

Welcome to the 138th Annual Convention of your New Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Association.

First, I wish to thank the membership for the faith you placed in me to serve as your President for the past year. It is a privilege and honor to represent all of you.

The Executive Committee has been working tirelessly to promote the interest of ALL Exempt Firefighters throughout our great state. I invite you to take a moment to visit our **website NJSEFA.ORG** and learn who is the Executive County Committee person that represent your county. You can reach out to your representative at any time with questions or ideas you may have to better our association.

This past year we have worked hard to close our budget gap to balance your finances in order to provide a sustainable organization for the next generation of Volunteer Exempt Firefighters.

We continue to work on providing update information for our members by way of our FACEBOOK page. Kindly follow us and share with your local members. To make it easier for members there is a link to our website on the Facebook page. The website provides important information such as forms to update contact information for local exempt association.

Updating our contact information for local associations is a priority this year as we attempt to modernize the way we not only communicate with local association but work towards making convention registration easier.

Website will also afford you the opportunity to Exempt Organization items, please take a minute to visit the site. Once again that's NJSEFA.ORG.

Don't forget to contact our Flag and Grave Marker committee to get your order in for 2026 as Memorial Day is just around the corner and "**Honoring Those Who Came Before Us**" is one of our most treasured traditions.

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends..."

Stay safe and know we are here if you ever need us!!!

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND GOD BLESS ALL who protect and serve.

James M. Domville



President

New Jersey State Exempt
Firemen's Association

**To the Local Association of Exempt Firemen Affiliates with
THE NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC
The 138th ANNUAL CONVENTION**

Hosted by the
Bernardsville Exempt Firemen's Association

TO BE HELD AT

Bernards High School
25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville, NJ 07924
Saturday, June 6, 2026

ELECTION OF EXEMPTS DELEGATES

Elect five (5) delegates and five (5) alternates, one or more of whom shall act in place of any delegate or delegates whose who may be unable to attend the State Convention, the names of said delegates and alternates to be forwarded to the Secretary of the State Exempt Firemen's Association.

NEW JERSEY STATE FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

On or before the second Wednesday of February, 2026 elect one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate (only one to attend) to the convention of the New Jersey State Fireman's Association and kindly forward the Credentials immediately to the Secretary of your Local Relief Association as it must be in the Wall Office on or before May 1, 2026, otherwise your delegates will not be seated. Kindly take care of this at your first meeting of the New Year.

MEMORIAL MARKERS & FLAGS

Memorial Markers and Flags can be purchased from Dan Ford, 28 West Delavue Ave. Carneys Point, NJ 08069, (856-299-9434), Garrick Miller, 1 Sweet Bay Court, Monroe NJ 08831, (732-619-8268), Roy DeYoung, 8 Pleasant Court, Maywood, NJ 07607, (201-587-0338). Call for price quotes. A check or money order must accompany the order in the correct amount.

REGISTRATION

Registration of Life Members and Delegates will be from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

The following blank report forms are enclosed herewith:

- 1 – MEMORIAL REPORT
- 2 – ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES AND LIFE MEMBER REPORT
- 3 – CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES
- 4 – LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE

The State Secretary requests you to send Report Numbers 1, 2 & 3 as soon as possible after your election and they can be completed.

DO NOT RETURN THE CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES OR THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE. CREDENTIALS OF DELEGATES ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE DELEGATES. LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE ARE TO BE GIVEN TO LIFE MEMBERS TO BE TURNED IN AT THE CONVENTION AS THEY REGISTER.

Fraternally Yours,
William Smith, State Secretary
22 Cleveland Ave. South River, NJ 08882
732-236-3207

LIFE MEMBER CREDENTIAL
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Having served this Local Exempt Association as a delegate and having been made a Life Member of the New Jersey Exempt Firemen's Association is, upon proper signature, entitled to be registered as a *Life Member* at the

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SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

Association of Exempt Firemen of _____

_____ County

_____ Secretary

Signature of Life Member

INSTRUCTIONS: The Secretary is to print or type the name of the **LIFE MEMBER**, the name of the local association, sign the Certification and present the credentials to the **LIFE MEMBER**.

The **LIFE MEMBER** is to sign the credential and present it at the registration table of the County at the **CONVENTION**, on **SATURDAY, June 6, 2026** between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. The convention meeting starts at 9:00 A.M.

