

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF
BLACK PROFESSIONAL
FIRE FIGHTERS**



KEEP THE FIRE BURNING FOR JUSTICE



CHIEF JOSEPH L. JONES SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

**For
YEAR 2018**
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Submitted by
James F. Hill II

ADDINGTON C. STEWART, PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS, INC.

BIOGRAPHY OF CHIEF JOSEPH L. JONES

Joseph Lee Jones was the third of eight children born on February 19, 1953. He was educated in the St. Louis Public School system where he graduated from Vashon High School. In 1971 Joseph enlisted in the United States Army where he served 3 – years and was honorably discharged in 1974. On August 18, 1975, Joseph was hired by the St. Louis Fire Department. He was promoted to captain on July 22, 1984 and became a battalion chief on June 26, 2000. After thirty-five years Joseph retired from the St. Louis Fire Department. Even though Joseph retired from the department he continued his work with the black firefighter's organization. Throughout his career he was a part of the Firefighters Institute for Racial Equality (F.I.R.E.). Upon his promotion to battalion chief he became a part of the St. Louis Black Chiefs organization an extension of F.I.R.E. at the chief level. In giving back for over 20 years to the Black firefighters' organization, Joseph was the leader with all of our recruitment training programs. He taught potential recruits on the preparation of the entry level test, the physical ability test, and the interview processes that they would encounter. Joseph trained and prepared IABPFF members on the assessment center process, sat on numerous assessments for promotions throughout the United States to ensure fair and equitable treatment of all members being assessed for promotions. To say that Big Joe never forgot where he came from is an understatement because he exhibited it within his family, with the F.I.R.E. organization, the South Central Region and the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters (IABPFF).

Joseph Lee "BIG JOE" Jones departed this life on March 17, 2013 and he would be humbled to know that we are honoring him with this scholarship in his name.





Addington C. Stewart
President

International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

1830 Park Row Dallas, TX. 75215
Phone (214) 428-1859 Fax (214) 428-1859
Email---jhill@iabpf.org



Lindsey Plummer
Executive Director

February 26, 2018

Hello Scholarship Participants,

As you are aware, the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters (IABPFF) and the Columbia Southern Education Group (CSEG) have partnered to present a deserving member of the IABPFF with a \$16,000.00 scholarship for college studies. We are proud and enthusiastic about the relationship that has been developed and nurtured between the IABPFF and CSEG to bring this opportunity to the membership of the IABPFF. This is hopefully one of many opportunities to be presented to the membership through CSEG.

This annual scholarship has appropriately been named the Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship. Chief Jones was a Battalion Chief in the St. Louis Fire Department. The criteria and extended requirements are enclosed.

The winner of the first IABPFF/Waldorf College Hero Scholarship (presently the Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship), was secured by member Monique Robinson of Little Rock Arkansas. Monique is presently enrolled at Waldorf College, where she is undertaking studies for a Fire Management degree. Our 2018 scholarship recipient will be announced at the 2018 Convention banquet dinner on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at the Caesars Atlantic City Resort & Casino Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The IABPFF would like to thank CSEG for their generosity and extend a debt of gratitude for their participation in the scholarship process. We also commend them for their service and commitment to the fire service community and our organization.

Best Regards,

James F. Hill II, Awards Chair
International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, Inc.



Addington C. Stewart
President

International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

1830 Park Row Dallas, TX. 75215
Phone (214) 428-1859 Fax (214) 428-1859
Email--jhill@iabpf.org



Lindsey Plummer
Executive Director

February 26, 2018

Dear Member:

Re: IABPFF Member Scholarship Application

The International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters (IABPFF) will be awarding our Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship, at our 2018 annual convention. The scholarship recipient will be announced on Wednesday August 8, 2018 at the Caesars Atlantic City Resort & Casino Atlantic City, New Jersey.

We are pleased to present our scholarship program to IABPFF Members who plan to attend a post-secondary institution. Our scholarship contest will be hallmarked by an Essay and Oratorical Contest.

