



LOUISIANA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION
SAFER Grant Tuition Reimbursement Program
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The Louisiana State Firemen's Association Tuition Reimbursement Program provides eligible applicants with tuition reimbursement for courses successfully completed while earning a degree or certificate in any field or major at any 2 year or 4 year program in a Louisiana State Junior College, Vocational Technical School or a Louisiana State College. The amount of the award may not exceed \$8,000.00 for a two year program and \$16,000.00 for a four year program.

Applicants must serve two years with a volunteer fire department as a fire fighter or ems first responder before the stipend will be paid. This service can be concurrent with the formal education program or completed after graduation.

Applicants must obtain IFSAC FFI or NREMT-B during the first twelve months after notification of successful grant application.

Forward educational progress and volunteer status affidavits must be submitted after completion of each semester. (Note: See definition of probation in Grant Criteria portion of application.)

Applicants need to read the SAFER Grant Award Criteria at end of application before submitting application.

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Permanent mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Work Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Sex (check one) Male: Female:

Age: _____

Ethnic (Please check one)
Origin:
_____ Hispanic or Latino
_____ Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino

Race: (Please Check All That Apply)
_____ White
_____ American Indian/Alaskan Native
_____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific
_____ Islander
_____ Asian
_____ Black or African American
_____ Other: _____

SECTION B –Volunteer Information: (Please print)

If you are currently a volunteer fire fighter, fill in the information below.

Fire Department: _____

Street Address _____ City _____
Zip Code: _____

State: _____

Beginning Date of Volunteer Service _____

Name of Contact to Send Service Verification Form to: _____

Department/Title of Person: _____

If you are not currently a volunteer, where will you volunteer?

Fire Department _____

Street Address _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Department Contact _____ Phone _____

SECTION C – College/University Information:

Name/campus of instruction from which you will receive you final degree/certificate:

Anticipated graduation date: _____

Complete if not enrolling by Fall Semester of 2009

Major or Certificate Sought: _____

Complete if enrolled Summer Semester of 2009 or Fall Semester 2009

Summer	Course Names	Credits	Grade

Total Tuition Paid: \$ _____ (Do not include any fees or room or board charges.)

Fall	Course Names	Credits	Grade

SECTION E – Pledge to Remain Drug Free and Certification:

As a condition of receiving a Louisiana State scholarship or grant, I pledge to remain drug free for the full term of the award. Unlawful use of drugs and alcohol may endanger my enrollment in a Louisiana college, as well as my Louisiana financial aid award.

I certify that the information given on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further acknowledge that submission of an application does not guarantee that I will receive tuition reimbursement for academic year _____.

Signature of Applicant:		Date:	
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For grant tracking purposes, how did you hear about the LSFA SAFER Grant?

TV _____ Newspaper _____ Radio _____ Other _____



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LSFA “Safer” Grant Criteria

- 96 tuition reimbursement awards to be awarded. Grant awards will be awarded until all grant opportunities are exhausted and funds are no longer available.
- Applications meeting criteria guidelines will be awarded on first received basis.
- Applicants must show continuing forward educational progress or be placed on probation-should applicant not demonstrate continuing forward progress by end of probation period, applicant will be terminated from the program.
- During the first 12 months after scholarship is awarded, applicants must achieve IFSAC/Pro-Board FFI Certification or NREMT EMT- B Certification or be placed on probation-should applicant not achieve IFSAC/Pro-Board FFI or NREMT EMT-B certification by end of probation period, applicant will be terminated from the program.
- Applicants must volunteer for a minimum of 2 years with a volunteer or combination fire department beginning on or after September 1, 2009. Education credit given from September 1, 2009 or from the date of acceptance into the grant program..
- Applicants must complete a two year associate degree program or complete two years of a four year degree program or receive NREMT-P certification and meet the two year volunteer requirement before reimbursement; degree program may be in any field.
- Tuition, books, and required media will be reimbursed up to \$2,000 per semester with receipt and/or verified proof of payment. It is not necessary that you pay the expenses “out-of-pocket” in order to be reimbursed. Original payment of the aforementioned expenses can be made with financial aid. Go to www.osfa.la.gov to learn about financial aid resources available to you and to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Degree programs must be from a Louisiana State funded higher education institution, vocational technical school or Louisiana sanctioned EMS program.
- Students must file education progress reports after each semester.
- Applicant’s fire chief must file volunteer status affidavits after each semester.



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- Students may elect to complete volunteer portion of criteria after completion of education requirements-however these applications will be given low priority and only be awarded if there are not enough applicants otherwise
- Career firefighters who volunteer with a volunteer or combination fire department are eligible
- Volunteer firefighters who work part time for the department and are paid an average of less than 30 hours per week are eligible
- Applicants who have achieved IFSAC FFI, Pro-Board FFI, or NREMT EMT-B certification from another state are eligible

Definitions:

Complete Application-Applications submitted with all required information

Incomplete Application-Applications missing information-selection committee may contact applicant for additional information

Accepted Application-Application that has been reviewed and prioritized-applicant has been notified that they have been accepted into the program and will receive reimbursement when requirements are met

Accepted Conditional-Application that has been reviewed, prioritized and is outside the total number of awards allowed by the program or was received after December 1, 2009-award to be made should other applicants be terminated or resign from the program

Probation- If an Applicant has ceased forward educational progress or who has not attained IFSAC/Pro-Board FFI certification or NREMT EMT-B certification within the first 12 months.

Probation period is six months. Applicants who have not shown forward educational progress or who have not attained IFSAC/Pro-Board FFI or NREMT EMT-B certification at the end of the probation period will be terminated from the program