

OFCA Scholarship Committee Report

2018 Award Winners

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chief Christopher Lyons, Chair

EMS Chief Andrew Baillis

Chief Geoffrey Cleveland

Chief Briant Galgas

Lieutenant Thomas Granata

Deputy Chief Scott Kujawa

Chief Dennis Lewis

Chief Randy Pavlak

Captain Robert Pursley

Chief Jim Steele

Chief Jeffrey Young

The OFCA Scholarship Committee received eleven applications for educational scholarships for 2017.

The applicants included:

Assistant Chief William Anderson

Firefighter Dominic Chiappone

Captain Anthony Coletta

Chief Mark Garvin

Lieutenant Nicholas Martin

Lieutenant David Moore

Captain Brian Novotny

Chief Russell Thompson

Firefighter Scott Tigner

Assistant Chief Michael Vatty

Platoon Chief Jay Womack

Euclid Fire Department

Perry Joint Fire District

Ashland Division of Fire

Palmyra Township Fire Department

Lyndhurst Fire Department

Pleasant Township Fire Department

Streetsboro Fire Department

Greeneville Fire Department

Norwich Township Fire Department

Munson Fire Department

Euclid Fire Department

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

For 2017, the committee had \$20,900 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 2017:

Chief William Anderson	OFE Class 15	\$3,000
Chief Russell Thompson	B.S. Fire Administration, BGSU	\$3,000
Firefighter Scott Tigner	A.S. Fire Science, Columbus State CC	\$3,000
Captain Brian Novotny	OFE Class 17	\$3,000
Lieutenant Nicholas Martin	OFE Class 17	\$3,000
Assistant Chief Michael Vatty	OFE Class 17	\$3,000
Platoon Chief Jay Womack	OFE Class 17	\$2,900
	Total	\$20,900

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