In order to qualify, we have enclosed the criteria that each applicant must adhere to in order to apply for this scholarship. In addition, the applicant must also possess good character and be involved in his/her community.

We need everyone's help informing our membership of this scholarship opportunity. Please read and post the enclosed flyer for our members. Members may go to the following website: www.iabpf.org to obtain the Statement of Understanding and the criteria information. For additional information contact: James F. Hill II at jhill@iabpf.org.

We encourage you to take a moment to review the enclosed documents. We are counting on you to partner in the success of this scholarship opportunity for deserving members.

Sincerely,

Addington C. Stewart, President
International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, Inc.

Chief Joseph L. Jones 2018 Scholarship Contest

In order to qualify, the following criteria must be adhered:

- Applicants must be an employee/member of a CSU Learning Partner, IABPFF
-
- Have a high school transcript or equivalent (GED)
-
- Be available to begin coursework within 90 days of the date of the award
-
- Capable of maintaining a 2.0 undergraduate GPA or 3.0 graduate GPA
-
- Able to maintain continuous enrollment in his or her degree program
-
- Current CSU students must meet all of these requirements to be considered
-
- Scholarship Recipient will be determined by IABPFF Awards Committee
-
- Applicant must be an IABPFF member no less than 2 years
-
- Complete a contest Statement of Understanding

In addition,

- Applicant must possess good character, and
- Be involved in some type of extracurricular activity, community service, church activity, or outside employment

Writing specifications:

- 250 word typed, double spaced essay, written on the following theme:
*“How Today’s US Fire Service Has Evolved”**(from firefighting only to a multi-functional service)*
- Must be submitted on disk or drive and hard copy (paper copy)
- Member’s name placed in the upper right-hand corner of each page

Deadline for the essay is **July 07, 2018.**

Essays/applications and with the required information should be mailed to the below:

Mail essay with required information to:
Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship Contest
IABPFF, Inc.
1830 Park Row
Dallas, Texas 75215

Three essays will advance to the semi-finals round of the scholarship contest. Winners will be judged on content, delivery, and language.

Chapter Presidents and regional Directors signatures are required. Absent of a Chapter President only the signature of the Regional Director is necessary.

Applications must be post marked and received by midnight of the deadline date.

THEME:

“How Todays US Fire Service Has Evolved”(from firefighting only to a multi-functional service)

For more information, contact TIA ELLIS, LINDSEY PLUMMER or JAMES HILL at iabpffoc@aol.com or visit our website at www.iabpf.org

International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

Joseph L. Jones Statement of Understanding

I understand and agree to the following rules to determine eligibility to compete in the Joseph L. Jones Scholarship sponsored by the Columbia Southern Education Group and the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters. The award recipient will be presented at the Annual Convention Banquet, Wednesday August 08, 2018 I understand and agree that any infraction of the rules will render me ineligible to compete or receive a scholarship from the sponsoring organizations.

1. I must submit an essay meeting the required criteria.
2. I must present my essay at the annual convention banquet Wednesday, August 08, 2018.
3. I must submit a recent photograph of myself (head shot).
4. I agree that the decision of the scholarship committee shall be final and not challenged by me or anyone on my behalf.

Please Print

Member Name

Address

Telephone Number—Cell Number

Email Address

Student's Signature

I understand and agree to the above Statement of Understanding to determine my eligibility to compete in the Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship contest sponsored by the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters.

Chapter President Signature

Regional Director Signature

JUDGING CRITERIA FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

A. The written answers will be judged on the following criteria :

1. Context – Idea: the thought put into developing the answers.
2. Content – Do the answers follow logically to the questions.

B. The oratorical skills will be judged on the following criteria :

1. Context – Idea: the thought put into developing the answers.
2. Content – Do the answers follow logically to the questions.
3. Communication- Does the orator pronounce and speak clearly.
4. Audience appeal – does the orator keep the audiences' attention and maintain visual contact.
5. Appearance – the general appearance of the orator.