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NOTICE TO DELEGATE

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TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMEN” S ASSOCIATION

This is to certify that: _____ **was duly elected one of the**

Five (5) DELEGATES; and _____ **was duly elected ALTERNATE**

to represent the _____ **Exempt Firemen’s Association** at the Annual Convention of the New Jersey State Exempt Firemen’s Association, to be held at Bernards High School, 25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville, NJ 07924.

_____, Secretary

_____ County

Local secretaries please type or print the name and deliver this certificate to the delegate.

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_____, Secretary

_____ County

Local secretaries please type or print the name and deliver this certificate to the delegate.

Note – Local Secretaries please fill out this certificate and return to the State Secretary for certification,
TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMEN” S ASSOCIATION

This is to certify that Brother _____ has attended the following three (3) conventions of the New Jersey State Exempt Firemen’s Association, listed below, as a duly elected delegate from this Association, he is in good standing and entitled to a life membership badge upon payment of the appropriate fee.

Convention of _____	Town	Year
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Convention of _____	Town	Year

Fraternally yours, _____
Secretary

_____ Exempt Firemen’s Association, _____ County

Note – Local Secretaries please fill out this certificate and return to the State Secretary for certification,
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Souvenir Journal

To Be Distributed At

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BERNARDSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

&

BERNARDSVILLE EXEMPT ASSOCIATION

TO BE HELD AT

BERNARDS HIGH SCHOOL

25 Olcott Avenue Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Saturday Morning, June 6, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.

Please send Ad Copy and Check Payable to: **NJ STATE EXEMPT FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

MAIL TO: Ad Book Committee, 333 Cedar Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879

Please complete the following:

Town: _____ County: _____

Name of person to contact regarding the ad: _____

Address: _____ Phone Number: _____
Street & Number, City, State & Zip Code

Association or Fire Department submitting ad: _____

Treasurer's Address & Phone #: _____ County: _____

Full Page \$ 150.00

Quarter Page \$ 50.00

Half Page \$ 75.00

Note: ADS CLOSE MAY 1st, 2026

NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Firefighters on earning their Exemption have already shown their willingness to help their fellow citizens in the dangerous job of fire suppression.

Most have never had the opportunity to be a hero, but the one we want to honor has been the backbone of his Company, not only at a call, but in keeping up with the Company's work. He might spend extra time attending the meetings of mutual aid or country or state organizations. He might be the one who does all the work for fire Prevention week, or in other contacts with the community. He might just be the one who grabs a broom and keeps the truck bay neat, or who putters around outside the firehouse keeping the landscaping looking good.

Perhaps the most important part of his activity will be his activities in his community. He will be active in Little Leagues, Scouting, Municipal Boards, Church activities, or many other places he feels that he can help. He volunteers for the personal pride he feels, and not for the publicity. He will currently be an active member of an Exempt Fire Association.

The award will be based on:

1. Service to his Fire Company or Department
2. Service to the Fire Service in general
3. Service to his community

A typewritten summary of his qualifications, headed by a nomination form, and at least one page and not more than 2 pages in length, must be received by the Committee Chairman, by mail, by the cutoff date, which is May 1, 2026. Newspaper clippings may be added. Anything received after that date will be considered next year. Nominator to be a member of an Exempt Fireman's Association, or a Chief Officer.

The Committee will meet and consider the applications. When the winner is known, his nominator will be notified, and the award will be presented at the Exempt Convention.

Chairman:

Roy De Young
8 Pleasant Court
Maywood, NJ 07607
201-587-0338 Cell Phone
BigShoes420@Hotmail.com

NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINEE

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ **PHONE:** _____

EXEMPT FIRE ASSOCIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

MEMORIAL REPORT

To NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION

The following members of _____ Association of Exempt Firemen are hereby reported as having passed away since our last Convention:

(Please Type or Print Names)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Fraternally yours,

In the County of _____, Secretary

If you are not attending the Annual Convention and wish to have your brother members included in the Memorial List, **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**

**William Smith
22 Cleveland Ave
South River, New Jersey 08882**

By May 1st, 2026

NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC

2026 FIRE SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Objective

The New Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Association (NJSEFA) established the Fire Service Scholarship Program to assist qualified students to advance their education in their chosen field of study.

