

OFCA Scholarship Committee Report

2016 Award Winners

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

EMS Chief Andrew Baillis
Chief Geoffrey Cleveland
Chief Briant Galgas
Chief Dennis Lewis
Chief Christopher Lyons, Chair

Chief Randy Pavlak
Captain Robert Pursley
Chief Jim Steele
Chief Mark Wolf
Chief Jeffrey Young

The OFCA Scholarship Committee received fifteen applications for educational scholarships for 2016. The applicants included:

Assistant Chief Stephen Agenbroad
Chief William Anderson
Lieutenant Scott Cantrell
Assistant Chief Charles Caudill
Lieutenant Neil Cline
Assistant Chief Ray Green
Lieutenant Jermaine Hill
Lieutenant Johnny Mason
Firefighter Samuel Parsons
Lieutenant Shawn Peura
Lieutenant Anthony Schaffer
Chief Christopher Smith
Lieutenant Samson Strausser
Captain Russell Thompson
Deputy Chief Edward VonLehmden

Clearcreek Township Fire Department
Euclid Fire Department
Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District
Ross Township Fire Department
Mifflin Township Fire Department
Canal Fulton Fire Department
Forest Park Fire Department
Liberty Township Fire Department
Jerome Township Fire Department
Warren City Fire Department
Bellevue Fire Department
Canton Township Fire Department
Bedford Heights Fire Department
Greeneville Fire Department
North College Hill Fire Department

Each candidate's application was copied and sent to committee members for review.

For 2016, the committee had \$22,400 to award made possible by donations from the Dominion Foundation, VFIS, the Southwestern Chiefs' Association, and the OFE Alumni Association.

Award decisions were based on each candidate's educational goals, application content and clarity, overall professionalism, letter of recommendation, and financial need. Preference was given to candidates that were served by Dominion in awarding those scholarships.

Based on the number of requests and the limited funds available, applicants were reviewed and ranked individually by committee members. Each ranking was entered into a spreadsheet and total rankings were averaged to arrive at an overall ranking.

The committee has awarded the following scholarships for 2015:

Chief William Anderson	OFE Class 15	\$3,000
Assistant Chief Stephen Agenbroad	M.P.A. University of Dayton	\$3,000
Captain Russell Thompson	B.S. Fire Administration, BGSU	\$3,000
Lieutenant Shawn Puera	OFE Class 14	\$1,900
Lieutenant Samson Strausser	OFE Class 15	\$3,000
Chief Christopher Smith	OFE Class 16	\$3,000
Deputy Chief Edward VonLehmden	B.S. Fire Administration, Columbia Southern	\$1,900
Assistant Chief Charles Caudill	OFE Class 14	\$1,000
	Total	\$19,800

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ch. Lyons", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Chief Christopher Lyons - Chair