

NVFC OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS, GRANTS FOR DEPARTMENTS APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 15

The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) National Junior Firefighter Program is offering ten \$5,000 scholarships to junior firefighters nationwide who demonstrate commitment and dedication to their local junior firefighter program and the fire service. The departments of each of the winning students will also receive a grant of \$5,000. The application and criteria for the competitive scholarships will be available on the NVFC web site at www.nvfc.org/juniors no later than April 1. The deadline for applications is May 15.

The National Junior Firefighter Program was created by the NVFC and Spartan Motors, Inc. to help fire and EMS organizations nationwide develop, grow, and promote programs that encourage youth participation within the organizations. In addition, youth can use the Program to find out how to join a local fire, rescue, or EMS organization, keep track of their hours of service, and earn exciting rewards after spending a set number of hours helping their department. Launched in July 2007, the Program was recently awarded a grant by the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation to expand the Program to include a scholarship and grant component, a more sophisticated web site with interactive database, stronger outreach efforts, and much more.

Stay tuned to the NVFC web site for additional information and to access the application. The scholarships and department grants will be awarded during Firehouse Expo in July. For additional information, visit www.nvfc.org/juniors, email n_vfc_office@nvfc.org, or call 1-888-ASK-NVFC (275-6832).