C. Material To Be Submitted Along With The Essay

1. The 250 word written essay
2. A recent photograph of yourself (Black & white or color)

D. If all of the criteria is not met applicants will be disqualified.

Submit all information requested to :

**Chief Joseph L. Jones Scholarship Contest
IABPFF, Inc.
1830 Park Row
Dallas, TX, 75215**

International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters

IABPFF Joseph L. Jones Scholarship

This scholarship is given yearly at the annual IABPFF Convention. It is a two-year scholarship that starts the following term after being awarded. This scholarship allows for 60 credit hours during the two-year period.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be an employee/member of a CSU Learning Partner, IABPFF
-
- Have a high school transcript or equivalent (GED)
-
- Be available to begin coursework within 90 days of the date of the award
-
- Capable of maintaining a 2.0 undergraduate GPA or 3.0 graduate GPA
-
- Able to maintain continuous enrollment in his or her degree program
-
- Current CSU students must meet all of these requirements to be considered
-
- Scholarship Recipient will be determined by IABPFF Awards Committee
-
- Applicant must be an IABPFF member no less than 2 years

*****Application for the IABPFF scholarship maybe submitted to your respective Regional Director or Regional Committee Representative no earlier than 75 days (MAY 5), nor later than 30 days post marked midnight (JULY 7) prior to the starting date of the IABPFF Convention.**

*****Application should include verification of eligibility and a 250 word essay entitled:**

“How Todays US Fire Service Has Evolved”(from firefighting only to a multi-functional service)

Waldorf/CSU Website: columbiasouthern.edu, www.waldorf.edu

*****Additional scholarships offered by Waldorf may be viewed on Waldorf University / Columbia Southern University website*****

Additional Scholarships Available

- **Hero Behind the Hero:** Spouse and dependent scholarship for immediate family members. Offered at both Waldorf and Columbia Southern University.
- **Robert G. Mayes Scholarship:** For alumnus that would like to further their education at CSU.
- **CSU Fire Scholarship:** Given annually to a fire fighter that is currently enrolled or planning to enroll into the fire science degree.
- **CSU / Waldorf Learning Partner Scholarship:** Awarded once every two months.

March 1, 2018

Re: 2018 IABPFF Chief Joe Jones Scholarship

Dear applicant,

We would like to thank you for your interest in the 2018 IABPFF Chief Joseph Jones IABPFF Scholarship. It is an honor to have you submit your application. The IABPFF partnered with the Columbia Southern Education Group to further the education of its membership. We would like to thank the CSEG for development and nurturing of this relationship. This relationship has been fruitful, and we expect to further engage the members to not only enhance their own educational opportunities but their family members as well.

This year's scholarship will be presented in Atlantic City, New Jersey on Wednesday August 8, 2018 at the Caesars Hotel and Resort. The deadline for submitting of all applications and material is July 8, 2018. The scholarship is a \$20,000.00 that will be presented at the noon Luncheon on Wednesday August 8.

We would like to take this opportunity to give you a little information in reference to the above.

CANDIDATE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Go to www.iabpf.org and download the 2018 IABPFF Chief Joe Jones Scholarship
- Fill out the application and follow all instructions as written.
- All deadlines and restrictions will apply and are cause for disqualification.
- We are asking that the biographical information be provided by the applicants as soon as possible so that we may publish the recipients in a timely manner and adequate submit invitations
- Seek assistance from any IABPFF Awards Committee Representative or the IABPFF Office

IABPFF RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Award
- Approval of any deviation from the process are the responsibility of the IABPFF Awards Committee.
- The IABPFF Awards Committee has the responsibility of conducting the selection process with the IABPFF as the governing body
- All submitted materials become the property of the IABPFF
- Publishing of the recipient biographical information

Please direct any questions or concerns to a IABPFF Awards Committee Representative and or to Tia Ellis at the office of the IABPFF at iabpffofc@iabpf.org or call 214-428-1859. Again, thank you for your interest and we look forward to serving you.

“All that I am I owe, I live eternally in the Red.”

Addington C. Stewart, President

James F. Hill II, Chair

jhill@iabpf.org

972-816.5970