



**NORTHWEST FLORIDA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER
WEEKEND COUNCIL, INC.
FEMA SAFER BUNKER GEAR PROGRAM
PPE Scholarship Application**



The Council was awarded a SAFER grant in July 2011 to assist Florida volunteer/combination fire departments in recruiting new volunteers and assisting them in obtain their Firefighter I training. In December 2012 the Council amended their SAFER grant to provide FREE PPE (pants, coat, hood, gloves, and boots) to the new recruit. As a special condition to the award of PPE which is funded by a FEMA SAFER Grant, the participants must agree to and understand the following stipulations:

- Turnout gear is only for newly recruited (after 07/10/2011) volunteer members;
- Newly recruited members must complete the Medical Examination Form DFS-K4-1022 (as described in Florida Administrative Code 69A-37.037) prior to requesting grant funds for the gear. Documentation of completed physicals will be required prior to funds being disbursed; and
- The newly recruited member(s) must complete the Firefighter Part I training as per FAC 69A-37 by the end of the Period of Performance. Firefighter Part I Certificate of Completion from Florida Division of State Fire Marshal (Florida State Fire College) will be required prior to award.

The following guidelines must be adhered to by all participants:

1. Provide proof of membership to a Florida volunteer or combination fire department starting after 07/10/2011.
2. Newly recruited volunteers must be at least 18 years old by the time of enrollment into the Firefighter Part I program.
3. For each scholarship awarded, the volunteer must commit to 24 months of active membership as defined by their fire department and remain in good standing with a Florida volunteer or combination fire department. If the individual leaves the fire department before 24 months, then the individual maybe billed for the cost of the PPE.
4. Volunteers who obtain a career firefighter job during the time of commitment must still fulfill their volunteer role in a department for a minimum of 12 months.
5. In order to be eligible, volunteers must attend and successfully complete one of the following:
 - Firefighter I Practical Skills Task Book (Second Signature) and live fire evolutions during the annual event (Scholarships available)
 - S130/S190 during the annual event (Scholarships available)
 - Attend a Council sponsored Firefighter I class
 - Attend a Firefighter I class where the Council has assisted with FFI Task Book Second Signature Sign-off
6. Applicant's Fire Chief must complete the Financial Needs Statement.
7. Applications must meet all of the guidelines to be considered for an award.
8. The PPE awarded under these guidelines can only be used by the recruit/applicant listed.

By signing below, I/we confirm that the volunteer/applicant listed below is a NEW RECRUIT to the department, completed Medical Exam Form DFS-K4-1022, and is meeting minimum standards for my department and the State of Florida.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Fire Chief's Signature

Date

Completed applications can be scanned and E-mailed to staff@nwflvolunteerffweekend.com or faxed to 877-468-7309.



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Fire Department

Address

City State Zip Code

County Phone Number

Number of Active Volunteers in your department?

Fire Chief

Phone Number E-mail

Applicants Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number E-mail

Date of Birth

Gender Male Female

U.S Veteran since 9/11/2001? Yes No

Race
 American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American White Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander



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Financial Need Statement**



Fire Department

Address

City State Zip Code

County Phone Number

Provide a statement of financial need including why your local budget cannot cover the cost of bunker gear for the newly recruited firefighter. (Attached additional pages if necessary)

3 yr Average Annual Dept Budget:	3 yr Average Funds Budgeted for Operating Expenses:	3 yr Average Funds Budgeted for Training:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current Annual Department Budget:	Current Funds Budgeted for Operating Expenses:	Current Funds Budgeted for Training:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Current Funds Budgeted for Equipment:	Total Annual Emergency for each of the past 3 years:	Total Annual Structure Fires for each of the past 3 years:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Fire Chief's Signature _____ Date