

## Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina Firefighter Stipend and Scholarship Program Beaufort County Community College

### Eligibility Requirements and Student Applications (Two Options)

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of NC Firefighter Stipend and Scholarship Program will provide stipends of \$500 per term or scholarships up to \$1,000 per term for eligible BCCC students pursuing NC Firefighter Certification courses or courses leading to an eligible associate degree, as described in the two options detailed below. These funds are designated to assist North Carolina fire and rescue departments with recruitment and retention of firefighters. A particular emphasis is in supporting the recruitment and training of individuals in achieving their Firefighter I & II certifications to impact the number of firefighters within the state.

This funding is available to students at 20 designated NC Community Colleges: **Beaufort CCC**, Bladen CC, Blue Ridge CC, Caldwell CC&TI, Central Carolina CC, Cleveland CC, College of The Albemarle, Halifax CC, Isothermal CC, James Sprunt CC, Montgomery CC, Nash CC, Richmond CC, Robeson CC, Southwestern CC, Stanly CC, Surry CC, Vance-Granville CC, Wayne CC, and Wilson CC.

Program options at Beaufort County Community College (BCCC) are as follows: **1) BCBS Foundation Firefighter Stipends** and **2) BCBS Foundation Firefighter Scholarships to Adults**. Please contact the BCCC Continuing Education Registration & Records Office in Building 8 for details at 252-940-6355 or via email at [continuingeducation@beaufortccc.edu](mailto:continuingeducation@beaufortccc.edu). Prospective students may also contact Andrew Cocco, Director of Fire & EM, at 252-940-6363 or [andrew.cocco@beaufortccc.edu](mailto:andrew.cocco@beaufortccc.edu).

### 1. BCBS Foundation Firefighter Stipends

#### Recruitment and retention of NC firefighters

While registration fees are waived there are significant costs associated to accessing any training including materials, travel, and personal resources. The BCBS Foundation Firefighter Stipends are intended to offset out-of-pocket expenses a student could incur in order to participate in training leading to Firefighter I & II, NC Driver/Operator Pumps, or Emergency Vehicle Driver Certifications

#### Stipend Award

- \$500 per term (must reapply each summer, spring, and fall term)
  - Funds are disbursed to the student's college account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (books, materials, etc.) associated the designated fire fighter training at BCCC. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- The student must enroll in course(s) required to achieve the NC Firefighter I & II, NC Driver/Operator Pumps, and/or Emergency Vehicle Driver certifications. The 20-21 NC Firefighter Certification Course Schedule is included in the last page of this application packet. Preregistration is required for these classes. Please call 252-940-6375 or email [continuingeducation@beaufortccc.edu](mailto:continuingeducation@beaufortccc.edu) to register.

## 2. BCBS Foundation Firefighter Scholarships to Adults:

**Incentive to engage to advance as a firefighter with path to broader public safety career goals.**

Eligible programs: Fire Protection Technology, Public Safety Administration, Emergency Management or Emergency Medical Science curriculum associate degree programs and Workforce Continuing Education courses that tie directly to a college's approved EMS Bridge program and is specifically part of the student's pathway to EMS associate degree completion.

### Scholarship Award

- Up to \$1,000 per term (must reapply each fall, spring, and summer term)
  - Funds are disbursed to the student's account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (tuition, fees, books, materials, supplies, etc.) associated with an eligible curriculum program. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Hold an active NC Firefighter I & II certification
- Student must successfully complete courses covered by the scholarship in any previous term to be eligible for funding in a subsequent term.

### Attachments

Form A: BCBS Foundation **Firefighter Stipend** Application Form

Form B: BCBS Foundation **Firefighter Scholarship to Adults** Application Form

20-21 NC Firefighter Course Schedule



## Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Firefighter Stipend Application

Return the completed application form to the BCCC Continuing Education Registration & Records Office in Building 8. For questions, please call 252-940-6375 or email [continuingeducation@beaufortccc.edu](mailto:continuingeducation@beaufortccc.edu). Students may also contact Andrew Coccaro, Director of Fire & EM, at 252-940-6363 or email [andrew.coccaro@beaufortccc.edu](mailto:andrew.coccaro@beaufortccc.edu).

The stipend is for \$500 per term and students must reapply for each subsequent term. Funds are disbursed to the student's college account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (books, materials, etc.) associated the designated fire fighter training within a NC community college. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student.

The student must enroll in course(s) required to achieve the NC Firefighter I & II, NC Driver/Operator Pumps, and/or Emergency Vehicle Driver certifications to be eligible for these funds.

