

## POLICY

### 1. Eligibility

A volunteer, spouse and dependent children (in accordance with the most recently filed IRS tax return) are eligible for the tuition benefit as detailed in section 2, provided the following criteria have been met.

- a. A volunteer shall agree to serve as a member of a volunteer fire company, or volunteer first aid rescue squad or association for a minimum of four years.
- b. The volunteer shall sign an agreement with the municipality in which the squad or association is located. Following each year of service performed, the volunteer shall provide a letter of eligibility from the municipality stating that the individual is a member in good standing of the fire company, first aid or rescue squad or association and has performed the service required for the tuition credit.
- c. The volunteer, or dependent child or spouse, shall maintain at least a "C" average (cumulative grade point average greater than or equal to 2.00) in order to continue eligibility for the tuition credit program.

### 2. Tuition Benefit

- a. An eligible volunteer, dependent children and spouse shall be permitted to attend regularly scheduled credit courses and receive up to \$600 in tuition credit per year, not to exceed \$2,400 for the member, children and spouse collectively over a four year service period.
- b. A volunteer, dependent children and spouse must register on a space-available basis after tuition-paying students constitute the minimum number required for the credit course(s).
- c. The college may designate a separate registration period for eligible individuals seeking enrollment under this program after the late registration period for tuition paying students is complete.
- d. This benefit shall be provided to eligible individuals starting with the spring semester of the year 2000.

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Reference: New Jersey Public Law 1998, Chapter 145