as appropriate) official (Part C).
4. Complete academic transcripts of most recent college level or high school courses.
5. Copies of supporting documentation (*e.g.* drivers license) which indicates proof of permanent residency.
6. Signature below.

The completed application and all documents should be sent under single cover to:

Scholarship Committee
c/o SFPE NJ Chapter
P.O. Box 8268
Parsippany, NJ 07054

ACKNOWLEDGMENT - I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE COMPLETE APPLICATION AND DISCLAIMER, AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION. I HEREBY ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED HEREIN IS BOTH TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Signature _____ Date: _____