



Art Mendez Fire Academy Scholarship Application

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Art Mendez Fire Academy Scholarship Endowment
c/o Allan Hancock College Foundation*

Annual Deadline to Submit

March 1 ❖ 3 p.m.

One original application packet and three copies

Completed applications may be mailed or hand delivered to:

Allan Hancock College Foundation

P.O. Box 5170, Santa Maria, CA 93456-5170

(805) 925-3004

www.ahcfoundation.org



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Scholarship Information, Eligibility and Application Guidelines

Art Mendez Fire Academy Scholarship:

This scholarship was made possible through a generous gift from Mr. Art Mendez, himself a veteran firefighter of 29 years. It is Mr. Mendez's wish that this scholarship award will both support and encourage the very best young men and women, who first served this country as members of the United States Military, to continue that service through a career in fire fighting. In his preparation for establishing this scholarship, Mr. Mendez wrote:

"I sincerely wish that you all feel as I do, that we love, honor and respect our country, and our flag. Pay homage to our fellow veterans, the disabled ones, and the ones we remember in all of the one hundred and twenty national cemeteries. As we carefully and diligently carry out our sworn duty to save lives and protect property, work as a team with our fellow firefighters, embrace the citizens we serve and protect, help the youth who will someday take our place, and remember with reverence those who have answered their last alarm."

Eligibility:

At the time of application, the applicant must:

- be enrolled and scheduled to complete a fire fighter training academy in the State of California that is recognized and certified by the California State Fire Marshall, during the academic year in which the application is submitted for consideration,
- be a honorably discharged veteran or active reserve of any branch of the United States military, and
- receive the endorsement of the coordinator of the fire academy in which they are enrolled.

Application Guidelines:

It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit a complete packet (one original application packet and three copies) to the Art Mendez Fire Academy Scholarship, c/o Allan Hancock College Foundation, 936 S. College Drive, P.O. Box 5170, Santa Maria, CA 93456 -5170, no later than 3 p.m. on April 1 of each year. Complete your application using a word processor, typewriter, or PRINT in black ink.

A complete "original" application packet consists of the following:

- PERSONAL INFORMATION** – Use the form provided answering each question.
- PERSONAL STATEMENT** - This is your opportunity to present yourself in the best possible light to the Scholarship Review Committee. Use the form provided. Only one side of one page will be read.
- COPY OF CURRENT ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS** – Must be submitted as part of the application package.
- SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS** - Submit two (only two) recommendations. One recommendation must be from the applicant's academy coordinator. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Allan Hancock College Foundation receives your entire application packet, including scholarship recommendations, no later than 3 p.m. on April 1. All forms are provided in the application packet.
- DISCHARGE PAPERS:** A copy of your discharge papers or appropriate form that identifies your current status of military service

Selection:

Scholarships are awarded through a competitive review process. Not all applicants will receive an award. Students who have previously earned a bachelor's degree **are** eligible to apply. Announcement of the scholarship awards will be made on or before May 14 following the submission deadline. The decision of the selection committee is final.



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APPLICATION

Personal Information

TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK ONLY

Social Security Number _____			
<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle initial</i>	
Address:			
<i>Present</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>	<i>Phone - Day</i>
<i>Permanent</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>	<i>Phone - Evening</i>
<i>Email address</i>			

1) Major(s): _____

2) Projected degree: Vocational Certificate AA AS Bachelor's Master's Ph.D. Other _____

3) Career Goal: _____

4) Branch of Military Service _____ Discharge Date: _____

COLLEGE ACADEMY YOU ATTEND AND GRADUATION DATE:

“I declare that all information submitted in my application packet is true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize Allan Hancock College Foundation (AHCF) to release my scholarship application packet to the scholarship selection committee. To complete my application packet, I authorize the AHC Foundation office and the AHC Financial Aid office to access my transcripts. If selected for an award, I understand that the AHC Foundation and the California Fire Technology Directors Association will publicize the information.”

Signature of Applicant

Date



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Personal Statement

APPLICANT'S NAME (Last, First, MI)

INSTRUCTIONS: Describe 1) who you are, 2) your career goals, 3) something about your current or past work experience(s), 4) why you have chosen to pursue a career in fire fighting, 5) any extracurricular activities at the academy or in the community, including your volunteer work within the past two years, and 6) information regarding any special honors you have received.

[TYPE or PRINT in black ink (use 11 point font size or larger)]

DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET - ONLY ONE SIDE OF THIS PAGE WILL BE REVIEWED



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Scholarship Recommendation Form

*Letters of recommendation must be submitted on this form only.
No other format will be accepted. One recommendation must be from you Fire Academy Coordinator.*

APPLICANT'S NAME (Last, First, MI)

1. What is your relationship to the applicant? *(Please check)*

- Employer / Supervisor
- Academy Coordinator
- School / College Staff
- Other

(Explain) _____

2. Please give your personal appraisal of the applicant:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to evaluate
Communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team Player	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-Reliance & Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organization & Follow-through	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility & Conscientiousness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Please comment on why you believe this person will be successful in the fire service.

4. Why, in your opinion, is this person deserving of this scholarship?

Name (Please print): _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____



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