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## NVFC News Alert

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**National Junior Firefighter Program Grant Application Period Now Open**

*Ten \$5,000 grants available to departments*

The application period for the 2009 National Junior Firefighter Program grants, sponsored by the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation, is now open. Ten \$5,000 grants will be awarded to departments nationwide whose junior firefighter or Explorer Post programs demonstrate exceptional innovation, creativity, and community impact. The grant application and criteria are available on the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) web site at [www.nvfc.org/juniors](http://www.nvfc.org/juniors). Applications must be received by 5pm EDT on August 15.

NVFC member departments who have had a junior firefighter program for at least three years are encouraged to apply for this competitive grant. If your department is not an NVFC member, join at [www.nvfc.org/membership](http://www.nvfc.org/membership). Grants are to be used to help further develop or expand an existing junior firefighter or Explorer Post program. Recipients will be selected based on program innovation and impact and financial need. For full program criteria, visit [www.nvfc.org/juniors](http://www.nvfc.org/juniors).

Thanks to the support of Baskin-Robbins and Dunkin' Donuts and the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation, which is dedicated to serving those who serve others – especially in times of crisis, the 2009 NVFC National Junior Firefighter Scholarship and Grant Program is offering a combined total of \$100,000 in scholarships to outstanding junior firefighters and grants to departments to support their junior firefighter programs. Hundreds of junior firefighters and their departments applied for last year's scholarships and grants, and this year is expected to attract even more applicants.

New in 2009, the scholarships will be awarded separately from the department grants. Ten \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to junior firefighters nationwide who demonstrate commitment and dedication to their local junior firefighter program and the fire service. The application period for scholarships is currently open; access the full criteria and application at [www.nvfc.org/juniors](http://www.nvfc.org/juniors). Scholarship applications are due by 5pm EDT on May 15.

Learn more about the grants and scholarships and apply now at [www.nvfc.org/juniors](http://www.nvfc.org/juniors). Learn more about the National Junior Firefighter Program at [www.nvfc.org/juniors](http://www.nvfc.org/juniors).

### **About the National Junior Firefighter Program**

The NVFC National Junior Firefighter Program helps fire and EMS organizations nationwide develop, grow, and promote local programs that encourage youth participation in the fire and emergency services. In addition, youth can use the Program to find out how to join a local fire, rescue, or EMS organization, keep track of their hours of service, and earn exciting rewards after spending a set number of hours helping their department. The Program is supported by the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation, Baskin-Robbins, Tyco International, and Spartan Motors,

Inc. Find out more at [www.nvfc.org/juniors](http://www.nvfc.org/juniors).

### **About the National Volunteer Fire Council**

The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) is the leading nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, emergency medical, and rescue services. The NVFC serves as the voice of the volunteer in the national arena and provides invaluable tools, resources, programs, and advocacy for first responders across the nation. Learn more at [www.nvfc.org](http://www.nvfc.org).

### **About Baskin-Robbins**

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### **About The Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation**

The Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation brings together a wide network of stakeholders, including our Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins franchisees, crew members and employees, to support the service and leadership of emergency response organizations – especially in times of crisis. The Foundation supports emergency responders by providing financial assistance, building capacity, developing partnerships, encouraging volunteerism and honoring local heroes. To learn more about the Dunkin' Brands Community Foundation, please visit [www.dunkinbrands.com/foundation](http://www.dunkinbrands.com/foundation).



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