

# **\$500 McCaleb “Mac” DeCausmaker Memorial Scholarship**

(2024 Spring Fire Fighter 1 Academy Student)



**Deadline to Submit Applications:  
March 31, 2024 at 4:00 pm**

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## Instructions for Applying for the DeCausmaker Scholarship:

1. Fill out the application on page 4 as well as the activities chart on page 5. Please provide as much personal information as possible in order to give the selection committee a basic understanding of your background, goals and financial needs. Use additional pages to answer the questions on page 4 if needed.
2. Only **electronically filled out** applications will be accepted. No handwritten applications will be accepted.
3. Additional documents (supplemental information) to be submitted with the application: (Applications that are missing any of the supplemental information **will not be considered.**)
  - High school (official) and/or college transcripts (official or unofficial COS)
  - Two letters of recommendation: one from a school counselor/teacher or employer; and, one from a community member. No letters will be accepted from family members. All letters should be recent (no older than one year).
  - Current or recent picture of applicant (for publicity purposes)
  - Copy of FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Expected Family Contribution (EFC) page.
  - Any other materials as required by individual scholarship criteria.
4. Once the application is complete, return pages 4-6 with all required documentation and attachments to the COS Foundation Office, Re. DeCausmaker Scholarship, 800 College Avenue, Weed, CA 96094.
5. Applications and supporting materials are due by March 31, 2024 no later than 4:00 pm.
6. Scholarship award notification will be made in May 2024.
7. Payment will be disbursed following the Fire Fighter I Academy graduation and satisfactory completion of the Fire Fighter I Academy and community service hours.
8. Questions? Call the COS Foundation Office at (530) 938-5373.

## Scholarship Criteria

This scholarship is awarded to a Siskiyou County high school graduate who is enrolled in the COS Fire Fighter 1 Academy held during spring semester.

- The student must carry a 2.5 grade point average while attending COS.
- Submit a one-page letter detailing why they are enrolling in the COS Fire Fighter I Academy at College of the Siskiyous.
- The recipient of this award will also be required to serve 30 hours of community service during the spring semester with the Fire Science Program (Fire Fighter Academy).
- The announcement of the award will be made during the Spring Semester Fire Fighter Academy graduation, with payment pending satisfactory completion of the Fire Fighter I Academy and community service hours.
- Submit a one-page letter detailing why they are enrolling in the COS Fire Fighter I Academy at COS.

## About Mac DeCausmaker



Mac DeCausmaker was a Scott Valley native. He graduated from Etna High School in 1999 and attended College of the Siskiyous as a student in the Fire Science Program, graduating with an Associate Degree. Mac was also an emergency medical technician and a volunteer with the Fort Jones Fire Department. In 2002, he began his career with CalFIRE following completion of the Fire Fighter I Academy at COS. Mac later attended and graduated from the CalFIRE Company Officer Academy in Lone, CA.

As a Fire Fighter I and a Fire Apparatus Engineer, Mac worked throughout Siskiyou County, and was currently assigned to the CalFIRE Pondosa Fire Station as a fire apparatus engineer when he passed away. The family and friends of Mac DeCausmaker established this scholarship in his memory an honor of his service.

# Scholarship Application

Only electronically filled out applications will be accepted.

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Siskiyou County High School Attended (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation and/or Award Ceremony Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit copy of current spring enrollment.**

COS Student ID Number (S#): \_\_\_\_\_

Please give answers to the following questions in essay/summary form. A minimum of **ten sentences** is required for each question. Please use separate sheet of paper to answer questions.

1. Please write a brief statement about yourself. Include your background, interests, hobbies, and any other pertinent information.
2. Please tell us about any educational or extracurricular activities, classes, community service, or athletics in which you were involved in high school or are currently involved in. Discuss any paid or volunteer work you have done, or are currently doing, that is related to your future educational goal.
3. Please tell us what a college education means to you and why you have applied for this scholarship. Discuss your future educational goals and include the educational objectives you have planned to achieve them.
4. Why should you receive a scholarship?

# Activities Chart

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

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

School / Family / Community Activities	Dates From – To	Hours per Week or Month	Total Hours	Responsibility / Accomplishments

# Signature Page

## Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered!

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) I understand all questions have been answered and forwarded with the application. If the application is not complete, it will not be considered.

Additional documents to be submitted with application include:

- Activities page
- College transcripts (COS unofficial transcripts accepted).
- Two letters of recommendation (one from a school counselor or teacher, and one from a community member). No letters will be accepted from family members
- Current or recent picture of applicant
- Other materials as directed by individual named scholarship criteria.

### Confidential Release of Information

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) I authorize College of the Siskiyous to use and release enrollment, academic and background information included in my scholarship application to publicize COS Foundation scholarship recipients, thank donors, and promote the COS Scholarship Program.

### Photography Release

\_\_\_\_\_ (initial) I give the College of the Siskiyous permission to use the following information in College related recruitment and promotional materials (examples – social media, press releases, news columns, brochures, flyers, catalogs, web pages, recruitment videos, calendar of events, student information guide and all other publications). In addition, I hold the College and the District harmless for any unintentional misuse or misrepresentation as part of the above-mentioned activities. I have included a recent photograph and have signed and returned the enclosed authorization for the release of the photograph for publicity purposes. Additional photographs taken throughout my participation as a College of the Siskiyous student become property of the District and therefore may be used by the College in all manner of promotional materials.

I have read and understand the information on this page.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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