Purpose:

The Ashton Rhodes Memorial Scholarship is a program established to assist young men

and women in securing financial aid for formal education beyond high school.

Who is eligible for the Scholarship?

Any graduating senior that is a member of, or whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are a member of local Emergency Services (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, 911 Communications, etc.). The

graduating senior must be enrolled in one of the five (6) Lenoir County High Schools

(South Lenoir, North Lenoir, Kinston High, Bethel Academy, Parrott Academy or LC Early College High School).

How are recipients of the Scholarship determined?

Recipients are selected annually by the Sandy Bottom Fire & Rescue Scholarship

Committee based on character, financial need, scholarship, community involvement,

academic promise and desire by the applicant for further education or training.

What is the amount of the Scholarship?

The Scholarship is a one-time award of $3000, issued to the student. One (1) scholarship can be awarded annually based on recommendations of the Scholarship Committee.

What is the deadline for applying?

**Applications must be received by Brian Whitfield, President of the Fire Department Board of Directors, no later than 5:00pm on Monday, April 22, 2024.** Delivery of the application is the responsibility of the applicant and late applications will not be considered. Applications may be hand-delivered to the President or mailed to the following address:

Sandy Bottom VFR

Attn: Rhodes Scholarship Committee

1936 Greene Haynes Rd

Kinston, NC 28504

What information is needed other than the application?

1. Reference letter from the High School or College Educator, typed or using enclosed form.
2. High School transcript.
3. A written essay between 500 and 1000 words on the applicant’s educational plans, including personal and career goals, and why the applicant is choosing said career path.