



## **YOUTH COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FAQ**

### **What kinds of activities will the scholarship cover?**

The scholarship is intended to further young Brigade members professional development in the emergency services sphere. This can include but is not limited to:

- Emergency management courses
- Volunteering courses (that include emergency services)
- Emergency management/services conferences or forums

It can be used to cover educational or professional development costs up to \$1,000. Examples of activities include enrolment in an emergency management focused course, attendance at an emergency management conference such as AFAC, or additional training.

When applying, only costs that can be proven via invoice or receipt will be considered. For this reason, please keep copies of all receipts that pertain to the application.

The course/conference/training must have been undertaken in 2019. It does not have to be completed when you make the scholarship application.

### **What costs can the scholarship be used for?**

The scholarship can go towards:

- Course costs
- Nomination or entry fees
- Travel costs
- Textbooks and other materials

The scholarship cannot be used to cover accommodation or meals.

### **How much can be applied for?**

Scholarships can be awarded of up to \$1000. Smaller amounts may be granted as well.

### **Who can apply?**

Any Brigade member aged between 18 and 30 is welcome to apply for a scholarship.

### **How can I apply?**

Simply fill out the Scholarship Application form, which can be found on the Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services website.

You will need to attach proof that you have attended your educational or professional development activity, along with a statement of up to 1000 words, outlining what the scholarship will be used for and why it will be valuable to your personal development, as well as how it will benefit the Brigade.

Some questions that might guide your statement are:

- How did or will the course/training/conference benefit you? Examples of benefits could include increasing your knowledge of disaster response, networking with people from other Brigades or states, or building your skill base.
- How did or will your activity/education benefit the Brigade? Examples of benefits could include increasing general Brigade knowledge (as you came back and shared skills), building links to other Brigades, or improving your leadership capacity to take on more responsibilities.

### **How is it judged?**

The Youth Committee members decide which scholarships to award. We will send emails to all applicants advising which date a decision is to be made as soon as a Youth Committee meeting date is set.

### **When will referees be contacted?**

Referees may be contacted at any point in the process.

### **What are my responsibilities?**

Upon receipt of the scholarship, we will expect to receive a summary of your educational or professional development experience, to put on the Association website. This is to show our sponsor, ARC Infrastructure, what their money has gone towards, as well as to share good news with other Brigades.