Through the program, NJSEFA will provide scholarship grants to qualified students seeking to advance their education in their chosen field of study. Tuition assistance is offered based upon merit to individuals pursuing higher education (full or part time) at an accredited institution of higher education. NJSEFA recognizes the professional diversity represented within fire service memberships and the value of encouraging its continuance. Therefore, all students meeting eligibility requirements and enrolled in college level programs will be considered for the NJSEFA Fire Service Scholarship Program.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be a Resident of the State of New Jersey.
2. Must be a high school graduate or GED equivalent.
3. Must be a Child or Grand Child of a New Jersey Exempt Firefighter.

Additional Credit given if the student

1. Enrolling in a Fire Science Program.
2. Active member in good standing with a New Jersey Fire Company or Department.

Scholarship Awards and Rules

1. The number of scholarships available and the amount of each scholarship is determined on a yearly basis by NJSEFA. NJSEFA reserves the right to limit the number of scholarships awarded each year.
2. The 2026 scholarships will be up to three (3), each one will be \$1,500.00. One selection will be made from the North, Central and Southern sections of the state.
3. No more than one scholarship will be granted per family per year.
4. Scholarship is to be applied against tuition. In the event that the tuition for the course or program selected is less than the amount of the scholarship, the amount of the scholarship is limited to tuition cost. No claim can be made against NJSEFA or the college for the remaining scholarship amount.
5. Recipient must agree to return to NJSEFA an amount equal to the scholarship award should he/she withdraw from the program chosen prior to the formal completion of such program.
6. Recipient must agree to submit to NJSEFA an official college transcript at the end of each semester for which a tuition scholarship was awarded.
7. Recipient can attend a junior college or a four-year college or university, working toward an associate's degree, bachelor's degree, or doctoral degree.
8. The 2026 scholarship recipient will be announced on June 6, 2026, at the 138th Annual NJ State Exempt Firemen's Convention in Bernardsville, NJ.

NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC

2026 FIRE SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Required Materials for Consideration

1. Completed NJSEFA Scholarship Application.
2. Two (2) written letters of recommendation. Both individuals must also be listed on the Scholarship Application. Each person will serve as a reference that can substantiate the applicant's potential for academic success. NJSEFA will be authorized to contact the individuals listed as references concerning the applicant, if necessary.
3. Transcript or record of last year of school.
4. Tuition or fee statement from college/university.
5. Copy of program description and course descriptions from college catalogue.
6. An essay (500 words or less) on the applicant's career plans and academic studies. Please include why the applicant is applying for financial aid and any other information that will aid in selecting the applicant as the recipient of the award.
7. Proof of Exempt Status of relative or a copy of their Exemption Certificate.

Judgment of Applicants

The following criteria will be considered by NJSEFA when judging applicants:

1. Scholastic achievement
2. Quality of Essay
3. Recommendations and references

Additional credit given if the student

1. Enrolling in a Fire Science Program.
2. Active member in good standing with a New Jersey Fire Company or Department.

Submitting Required Materials

Application must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2026. All required materials shall be submitted at the same time. If any items are missing, the candidate will not be considered for an award.

Submit all required materials to:

The NJSEFA Scholarship Committee
William J. Smith, Chairman
22 Cleveland Ave
South River, NJ 08882

Please assemble your application package in the following order:

1. Completed application form.
2. Transcript or record of last year of school.
3. Copy of program description and course descriptions from the college catalogue.
4. Tuition and fee statement from the college/university.
5. Essay.
6. Two (2) letters of reference.

NEW JERSEY STATE EXEMPT FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC

2026 FIRE SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State New Jersey Zip _____

County _____ Phone # _____

Name and date of high school from which you graduated:

If not a graduate, when are you scheduled to graduate or earn your GED _____

Name of Relative to that Exempt Firefighter _____

Reference #1 Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Relation to Applicant _____

Reference #2 Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Relation to Applicant _____

- Please submit a letter from a Chief Officer indicating proof of Exempt Status of the relative or a copy of their Exemption Certificate. Document that relationship. (Parent or Grandparent)
- Please list all extra-curricular activities in which you participated during high school.
- Please list all community activities in which you have been active.
- What are your current educational plans?
- Do not staple the application.