



CAPTAIN BOB GALLARDY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

On October 25, 2005 Captain Robert Gallardy died as a result of injuries suffered the previous Sunday while teaching at the Pennsylvania Fire Academy in Lewistown, PA. Bob was an adjunct instructor helping to teach a class of structural firefighting instructor candidates. He had gone to the basement of the academy burn building to light the fire for the last evaluation of the day. Upon entering the basement, the suppression team found him on the floor of the burn room and, with the assistance of the RIT team, removed him from the building. Bob suffered second and third-degree burns over 75 percent of his body, including his face. Following treatment on scene and stabilization at the Lewistown Hospital, Captain Gallardy was taken to the burn center at Lehigh Valley Medical Center in Allentown, PA where he died two days later at the age of 47.

Bob began his firefighting career as a member of our department at the age of 16. He served 22 years with the department prior to being hired by the Altoona Fire Department in 1996. Bob was a member of the International Association of Firefighters, Local 299; Cambria County Volunteer Firemen's Association; and the Central District Volunteer Firemen's Association. Bob was promoted to Captain in the Altoona department in July 2005 and had served as a state fire instructor for over 4 years. He is survived by his wife, Vickie, and 3 sons, Kyle, Drew, & Derek.

In memory of Captain Gallardy, his family along with a committee of trustees, has established a fund to provide support for firefighters who might not otherwise have the financial resources to acquire training, certification or protective equipment to make their jobs as safe as possible.

CRITERIA

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student from each school if there is an eligible applicant.

- Applicant must be a senior at Altoona Area High School, Forest Hills High School or the Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center.
- Applicant must be a member of a volunteer fire department located within and serving communities within their school district.
- Applicants must be applying to or be accepted in an accredited post-secondary education program of not less than 18 months.

- A letter of endorsement/recommendation from the Chief and President of their respective volunteer fire department with which the applicant is affiliated must be included with the application.
- Applicants must attach an essay of 300 words or less explaining the applicant's involvement and accomplishments as a volunteer firefighter.

If you meet the criteria above, please fill out the Scholarship Application and place a checkmark ✓ in the box to the left of the *Captain Bob Gallardy Memorial Scholarship*.

DUE BY MARCH 1st @ 3:00 PM TO THE OFFICE OF WORK BASED LEARNING

1. *General Scholarship Application*
2. *A letter of endorsement/recommendation from the Chief and President of your respective volunteer fire department with which you are affiliated.*
3. *Typed essay, 300 words or less, explaining your involvement and accomplishments as a volunteer firefighter.*