

## DVFFA – Assistant Fire Chief – Richard C. Bacon Memorial Scholarship

The DVFFA – Assistant Fire Chief – Richard C. Bacon Memorial Scholarship fund is open to any Dunstable resident that is a graduating senior in the Class of 2008, regardless of where they are attending high school.

The Dunstable Volunteer Fire Fighters Association initiated this scholarship fund in honor and recognition of Assistant Fire Chief Richard C. Bacon. Richard passed away in August of 1999 in the line of duty. The support the Fire Department and Richard's family received was heartwarming and overwhelming. Several friends, residents of the community, and business associates made donations to the DVFFA in memory of "Dickie". For those of you that knew Dickie, you know how proud he was of our community. There was a strong sense of community and family displayed in all of his actions. This scholarship is our way of continuing to give back to the community in Dickie's memory and honor.

The scholarship is geared to any graduating senior, not just those who are college bound. Dick himself started to attend college, but then chose to pursue work in the field with his father and uncles as a general contractor at Fort Devens. He went on to establish his own business and ran it for 20 years prior to passing away. We feel, offering the scholarship to career/trade-focused students, as well as college focused students, best reflects Dick and his life.

### Scholarship Guidelines

1. Any graduating senior that resides in the Town of Dunstable is eligible for the award, regardless of high school enrolled in. Only those students graduating from high school in the year the grant is awarded are eligible for the year's grant.
2. Three scholarships for: \$800.00 each will be awarded.
3. Awards will be issued for students accepted and entering accredited Universities, Colleges, and Junior Colleges  
**OR** Students entering an Apprentice / Journeyman's Program  
**OR** Students entering the workplace in the trade of their choice.
4. If the recipient is unable to attend college or enter the workforce / Apprentice / Journeyman's Program due to a medically certified illness, the scholarship will be held in abeyance for not more than one (1) year.
5. All awards will be paid directly to the school in which the student is enrolled after successful completion of the first semester of studies. For those students entering their trade, all awards will be paid directly to Apprentice / Journeyman's Programs or as reimbursement for expenses incurred for items such as tools, testing fees, uniforms, etc.
6. Scholarship may be applied only towards legitimate school expenses such as tuition, room & board, books, and miscellaneous expenses. **OR** trade expenses such as testing/certification fees, tools, uniforms, etc.
7. **Applications must be completely filled out and submitted on forms furnished by the DVFFA Scholarship Committee and submitted to: DVFFA – Asst Fire Chief Richard C. Bacon Memorial Scholarship, C/O Harold Simmons, 726 Main Street, Dunstable, MA 01827. Applications must be received no later than Friday, March 28, 2008.**
8. The scholarships will be awarded based upon the student's grades, volunteer work performed, and all around community citizenship. **The decisions will be made by Friday, May 16, 2008.**
9. The scholarships will be presented at the recipient senior's respective high school graduation ceremony or Class / Awards Day.
10. All decisions of the Scholarship Committee shall be final and binding.

#### Applicant Personal Data

Applicant Name		Date of Birth	

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<b>Street Address Town, State Zip</b>		<b>Telephone Number</b>	
<b>High School Currently Attending</b>			
<b>Name of Parents / Guardians</b>			
<b>Street Address Town, State Zip</b>		<b>Telephone Number</b>	

### Family Data

<b>Parent's / Guardian's Employment Status</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<b>Job Title &amp; Place of Employment</b>			
<b>Number of Older Siblings</b>		<b>Number of Younger Siblings</b>	
<b>Are any siblings currently attending either college or private school? If yes, please provide name(s) of institution(s) attending. Institution Attending:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	

### Educational Plans

<b>What college or school are you planning to attend? Location?</b>				
<b>What type of program? (Please circle one)</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>2 Year</b>	<b>3 Year</b>	<b>4 Year</b>
<b>Intended major area of study?</b>				
<b>What is the yearly cost for?</b>	<b>Tuition</b>			
	<b>Room &amp; Board</b>			
	<b>Books</b>			
	<b>Activity &amp; Lab Fees</b>			
	<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>			
<b>If you plan to commute, please provide an estimate of what the cost will be for an academic year:</b>				

### Career / Trade Plans (for use only if not entering college/university)

<b>Career / Trade Entry Upon Graduation</b>	
<b>Journeyman / Apprenticeship Program</b>	
<b>Institution Name and Location</b>	
<b>Time Period Attending</b>	
<b>Career / Trade Entry Upon Graduation (Continued)</b>	
<b>Will you be entering the workforces immediately?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b>
<b>Place of Employment</b>	
<b>Trade Performing</b>	
<b>Estimated Entry Cost (tools, uniforms, certificate testing, etc.)</b>	
<b>Please Describe Trade</b>	

### Financial Information

<b>Are you currently employed?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
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<b>If yes, Where?</b>	
<b>How long have you been working?</b>	
<b>Amount of money saved for your college/trade expenses</b>	
<b>How much can your family contribute toward your expenses?</b>	
<b>Have you applied for financial aid?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b>
<b>If yes, have you received notification of award</b>	<b>Yes</b> <b>No</b>
<b>Please Explain</b>	

**Four Required Attachments to be provided with Application:**

1. **Community Service:** Please describe your participation in community service activities, local organizations, and extracurricular activities. (Please attach write up.)
2. **Special Circumstances:** Please indicate any unusual circumstances that the scholarship committee should be aware of, e.g. illness or death in the family, unemployment or seasonal employment, unexpected expenses, etc. (Please attach write up.)
3. **Comment:** Please state briefly, your reasons for wanting to further your education or trade. (Please attach write up.)
4. **A transcript including courses taken, grades and credits received, rank in class, and CEEB scores** obtained from the Guidance Office should be sent with the scholarship application.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_