

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
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CHIEF JOSEPH L. JONES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**For
YEAR 2017**
Las Vegas, Nevada
Submitted by
James F. Hill II

**ADDINGTON C. STEWART, PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS, INC.**

BIOGRAPHY OF CHIEF JOSEPH L. JONES

Joseph Lee Jones was the third of eight children born on February 19, 1953. He was educated in the St. Louis Public School system where he graduated from Vashon High School. In 1971 Joseph enlisted in the United States Army where he served 3 – years and was honorably discharged in 1974. On August 18, 1975, Joseph was hired by the St. Louis Fire Department. He was promoted to captain on July 22, 1984 and became a battalion chief on June 26, 2000. After thirty-five years Joseph retired from the St. Louis Fire Department. Even though Joseph retired from the department he continued his work with the black firefighter's organization. Throughout his career he was a part of the Firefighters Institute for Racial Equality (F.I.R.E.). Upon his promotion to battalion chief he became a part of the St. Louis Black Chiefs organization an extension of F.I.R.E. at the chief level. In giving back for over 20 years to the Black firefighters' organization, Joseph was the leader with all of our recruitment training programs. He taught potential recruits on the preparation of the entry level test, the physical ability test, and the interview processes that they would encounter. Joseph trained and prepared IABPFF members on the assessment center process, sat on numerous assessments for promotions throughout the United States to ensure fair and equitable treatment of all members being assessed for promotions. To say that Big Joe never forgot where he came from is an understatement because he exhibited it within his family, with the F.I.R.E. organization, the South Central Region and the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters (IABPFF).

Joseph Lee "BIG JOE" Jones departed this life on March 17, 2013 and he would be humbled to know that we are honoring him with this scholarship in his name.





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Lindsey Plummer
Executive Director

March 20, 2017

Hello Scholarship Participants,

As you are aware, the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters (IABPFF) and the Columbia Southern Education Group (CSEG) have partnered to present a deserving member of the IABPFF with a \$16,000.00 scholarship for college studies. We are proud and enthusiastic about the relationship that has been developed and nurtured between the IABPFF and CSEG to bring this opportunity to the membership of the IABPFF. This is hopefully one of many opportunities to be presented to the membership through CSEG.

This annual scholarship has appropriately been named the Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship. Chief Jones was a Battalion Chief in the St. Louis Fire Department. The criteria and extended requirements are enclosed.

The winner of the first IABPFF/Waldorf College Hero Scholarship (presently the Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship), was secured by member Monique Robinson of Little Rock Arkansas. Monique is presently enrolled at Waldorf College, where she is undertaking studies for a Fire Management degree. Our 2017 scholarship recipient will be announced at the 2017 Convention banquet dinner on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at the J. W. Marriott Hotel and Resort Las Vegas, Nevada.

The IABPFF would like to thank CSEG for their generosity and extend a debt of gratitude for their participation in the scholarship process. We also commend them for their service and commitment to the fire service community and our organization.

Best Regards,

Johnny J. Bewington, Education Chair
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March 20, 2017

Dear Member:

Re: IABPFF Member Scholarship Application

The International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters (IABPFF) will be awarding our Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship, at our 2017 annual convention. The scholarship recipient will be announced on Wednesday August 9, 2017 at the J. W. Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa Las Vegas, Nevada.

We are pleased to present our scholarship program to IABPFF Members who plan to attend a post-secondary institution. Our scholarship contest will be hallmarked by an Essay and Oratorical Contest.

In order to qualify, we have enclosed the criteria that each applicant must adhere to in order to apply for this scholarship. In addition, the applicant must also possess good character and be involved in his/her community.

We need everyone's help informing our membership of this scholarship opportunity. Please read and post the enclosed flyer for our members. Members may go to the following website: www.iabpf.org to obtain the Statement of Understanding and the criteria information. For additional information contact: Melanie Anderson at melzyfire1@yahoo.com.

We encourage you to take a moment to review the enclosed documents. We are counting on you to partner in the success of this scholarship opportunity for deserving members.

Sincerely,

Addington C. Stewart, President
International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, Inc.

