

## The Steve Zelsnack Jr Scholarship

Presented by CPFFA 2737

**Mission Statement:** The Cortland Professional Firefighters Association Local 2737 will be honoring the memory of beloved member Stephen Zelsnack Junior with a competitive merit-based scholarship. A one-time award in the amount of \$1000 to one recipient Pursue a degree or trade school. As an alumnus of Morrisville College Stephen was proud to serve his community as a career Firefighter/EMT and as a member of his local volunteer department while running his family farm.

**Target and Award:** The target audience for this scholarship is open to all seniors in high school. Special Consideration is given to students interested in Fire Science, Emergency Care, or Agricultural Propagation.

**Applicants:** Applicants must meet only **one** of the following requirements:

- Reside in Cortland county (based on home address)
- Attend school in Cortland county (based on school transcript)
- Have a family member participating or be actively participating themselves in a Cortland County Fire Department (based on letter from FD Chief.)

**Process:** Applicants must submit the following:

- Proof of eligibility based on the above criteria
- High school transcript
- Signed Documentation from Community Service Organization showing hours since Aug. 1, 2022.
- Short essay response to the appropriate writing prompt.
- Proof of Fire department Association for Self (if applicable)
- Proof of Fire department Association for Family member (if applicable)
- Proof of Agricultural program association; participation in FFA or 4H (based on letter from mentor or advisor) (if applicable).
- Copy of acceptance letter special consideration will be given to those planning to attend Morrisville.

**Essay:** Response to one of the following prompts should not exceed 1000 Words. All responses should be in your own words and provide insight to your personal goals.

**General:** Essay about yourself and service to your community.

Or A more focused options include

**Fire Service:** Describe the history and tradition of the fire Service. Describe the influence it has had on your life and the impact you hope to have on the fire service in the future.

**Emergency Services:** Describe the role of Emergency Care providers in your community. Describe the influence and impact you would like to have on the Emergency care field.

**Agricultural Propagation:** Describe the role Agriculture has had in your life. Describe both locally and personally where family farming has grown (or contracted) and where you see its future.

Each Applicant will be scored based on a rubric. Essays will be kept anonymous. Each application will be evaluated by 5 separate readers and scores will be combine.

Points will be awarded based on essay content, community involvement and Fire department affiliation.

Please complete the application and submit it with the above requested documentation.

Student  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High  
School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Where are you a FFA or 4H  
Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your Fire Dept  
affiliation? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I certify that all information and attachments are true to my knowledge. I understand that false information may disqualify me from consideration for this award.

**Your application will not be considered unless all requirements of the application have been completed and all documents are received on or before the deadline.**

***NOTE: All decisions concerning the selection of scholarship recipients are made by the Cortland Professional Firefighters Association. The Scholarship Advisory Committee is made up of current and past members of the union overseen by the President. The Scholarship Advisory Committee makes the final selection and awards the scholarship to the individuals it selects.***

The Application and all Supporting Documentation MUST be Post Marked by April 15th.

It is the goal of the committee to notify the winner by June 1st.

Please submit all materials to

Local 2737

Scholarship C/O FF Edwards

21 Court St.

Cortland, NY 13045