

Student Application for:  
**The George W. Fisher, III Memorial Scholarship**  
Sponsored by Sandy Bottom Vol. Fire & Rescue

**Purpose:**

The George W. Fisher, III Memorial Scholarship was 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 six (6) Lenoir County High Schools (South Lenoir, North Lenoir, Kinston High, Bethel Academy, Parrott Academy, Early HS College)

**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 Daniel E. McLawhorn, Secretary of the Fire Department Board of Directors, no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, April 24, 2023.** Delivery of the application is the responsibility of the applicant and late applications will not be considered. Applications may be hand-delivered to the Secretary or mailed to the following address:

Sandy Bottom VFR  
Attn: Fisher Scholarship Committee  
4662 Hwy 55 W  
Kinston, NC 28504 or  
[sbvfr23054@gmail.com](mailto:sbvfr23054@gmail.com)

**What information is needed other than the application?**

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

**LATE and/or INCOMPLETE applications WILL NOT be considered.**

George Wendell Fisher III was a 23-year veteran of the fire service with Sandy Bottom VFD. George joined in 1988 and was an active member until his death in 2011. George died from a cardiac event after a structure fire. At the time of his death, George was a Suppression Captain and the President of the Board of Directors of Sandy Bottom VFD. Over the years, he had held virtually every position in our department from Firefighter to Fire Chief and served on the Board for over 15 years. George believed in giving back and serving his community. He had this instilled in him by his father who served in the military.

George is survived by his wife Sandy, daughters Jennifer and Lindsay, and grandchildren Ethan, a Sandy Bottom Firefighter and scholarship recipient, Anna George, Quinn, Landon, Fisher, and Sloan all of whom continue to support Sandy Bottom VFD fundraisers and activities.

The George Fisher Memorial Scholarship is a one-time award of \$3000 to a graduating Senior of a Lenoir County High School (South Lenoir, North Lenoir, Kinston High, Parrott Academy, LCC Early High School College, or Bethel). The Senior must be an active member in good standing with his/her Lenoir County Volunteer Fire Department (Deep Run, Grifton, Hugo, La Grange, North Lenoir, Pink Hill, Sand Hill, Sandy Bottom, Seven Springs, Southwood or Wyse Fork). The recipient is selected annually based on financial need, character, scholarship, community involvement, academic promise, and the desire by the applicant for further education or training.

An application maybe printed off or copied from our website here at [www.sandybottomvfd.com](http://www.sandybottomvfd.com) (under the "Scholarships" tab), [sbfvr23054@gmail.com](mailto:sbfvr23054@gmail.com) contact Secretary Daniel McLawhorn. Scholarship applications are due no later than April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Additional requirements and other important information are listed on the application.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State ZIP

**Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Annual Household Income (check one):**

☐ <\$30,000 ☐ \$30,000-\$60,000 ☐ \$60,000-\$90,000 ☐ \$90,000-\$120,000 ☐ >\$120,000

**Number of School-Age Children in Family:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Family Members currently in College:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of People currently dependent on your Parent/Guardian for support:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Services affiliation: Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name/Title of affiliated parent/guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended College and Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Career Objective:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Awards and Honors:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Organizations, Student Clubs and Activities, Civic and Community Activities (include name and a number of contact person for each):**

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**Talents, skills, and hobbies:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Why do you feel that you deserve this scholarship?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**List three references (not related to you):**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
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**Please write or type a brief essay (500-1000 words) on your educational plans and attach it to this application. Outline why you are choosing this career path. Also, discuss your personal and career goals for the future.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

Reference Statement by Educator  
(Confidential to Sandy Bottom VFR Scholarship Committee)

If more space is needed, please feel free to attach a typed reference letter addressing the listed questions.

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

**How long have you known the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the applicant related to you?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Please comment on the applicant's character:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**How has the applicant performed during high school?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Do you recommend the applicant?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Educator:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

**Position/Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_