Chief Joseph L. Jones 2017 Scholarship Contest

In order to qualify, the following criteria must be adhered:

- **Applicants must be an employee/member of a CSU Learning Partner, IABPFF**
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- **Have a high school transcript or equivalent (GED)**
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- **Be available to begin coursework within 90 days of the date of the award**
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- **Capable of maintaining a 2.0 undergraduate GPA or 3.0 graduate GPA**
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- **Able to maintain continuous enrollment in his or her degree program**
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- **Current CSU students must meet all of these requirements to be considered**
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- **Scholarship Recipient will be determined by IABPFF Awards Committee**
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- **Applicant must be an IABPFF member no less than 2 years**
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- **Complete a contest Statement of Understanding**

In addition,

- **Applicant must possess good character, and**
- **Be involved in some type of extracurricular activity, community service, church activity, or outside employment**

Writing specifications:

- **250 word typed, double spaced essay, written on the following theme:
“*WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF STEM IN TODAY'S SOCIETY*”**
- **Must be submitted on disk or drive and hard copy (paper copy)**
- **Member's name placed in the upper right-hand corner of each page**

Deadline for the essay is **JUNE 8, 2017.**

Essays should be mailed by the regional Director with the required information to the “Joseph L. Jones Scholarship” IABPFF AWARDS COMMITTEE

Mail essay with required information to:
Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship Contest
IABPFF, Inc.
1830 Park Row
Dallas, Texas 75215

Three essays will advance to the semi-finals round of the scholarship contest. Winners will be judged on content, delivery, and language.

For more information, contact TIA ELLIS at iabpffofc@aol.com or visit our website at www.iabpf.org

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Joseph L. Jones Statement of Understanding

I understand and agree to the following rules to determine eligibility to compete in the Joseph L. Jones Scholarship sponsored by the Columbia Southern Education Group and the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters. The award recipient will be presented at the Annual Convention Banquet, Wednesday August 09, 2017. I understand and agree that any infraction of the rules will render me ineligible to compete or receive a scholarship from the sponsoring organizations.

1. I must submit an essay meeting the required criteria.
2. I must present my essay at the annual convention banquet Wednesday, August 09, 2017.
3. I must submit a recent photograph of myself (head shot).
4. I agree that the decision of the scholarship committee shall be final and not challenged by me or anyone on my behalf.

Please Print

Member Name

Address

Telephone Number—Cell Number

Email Address

Student's Signature

I understand and agree to the above Statement of Understanding to determine my eligibility to compete in the Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship contest sponsored by the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters.

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

A. The written answers will be judged on the following criteria :

1. Context – Idea: the thought put into developing the answers.
2. Content – Do the answers follow logically to the questions.

B. The oratorical skills will be judged on the following criteria :

1. Context – Idea: the thought put into developing the answers.
2. Content – Do the answers follow logically to the questions.
3. Communication- Does the orator pununciate and speak clearly.
4. Audience appeal – does the orator keep the audiences' attention and maintain visual contact.
5. Appearance – the general appearance of the orator.

C. Material To Be Submitted Along With The Essay

1. The 250 word written essay
2. A recent photograph of yourself (Black & white or color)

D. If all of the criteria is not met applicants will be disqualified.

Submit all information requested to :

**Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship Contest
IABPFF, Inc.
1830 Park Row
Dallas, TX, 75215**

International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

IABPFF Joseph L. Jones Scholarship

This scholarship is given yearly at the annual IABPFF Convention. It is a two-year scholarship that starts the following term after being awarded. This scholarship allows for 60 credit hours during the two-year period.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be an employee/member of a CSU Learning Partner, IABPFF
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- Have a high school transcript or equivalent (GED)
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- Be available to begin coursework within 90 days of the date of the award
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- Capable of maintaining a 2.0 undergraduate GPA or 3.0 graduate GPA
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- Able to maintain continuous enrollment in his or her degree program
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- Current CSU students must meet all of these requirements to be considered
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- Scholarship Recipient will be determined by IABPFF Awards Committee
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- Applicant must be an IABPFF member no less than 2 years

*****Application for the IABPFF scholarship shall be submitted to your respective Regional Director no earlier than 60 days (JUNE 8), nor later than 30 days (JULY 8) prior to the starting date of the IABPFF Convention. Your Regional Director will pass the application to the IABPFF Awards Committee.**

*****Application should include verification of eligibility and a 250 word essay entitled:**

“WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF STEM IN TODAY'S SOCIETY”.

Waldorf/CSU Website: columbiasouthern.edu, www.waldorf.edu

Additional Scholarships

- **Hero Behind the Hero:** Spouse and dependent scholarship for immediate family members. Offered at both Waldorf and Columbia Southern University.
- **Robert G. Mayes Scholarship:** For alumnus that would like to further their education at CSU.
- **CSU Fire Scholarship:** Given annually to a fire fighter that is currently enrolled or planning to enroll into the fire science degree.
- **CSU / Waldorf Learning Partner Scholarship:** Awarded once every two months.