<b>College Name</b>	
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Student Information (please print)

<i>Full Name</i>	
<i>Home Address</i>	
<i>City/State/Zip Code</i>	
<i>Email Address</i>	
<i>Phone Number</i>	
<i>Mobile Number</i>	

**Specify Term Applying For:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Summer 2021)

<p><b>List eligible course(s) student has enrolled in for the term specified above:</b></p>    
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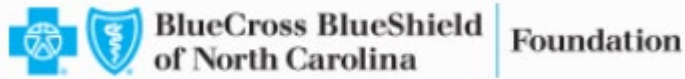
I have read and understand the requirements for this funding. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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**Applicant's Signature**

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**Date**



## Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Firefighter Scholarship to Adults Application

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**Scholarship Award:** Up to \$1,000 per term (must reapply each term). Funds are disbursed to the student's account to cover any expenses for the program/courses to cover instructional costs (tuition, fees, books, materials, supplies, etc.) associated with an eligible program as listed below. Any balance of funds will be allocated to the student. **Eligible programs:** Fire Protection Technology, Public Safety Administration, Emergency Management or Emergency Medical Science curriculum associate degree programs and Workforce Continuing Education courses that tie directly to a college's approved EMS Bridging program and is specifically part of the student's pathway to EMS associate degree completion. **Eligibility Requirements: 1)** Hold an active NC Firefighter I & II certification; **2)** Successfully complete courses covered by the scholarship in any previous term to be eligible for funding in a subsequent term.

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Student Information (please print)

<i>Full Name</i>	
<i>Home Address</i>	
<i>City/State/Zip Code</i>	
<i>Email Address</i>	
<i>Phone Number</i>	
<i>Mobile Number</i>	

**Specify Term Applying For:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Summer 2021)

<b>List eligible course(s)/associated degree program student has enrolled in for the term specified:</b>

I have provided evidence that I have an active Firefighter I&II certification.

If I was awarded this scholarship in the past, I have provided evidence of successfully completing previous courses.

I have read and understand the requirements for this funding. I hereby declare that the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 20-21 NC Firefighter Certification Course Schedule

<b>FALL TERM</b>					
**Submit your BCBSNC Scholarship Application to quality for \$500 stipend**					
Class Name	Section Number	Weeknight Dates 1800-2200	Weekend Dates 0900-1800	Hours	Location
FIP-3040 FF General And Comm	37450	9/8, 09/09, 09/14, 09/16,	9/12	24	All classes will be held in Building 10B, Room 102
FIP-7000 TIMS	37471	9/29	None	4	
FIP-3041 FF Fireground Ops 1	37472	10/6, 10/7, 10/12, 10/14	10/10	24	
FIP 3042 FF Fireground Ops 2	37473	10/26, 10/27, 11/3, 11/4, 11/9	11/7	28	
FIP-3043 FF Fireground Ops 3	37474	11/16, 11/17, 11/18, 11/23, 11/30, 12/1	11/21	32	
FIP-3044 FF/FG Ops 4	37475	12/9, 12/11, 12/14, 12/15, 12/17, 12/21	12/19	32	
<b>SPRING TERM</b>					
**Submit your BCBSNC Scholarship Application to quality for \$500 stipend**					
Class Name	Section Number	Weeknight Dates 1800-2200	Weekend Dates 0900-1800	Hours	Location
FIP-3045 FF/FG Ops 5	37501	1/6, 1/8, 1/11, 1/12, 1/15	1/9, 1/16	36	All classes will be held in Building 10B, Room 102
FIP-3046 FF/FG Ops 6	37502	1/19, 1/20, 1/22, 1/26	1/23	28	
FIP-3047 FF/FG Ops 7	37503	2/8, 2/9, 2/11, 2/12	2/13	24	
FIP-3048 FF/FG Ops 8	37504	2/23, 2/24, 3/3, 3/4	2/27	24	
FIP-3049 FF/FG Ops 9	37505	3/8, 3/9, 3/12, 3/15, 3/16, 3/19	3/13, 3/20	40	
FIP-3050 FF rescue ops 1	37507	3/23, 3/24, 3/29, 3/30	3/27	28	
FIP-3051 FF Fire and Life safety	37508	4/5, 4/6, 4/8, 4/9	4/10	28	
FIP-6413 FF Mayday and FF safety	37510	4/20, 4/21, 4/29, 4/30	4/24	24	
FIP-7001 FF/TR Medical Care	37511	5/3, 5/4, 5/6	None	12	
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>					
**Submit your BCBSNC Scholarship Application to quality for \$500 stipend**					
Class Name	Section Number	Weeknight Dates 1800-2200	Weekend Dates 0900-1800	Hours	Location
FIP-3556 HM Ops	37513	6/14, 6/15, 6/16, 6/21, 6/22, 6/23	6/19, 6/26	40	Building 10B, Room 102