

McCaleb “Mac” DeCausmaker Memorial Scholarship

\$500 Award

2021 Spring Fire Fighter 1 Academy Student

Criteria for Awarding: This scholarship is offered 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 recipient of this scholarship will be notified of award in May during the Fire Fighter Academy graduation and satisfactory completion of the Fire Fighter I Academy and community service hours.

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. He was also an emergency medical technician and a volunteer with the Fort Jones Fire Department. In 2002 Mac 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. The family and friends of Mac DeCausmaker established this scholarship.



Deadline to Submit Applications: March 15, 2020 by 4:00 pm

<http://www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/scholarships.htm>



Appendix A

Only **typewritten** applications will be accepted.

1. **Additional documents (supplemental information) to be submitted with the application include:**

(Applications missing supplemental information WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.)

- High school or college transcripts.
 - 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
 - Copy of FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) Expected Family Contribution page.
 - Any other materials as directed by the scholarship criteria.
2. **Once the application is complete, return with all required documentation and attachments to the COS Foundation Office, R.E. DeCausmaker Scholarship, 800 College Avenue, Weed, CA 96094.**
3. Applications and supporting materials **will not be accepted after March 13, 2020.**
4. **Award notification will be made in May 2020.**
5. The payment of the award will be made following the Fire Fighter Academy graduation and satisfactory completion of the Fire Fighter I Academy and community service hours.
6. Questions? Call the COS Foundation Office at 938-5373.

Appendix B

McCaleb “Mac” DeCausmaker Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Siskiyou County High School Attended (if applicable): _____

Graduation and/or Award Ceremony Date: _____

This scholarship was recommended to me by: Counselor Teacher Other

Number of units you plan to enroll in next semester or are currently enrolled in: _____

Current COS students must submit copy of currently spring enrollment.

COS Student ID Number (S #): _____

Please give answers the following questions in summary form. A minimum of TEN SENTENCES is required for each question

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.

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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.

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4. Why should you receive a scholarship?
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Activities Chart

Name: _____ School: _____

| School / Family / Community Activities | Dates From – To | Hours p/Week or Month | Total Hours | Responsibility / Accomplishments |
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Appendix C

Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Considered!

I understand all questions must be 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:

- 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
- Copy of FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) Expected Family Contribution page.
- Any other materials as directed by the scholarship criteria.

CONFIDENTIAL RELEASE OF INFORMATION

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

As part of my scholarship application, I have included a recent photograph and have signed and returned the enclosed authorization for the release of the photograph for publicity purposes.

I have read and understand the information given in Appendix C.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)