

Announcing a New Scholarship for RIT Students Who are  
Volunteer Fire and/or Ambulance Corps Members:

**The Howard Freckleton and Roy Hamel 2011 – 2012 Scholarship**

Established in 2011, the Howard Freckleton and Roy Hamel Scholarship will recognize RIT students for service to volunteer fire and/or ambulance organizations either on campus or in their home communities.

**History:** Howard (Howie) Freckleton was a very active member of the Brighton Volunteer Fire Dept (BVFD) until his death in 1952. The BVFD provided great support to Howie's family during his long battle with pancreatic cancer; and the support continued after death. His son, Jon, was 13 when Howie died; on his son's 18th birthday members of the BVFD were at the door with an application. Just over a half century later, the person with whom the son often responded to calls developed pancreatic cancer! That man, Webster Volunteer Fire Dept (WVFD) Chief Roy Hamel, also fought a long battle. The WVFD supported Roy and his family just as the BVFD had done for Howie.

These men lived up to the highest traditions of Fire and EMS Service. The son, the friend, the donor, has taught at RIT for 25 years and has met many students who are active Fire and EMS Responders. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize these special young men and women; and at the same time honor two fantastic First Responders who have answered their last calls.

The donor's hope is that the recipients will continue their service as First Responders. It is further hoped they will emulate the lives of Howie and Roy, men who loved their families and their fellow First Responders, and worked hard at their jobs. Common men who did uncommon things.

**Who is Eligible:** The scholarship will be awarded to a third or fourth-year student who has demonstrated excellent service to a volunteer fire and/or ambulance organization at RIT or in their home community.

**How to Apply:** To apply for the Howard Freckleton and Roy Hamel Scholarship, students must:

Complete the Howard Freckleton and Roy Hamel RIT Scholarship application.

Provide a letter of recommendation from the chief or head of the organization for which they volunteer.

Be in good academic standing at RIT.

**Recipient Selection:** The Committee will select the student based upon the criteria outlined above.

**Award Payment:** The \$ 500.00 scholarship award will be credited to the RIT account of the recipient for the Fall quarter of 2011.

**Plaque:** A permanent plaque with the name of the recipient will be hung in the August Center (Building 23-A), visible to students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

**How do I apply ?** Please contact Tim Keady at [tckshc@rit.edu](mailto:tckshc@rit.edu) to receive an application.