Sarah B. Bryan Memorial Scholarship Application

University of Maryland
Department of Fire Protection Engineering

Supporting undergraduate and graduate fire protection engineering students who support gender diversity, and demonstrate dedication to the profession and the purpose of saving lives:
- Fire Protection Engineering
- Fire Research
- Technological Investigation
- Human Behavior in the Fire Environment
Scholarship Purpose

To provide at least one annual scholarship award of at least $5,000 for undergraduate/graduate students in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering at the University of Maryland. These individuals should reflect the intelligence, convictions, courage and character of Sarah Bryan.

Qualifications

Each applicant must:
• Be an undergraduate or graduate student in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering
• Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 at the time of application submission
• Have a letter of recommendation from a faculty member in the Department of Fire Protection Engineering
• Have relevant fire protection experience as described below

Fire Protection Experience

Hands-on, real world fire protection work experience is highly valued by the selection committee. Specific examples include:
• Serving with a fire department, rescue squad or an emergency ambulance unit
• A fire protection internship or employment in insurance, consulting, manufacturing, transportation, health care, government, or other relevant industry

Serving with a Volunteer Fire Department

Serving with a volunteer fire department is an accessible and uniquely relevant way for candidates to gain practical experience with the technologies and protocols they will be influencing and developing upon graduation. It is the ideal lab scenario. Additionally, working in actual crisis situations builds the communication and leadership skills essential to truly excelling in the profession.

Many senior management and recruiting executives hiring for the top fire protection jobs served with volunteer fire departments during their undergraduate years. Because students may volunteer as early as their freshman year, volunteer fire department experience is an excellent first step toward other internships and permanent employment opportunities.
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Instructions
• Complete the application.
• Submit the following:
  • a one page letter indicating your rationale for studying fire protection engineering, your projected career goals, and your fire protection related work accomplishments
  • legible copies of all transcripts from all post secondary school academic registrations
• All documents should be sent via email to Ms. Christine O’Brien at cobrien3@umd.edu by 11:59 pm on April 1, 2021. Letters of reference may be sent separately by referrals directly to Ms. O’Brien.

NAME

CAMPUS ADDRESS

RESIDENT ADDRESS

LOCAL PHONE RESIDENT PHONE

ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED DATES GPA

FIRE PROTECTION RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE DATES SUPERVISOR & PHONE NUMBER

NAME OF FACULTY SPONSOR

APPLICATION DEADLINE April 1, 2021