

On behalf of the entire Broome County Legislature Republican Majority Caucus I want to thank you and your Department's volunteers for your service to Broome County residents.

We know how much time and effort volunteer firefighters put into their "job" and it does not go unrecognized. I saw first-hand the dedication of these volunteers when we had a house fire in my family home. If it wasn't for the dedicated volunteers from Vestal, I'm sure our home would have been a total loss.

In order to recognize the work of volunteer firefighters, last summer the County Legislature Majority Caucus created the "Marinich's Ladder Scholarship". Marinich's Ladder recognizes the life-long service of Jerry Marinich who is a retired firefighter, former Chairman of the County Legislature and former Director of the County Office of Emergency Services.

The goal of the scholarship is to support and encourage students to volunteer with local Fire Departments while they attend college or a similar vocational training program.

All volunteer firefighters in good standing that are enrolled full-time or part-time in college or a vocational training program this fall are eligible to apply for the one-time \$250 scholarship. The scholarship is not funded at taxpayer expense.

In order to be considered, applicants must submit a letter of interest explaining what volunteer firefighting means to them. Applicants must also submit a letter of recommendation from a Department Chief or President.

We'd appreciate it if you'd share this letter with your members. Applications and letters of support may be e-mailed to us at BCLRCC@gmail.com no later than Friday, August 24, 2018. Applications will be reviewed and scholarship winners will be announced in early September.

Thanks again for your service.

Sincerely,



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