



Southern California Fire Mechanics Association
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Application for:

Samuel Dominick Sr. Memorial Scholarship

The Southern California Fire Mechanics Association (SCFMA), in collaboration with the California Fire Mechanics Academy Inc. (CFMA), is honored to present the Samuel Dominick Sr. Memorial Scholarship. This annual scholarship was established to recognize and celebrate the distinguished legacy of Samuel Dominick Sr., whose dedicated service to the California Fire Mechanics Academy spanned over 15 years as a Board Member and instructor and a member of the Southern California Fire Mechanics Association for over 25 years. Mr. Dominick's career reflects more than three decades of exemplary commitment to the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District, where he began as the department's first paid Fire Mechanic in 1979 and retired as Fleet Maintenance Officer in 2009. His lasting impact is evident in his mentorship and guidance of future fire mechanics, his leadership within the fire service community, and his unwavering dedication to professional development. The scholarship commemorates his enduring contributions and serves to inspire continued excellence and education in the field of emergency vehicle technician.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

The Samuel Dominick Sr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a single, deserving student who is currently an active member of the Southern California Fire Mechanics Association (SCFMA). Applicants must be currently paid member of the SCFMA and has attended at least four meetings during the current calendar year. This scholarship is intended for individuals seeking to further their professional development by attending the annual California Fire Mechanics Academy **Fall Academy**. Recipients of the scholarship will have their tuition covered for the entire week of the Academy. In addition to tuition, the award includes all student class handout materials normally provided during the Academy week and also grants access to all scheduled functions associated with the CFMA Fall Academy. It is important to note that transportation and housing expenses are not included as part of the scholarship. These costs must be covered independently by the scholarship recipient.

SELECTION PROCESS AND APPLICATION DEADLINE

The SCFMA Board of Directors is responsible for selecting the scholarship recipient. All scholarship applications must be submitted to the SCFMA Board of Directors by June 1st to be considered for the CFMA **Fall Academy**.

COMMITMENT TO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Samuel Dominick Sr. Memorial Scholarship reflects a strong dedication to enhancing the expertise and capabilities of Emergency Vehicle Technicians across Southern California. By providing financial support for professional development opportunities, this scholarship enables motivated individuals to further their education and skills, ultimately benefiting the emergency services sector. It encourages those with a passion for serving their communities to pursue ongoing learning and growth, ensuring that emergency response teams are supported by highly trained and knowledgeable technicians.

Class or Course requested: _____

SECTION I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ (work) _____ (home) _____ (cell) _____

Email address: _____

Highest Level of Education: ☐ High School ☐ College ☐ Other: _____

Employment History: _____

Current Agency/Company: _____

Position/Title: _____ Years' Experience: _____

List of any mechanical certifications currently held (ASE/EVT/Other): _____

List of any professional affiliations: _____

SECTION II: PERSONAL STATEMENT

To help the SCFMA Board of Directors make an informed decision about your scholarship application, you are encouraged to provide additional information that supports your candidacy. Please include in a separate paper a personal statement that outlines your educational and career goals and aspirations. This section should detail your motivations for pursuing advancement in the field of fire apparatus mechanics and describe how you plan to contribute meaningfully to the profession.

If applicable, please also include a statement of financial need. This will assist the Board in understanding how receiving this scholarship could impact on your ability to attend the CFMA Fall Academy. Sharing these details will give the Board a clearer picture of your dedication to fire mechanics and your commitment to professional growth. Your thoughtful response to this section is vital for the SCFMA Board of Directors as they carefully consider your application for the Samuel Dominick Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

SECTION III: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

As part of your application for the Samuel Dominick Sr. Memorial Scholarship, you are required to submit at least one professional letter of recommendation from your current employer. This letter should provide a comprehensive overview of your qualifications, specific job responsibilities, and relevant experience in the field of fire mechanics. The letter of recommendation is an essential component of your application, as it enables the SCFMA Board of Directors to thoroughly evaluate your professional background and assess your potential as a scholarship candidate. To ensure the letter is most effective, it should offer detailed insight into your skills, work ethic, and your dedication to the fire mechanics profession.

SECTION IV: REVIEW PROCESS

All scholarship applications must be submitted to the Southern California Fire Mechanics Association by June 1st. Once received, each application will undergo a careful review during the SCFMA June Board of Directors meeting. During this meeting, the Board conducts a thorough evaluation of all applicants and will select the recipient of the Samuel Dominick Sr. Memorial Scholarship. The individual chosen to receive the scholarship will be personally notified of their award no later than July 1st. As part of the recognition, the scholarship winner may be invited to attend the CFMA hospitality night. At this event, the recipient will be formally introduced and acknowledged as the recipient of the Samuel Dominick Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

Recipients are expected to wear appropriate attire for the occasion, as this demonstrates respect for both the event and the academy. The Southern California Fire Mechanics Association and the California Fire Mechanics Academy appreciate this gesture and look forward to celebrating the achievements of the scholarship recipient.

Please submit your completed scholarship application to the Southern California Fire Mechanics Association by either of the following methods:

Mail to: **SCMFA**
 P.O. Box 8463
 Anaheim, CA 92812
 or

Email to: president@californiafiremechanics.org

We kindly ask that all applications be submitted by the specified deadline to ensure consideration. Thank you for your interest in the Samuel Dominick Sr. Scholarship, and we look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Southern California Fire Mechanics Association