



**SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US**

## **OPERATION THANK YOU 2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

This scholarship provides financial assistance to eligible first responders pursuing college-level courses, professional development, continuing education, training, licensing, and certification programs that enhance the effectiveness and delivery of emergency services to the Town of Newington, Connecticut. You can receive up to a maximum of \$1,500 a year. The opportunity requires completing this application and a letter of reference verifying your status as a first responder.

**ELIGIBILITY:** You must be an Active Duty First Responder in the Town of Newington. A first responder is someone who works on an ambulance or rescue vehicle helping others, EMTs, Paramedics, Firefighters, Police, or a Dispatcher for any of the noted above. These positions can be paid or volunteer.

**PROCESS:** Complete the application form and attach your letter of reference. Mail the materials to the address below:

Connie Mercer  
Operation Thank You  
15 Southwood Road  
Newington, CT 06111

**APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print):**

I. Name (First, MI, Last):

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Your current mailing address (Street, Apt. #, City, State, Zip code):

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Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

State your position as a volunteer or professional first responder:

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- II. Describe the educational, training, licensing, or certification program you are seeking financial assistance for:

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Name and address of the school/program you are attending or planning to attend (scholarship payment will be issued directly to the attending school or training/certification program):

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State the amount of funding you are requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

III. Please explain how your request will enhance the delivery and/or effectiveness of emergency services to Newington.

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IV. Reflect on how you yourself have worked to make a difference in the community. List any civic clubs, engagements or service activities you may have been involved in.

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V. Are you a veteran?  yes  no (check one)

VI. Are you a resident of Newington?  yes  no (check one)

VII. LETTER OF REFERENCE: Please submit the attached letter of reference from your employer or supervisor who can verify your status as a first responder and speak to your strengths, dedication, and commitment to the community.

Your signature certifies that the information provided on the application, including attachments, is true to the best of your knowledge.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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