



The John Masem Scholarship Fund

The Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association created the John Masem Scholarship fund in 2003 to add eternal remembrance of John Masem, Sr. John had held many positions with the Volunteer Fire Service within the Medford Fire Department, the Medford Fire District, the Firefighter's Association of the State of New York, the Southern New York Volunteer Firefighter's Association & the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

This scholarship is based purely on volunteerism within the community and is not based on any scholastic scores.

There will be **Four (4) \$500 Scholarships** awarded each year by the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association.

Who Is Eligible

- **Applicant must be a Graduating High School Senior with official proof of acceptance to a College or a Technical/Vocational Trade School.**
- **To be eligible for a scholarship, a High School senior applicant must be a current, individual dues paying member of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association for at least One (1) year or a child, grandchild, brother or sister of a current individual dues paying member of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association.**
- **Note: Any individual that is a not a High School Senior may apply as well, providing that he/she is a current, individual dues paying member of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association for at least one (1) year.**

Application Procedures

- **Applicant must have performed volunteer community work. Examples: Firefighter, Junior Firefighter, Health Care Field, or any other Charitable Organization, that is acceptable to the Scholarship Committee.**
- **Letter of verification from the organization where the applicant's volunteer work was performed on their official stationery, with all pertinent contact information included.**
- **A one-page, double space, typed Essay on Volunteerism, must accompany application.**
- **Deadline for Applications is June 1, 2026.**
- **One Scholarship per person. Note: This is a onetime scholarship award, per individual recipient.**
- **Submit the application with your official proof of acceptance to a College or Technical/Vocational Trade School, Essay and Letter of verification from the organization where the applicant's volunteer work was performed and send to:**

John Masem Scholarship Committee,
c/o Keith Vella
802 5th Street
West Babylon, NY 11704
Or
E-Mail the completed package to:

ffoundr602@aol.com

YOUR APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED OR E-MAILED BY JUNE 1, 2026



2026 John Masem Scholarship Application

Please Print Clearly

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____

Applicant's E-Mail Address: _____

Applicant's High School: _____
(If Applicable)

Name of Accredited Two (2) or Four (4) Year College or Technical Trade School.

The Following Information must be completed if the Applicant is a graduating High School Senior

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Phone Number: _____

Sponsor's E-Mail Address: _____

Sponsor's Relationship to the Applicant: _____

Sponsor's Fire Department Affiliation: _____ **

****PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SPONSOR MUST BE A CURRENT DUES PAYING MEMBER OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION****

Please Remember To

Submit this completed application with your official proof of acceptance to a College or Technical/Vocational Trade School, Essay and Letter of verification from the organization where the applicant's volunteer work was performed

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