

Dr. Doug Butzier Emergency Responder Scholarship

Purpose:

The purpose of the Dr. Doug Butzier Emergency Responder Scholarship is to provide funding for educational pursuit of those that have declared an interested in law enforcement, fire or emergency medical service careers.

Eligibility:

- The candidate will be a Dubuque County resident or volunteer with an emergency responder agency in Dubuque County.
- The candidate will provide the name of college they are attending and the declared program of study.
- The candidate will achieve a 3.0 grade point average, based on performance within the program curriculum (declared major) of the 2nd semester and beyond. A copy of the applicant's transcript may be requested.
- The candidate may use the scholarship for credit or non-credit education, books, or school fees.
- The candidate will submit a letter of recommendation from those knowledgeable of the candidate's school, work or volunteer experience. The letter may not be written by an immediate family member.

Selection Process:

Candidate's applications will be evaluated on the following criteria.

- Preference for training at a Dubuque college or Institution
- Community/Volunteer experience
- References List
- Military Background

Selection Time Frame:

1. The scholarship panel will receive notification of available funds from the Dubuque Community Foundation at the end of calendar year
2. The scholarship panel will receive applications during the months of February and March.
3. A selection panel of 5 persons will be determined by the scholarship panel in March. The selection panel will be represented by one individuals from each of the following associations, with rotation of individuals desired:
 - a. Dubuque County Firefighter Association
 - b. Dubuque Professional Firefighter Association
 - c. Dubuque County EMS Association
 - d. Dubuque Police Protective Association

e. Dubuque County Sheriff Association

- 4. The selection panel will meet at the beginning of April at a time of mutual convenience to choose the recipients of the Dr. Doug Butzier Emergency Responder Scholarship.**
- 5. The selection panel will make their recommendations to the scholarship panel by April 15th.**
- 6. The scholarship will be awarded at the annual Dubuque County Emergency Responder Training Facility dinner (held the first Friday of May).**
- 7. Recipients of the scholarship will be invited to receive their award at the event after 7:15 pm. The scholarship team will not provide complimentary tickets for the dinner but it may request to save appropriate number of tickets in the event the recipients would like to purchase them.**
- 8. The scholarship check will be issued directly to the educational facility to be used for tuition, textbooks or fees. In the event that the recipient has paid their bills in full, a copy of the paid bill will be required and then the check may be issued to the 501 (C) (3) who sponsored the student's school or lastly to the student.**
- 9. The committee will select one recipient, with no preference to any specific career path for a \$500.00 award annually. The goal of the scholarship panel is to award additional scholarships or higher scholarship value as the return on investment increases through the Community Foundation.**
- 10. The scholarship panel will retain the right to determine the number and amount of scholarship awards each year based on the endowment distribution amount. If there are no applications received, the scholarship panel may decide to provide a larger value scholarship or to retain the money for the following year.**

Dissolution Clause:

- 1. If the committee decides to dissolve the Dr. Doug Butzier Emergency Responder Scholarship, all assets will be transferred to the Dubuque County Firefighter Association with a designation that it be used for maintenance of the 9/11 Memorial first and then to the Dubuque County Emergency Responder Training Facility.**
- 2. If the Dr. Doug Butzier Emergency Responder Scholarship decides to dissolve its partnership with the Dubuque County Foundation, the scholarship panel will need a 75% vote to approve the termination of partnership.**