

**Salem High School Alumni Association
Arthur and Gladys Wright Votaw Memorial
First Responder Scholarship Application**

Arthur Votaw '47 was a well-respected firefighter in the Salem Fire Department for 32 years. He was a proud Army veteran who served in a MASH unit during the Korean War. Gladys Wright Votaw '50 was a well-known beautician who worked at Bonfert's Beauty Shoppe for many years.

This scholarship is for Salem High School graduates, who are now considered SHS alumni. It is designed to assist in the education and/or initial certification of first responders who are among the first to arrive and to help at the scene of an emergency.

First responders have diverse careers requiring specialized education, training, and examinations that lead to a certificate, a license, an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, or an advanced degree.

First responders include fire service members such as firefighters; law enforcement officers such as police officers; emergency medical services members such as EMTs and paramedics; search and rescue members; technical/heavy rescue members; and public works employees such as heavy equipment operators and tree department personnel.

Attached is the application for past Salem High School graduates requesting first responder specialty education funding and/or first responder initial certification examination funding. Please complete the application and return it to the Salem High School Alumni Association. Only complete applications will be considered.

Applications are accepted year-round with specialty education funding providing up to \$1000 per applicant and initial certification examination funding providing up to \$500 per applicant, available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note, applications for Salem High School graduating and current college-enrolled postsecondary students are provided through the annual scholarship process of the SHSAA. Visit our website and explore these scholarships in the scholarship menu.

Contact us if you have questions at info@salemohioalumni.org or call us at 330-332-1427.

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Salem High School Alumni Association
Votaw Memorial First Responder Scholarship
Specialty Education / Initial Certification Examination Funding Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Salem High School Graduation Year: _____ (Only graduates of Salem High School may apply.)

Previous Postsecondary Education (if any): _____

Note: This scholarship is NOT for current year students who are graduating from Salem High School or current college-enrolled postsecondary students. Please contact SHSAA for information on that application process.

Attach an essay explaining your background and how your first responder education will assist you in your future career goal (250-500 words).

Attach a recent photo for publication.

Specialty Education Funding – up to \$1000 scholarship per applicant

Name of accredited specialized education or training program that will lead to a certificate, a license, an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, or an advanced degree as a first responder:

Degree or Certification Sought: _____ Date Tuition is Due: _____

Attach a letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment in this institution.

Obtain one letter of recommendation from an individual who knows you well and can speak to your qualifications for this scholarship. Please have them mail a confidential letter to SHSAA, 330 East State Street, Salem, Ohio 44460 or email to info@salemohioalumni.org

Initial Certification Examination Funding – up to \$500 scholarship per applicant

Name of accredited specialized initial certification examination required of first responder:

Certification Sought: _____

Attach a receipt for your certification examination (you must prepay the expense for reimbursement).

You may be interviewed as part of the decision process. Applicants may apply for both types of funding. Decisions are made on a first-come, first-served basis, and all decisions are final. We reserve the right to publicize your scholarship if approved. Return the completed application to SHSAA, 330 East State Street, Salem, Ohio 44460 or email the application to info@salemohioalumni.org. Please call us at 330-332-1427 with any questions.