



## Monticello Firefighters Organization

### DON MCCARTHY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Don McCarthy was a lifetime citizen of Monticello and dedicated much of his time to his family, community, and the Monticello Fire Department. He held several leadership positions while on the Department – Training Officer, Lieutenant, Captain and Chief. Don and his wife, Pam, and his three children, Morgan, Tyler, and Courtney, all graduated from Monticello Community Schools. Don was always thinking of ways to do more for his community and the Fire Department, so from that came the Junior Firefighter Program.

In 2010, Don and his son, Tyler, along with other members of the Fire Department, pioneered the Junior Firefighter Program which still exists today. Both Tyler and Courtney went through the program under Don's and the Fire Department's guidance. Don and Tyler wanted to create a program available to young men and women in high school who may be interested in becoming a firefighter so they could see what a future in firefighting would entail. It not only teaches about firefighting, but also shows the camaraderie and friendship that is formed within an organization where everyone is passionate about helping others.

Leadership, knowledge, and passion are all traits that made Don an admirable firefighter, father, husband, and friend. In March of 2020 Don passed away from pancreatic cancer after 21 months of fighting the toughest battle of his life. His legacy will live on through his family and be honored with the Don McCarthy Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded by the Monticello Fire Department and the McCarthy Family. Payment of the scholarship will go directly to the school of the student's choice.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

- Must be graduating from Monticello High School following the current academic year.
- Must plan to register as a full-time student at the college of their choice.
- Must be pursuing further education or training in Fire Science, EMS, the Medical field AND/OR be a current or past Junior Firefighter.
- Include one (1) letter of recommendation (not related to you) stating why you are deserving of this scholarship.
- Include an essay.
- Include a resume, if available.
- Include an official transcript.
- **Deadline is April 27, 2022** - type and sign your application and send to:

Monticello Firefighters Organization  
c/o Don McCarthy Memorial Scholarship  
Attn: Fire Chief  
200 E. South Street  
Monticello, IA 52310

***DON MCCARTHY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION***

**Please type:**

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

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your educational or vocational plans? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a relative currently, or in the past, serving as a firefighter? If so, who?

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**ESSAY:**

Please compose an essay on a separate paper telling us what experiences you have with the Monticello Fire Department and/or volunteering for your community? And what do those experiences mean to you?

ATTACHMENTS REMINDER: The following attachments must accompany your scholarship application:

- Official Grade Transcript
- Resume, if available
- Essay
- Letter of Recommendation

DEADLINE IS APRIL 27, 2022

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I have read the scholarship guidelines, completed the above scholarship application with attachments and certify that I qualify for scholarship award consideration and acknowledge that the scholarship payment will go directly to the school of my choice and be credited to my tuition account.

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Signature

Date