

Public Safety Scholarship Opportunities

The scholarships listed below are specifically for students who are enrolled in one of Tri-C's Public Safety programs. In addition to the opportunities listed here, students may also be eligible for other scholarships based on their major or background, i.e. First Generation students, Veterans, graduates of certain high schools, etc. Both the FAFSA and the Tri-C Foundation scholarship application must be completed to be considered for any scholarship awards. The application can be completed here:

https://tri-c.academicworks.com/users/sign_in

Public Safety Center of Excellence Scholarship

The Public Safety Center of Excellence Scholarship Fund was established to support students in Public Safety programs at Cuyahoga Community College.

Criteria:

- 2.5 GPA (for credit programs)
- Enrolled in one of the programs that are part of the Public Safety Center of Excellence, including:
 - Police Academy*, Fire Academy*, EMT, Paramedic, Environmental Health and Safety, Paralegal Studies, Captioning and Court Reporting, and Private Security Academy programs.
- The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will confirm acceptance into selective admission programs.

Hower Family Fire/EMS Scholarship

The Hower Family Fire/EMS Workforce Endowed Scholarships will provide current and future students, who are pursuing training in Fire/EMS/EMT, with financial resources to finish their certification and join the workforce. Scholarship

Criteria:

- Demonstrated financial need
- Student must be pursuing training in the Fire Training Academy, EMT Program or Paramedic Program
- Financial assistance of up to 75% of the cost of each of the three programs, Fire/EMT/Paramedic
- Student eligible for more than one Hower Family Scholarship as long as criteria is met and student remains in good standing
- Recommended by Tri-C Fire/EMT/Paramedic Program Manager

Detective Peter Merylo Memorial Scholarship

The Detective Peter Merylo Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the Cleveland Police Historical Society in memory of Peter Merylo.

Criteria:

- 2.8 GPA
- Cadet currently enrolled in the Policy Academy at Cuyahoga Community College or majoring in Law Enforcement

Police Academy Scholarship*

The Police Academy Scholarship Fund was established with support from the Catherine L. & Edward A. Lozick Foundation to provide scholarships to students in Tri-C's Police Academy programs. Funds will be awarded to Basic Police Academy students who demonstrate a financial need either by having exhausted their Federal and State aid or who can demonstrate financial need although not qualifying for Federal or State financial assistance.

Criteria:

- Students who have been accepted and enrolled into the Basic Police Academy
- U.S. Citizen
- Class supplies funded by scholarship assistance must be approved by the Director of the College's Public Safety Institute.

Jack Smith Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship

The Jack Smith, Jr. Memorial Law Enforcement Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Jack Smith, Jr., the father of former Cuyahoga Community College Board Trustee, Reverend Hilton O. Smith. This fund is also in memory of Steven J. Huber, a police officer killed in the line of duty; Robert L. Brown, a Cuyahoga Community College public safety officer; and all those who have dedicated their lives to law enforcement and public safety.

Criteria:

- 2.8 GPA
- Student must be enrolled in the Law Enforcement Program or related field
- Pursuing a two-year Associates degree
- Demonstrated community service

Patrick A. Sweeney Education Scholarship

The Patrick A. Sweeney Education Scholarship Fund was established in honor of former State Representative Patrick A. Sweeney on behalf of educational institutions statewide.

Criteria:

- 3.0 GPA
- City of Cleveland resident
- Student must be enrolled in a Public Service Technologies Program (Early Childhood Education, Fire Technology, or Law Enforcement)

Brett J. Wilson Fire Academy Endowed Scholarship

The Brett J. Wilson Fire Academy Endowed Scholarship Fund was established to award individuals entering the Cuyahoga Community College Fire Training Academy to pursue their education training and certification as a Firefighter. This Fund recognizes individuals who are born with the heart and determination to serve others in a selfless manner, who possess the innate passion for serving others in times of crisis and the leadership to make a difference in the profession and in their community. One scholarship will be awarded each calendar year.

Criteria for selection includes:

- Prepare a 500 word essay highlighting why you have chosen to pursue a career as a firefighter and public servant

Immediate Award Scholarships – Grant Funded

Dollar Bank Public Safety Scholarship

Dollar Bank is providing financial assistance to students who are enrolled in a public safety training program, with preference to women and students of color. This scholarship will provide our most vulnerable populations with access to training to obtain and secure good jobs in our community.

Criteria:

- Financial need
- Preference to women and students of color
- Enrolled in one of the following programs in the Public Safety Center of Excellence, including:
 - Police Academy*, Fire Academy*, EMT, Paramedic

*The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will confirm acceptance into selective admission programs.

Erwin Eberhardt Memorial Scholarship

Officer Erwin Eberhardt served the Cleveland Police Department for 30 years, and also served as associate commander of the Police Academy at Tri-C's Public Safety Training Center of Excellence. He was an excellent instructor and focused on training the next generation of law enforcement officers in Northeast Ohio. He took great pride in sharing real world examples of life as a first responder while teaching cadets how to balance the many roles and responsibilities of the job.

He was highly regarded and respected by staff and cadets. This scholarship was created by one of the cadets who trained under Officer Eberhardt as a way to honor his memory by supporting future Police Academy cadets.

Criteria:

- Students who have been accepted and enrolled into the Basic Police Academy
- U.S. Citizen
- Recommended by Tri-C Police Academy Command Staff

Fire Academy Scholarship

To provide scholarships for students enrolled in Tri-C's Fire Academy.

Criteria:

- Students must be accepted into the Fire Academy to be considered for this scholarship. FAS to confirm eligibility.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Scholarship

The purpose of the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Scholarship is to offer financial aid to students who are current enrolled in Police, Fire and EMS programs at Cuyahoga Community College.

Criteria:

- Demonstrate Financial need
- Be enrolled in the Tri-C Fire Academy, Police Academy and EMT programs at Tri-C for at least one (1) semester prior to receiving the scholarship.
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the program.
- Provide two references prior to receiving the scholarship.
- Students must enroll at least part-time (min 6 credit hours)

FireService Management First Responders Sholarship

To provide scholarships for students enrolled in the Fire Academy, EMT, or Paramedic programs.

Criteria:

- Students must be accepted into one of the eligible programs to be considered for this scholarship.

Gresko Memorial Fund

Scholarships for students in Police Academy—Nancy Nekoranec to coordinate with Gresko Foundation on awarding.