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SECURE INDIANA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS OPEN

Indiana college students who volunteer with a public safety organization can now apply for the 2018/2019 Indiana Homeland Security Foundation scholarship.

The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation scholarship offers financial assistance for Indiana college students pursuing a degree.

A **full-time student** with **at least 12 credit hours per semester** is eligible for a **\$2,000 scholarship**.

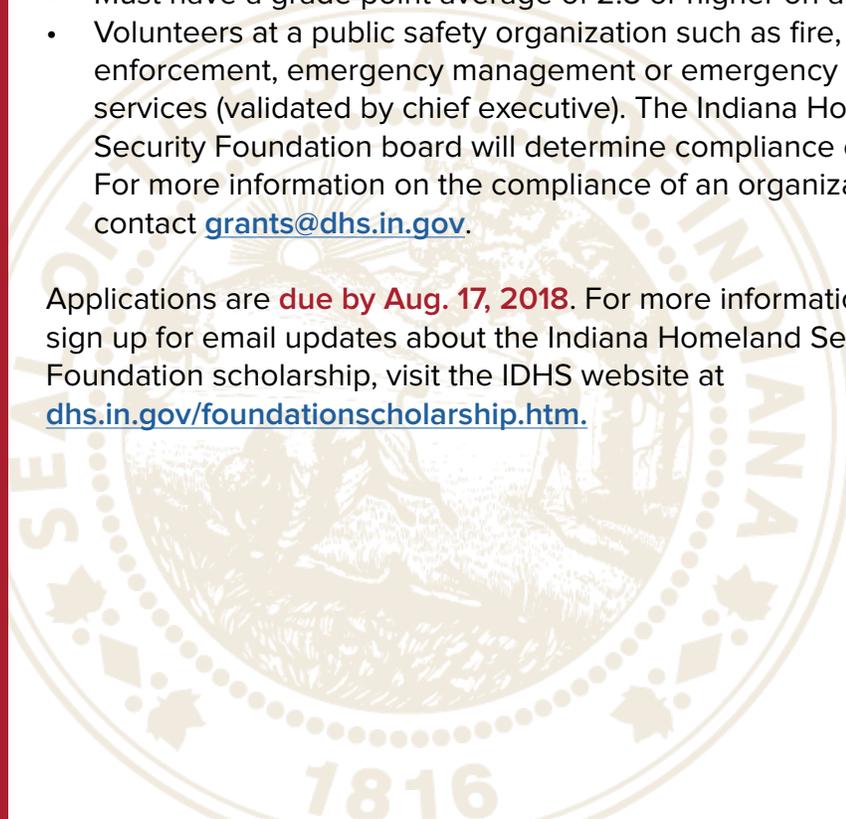
A **part-time student** with **at least 6 hours per semester** is eligible for a **\$1,000 scholarship**.

The scholarship must be used during the awarded school year, and the funds are intended solely to reimburse eligible student educational expenses.

Eligible applicants include Indiana residents who are an incoming or continuing student who:

- Attends or will be attending an accredited Indiana college.
- Must have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Volunteers at a public safety organization such as fire, law enforcement, emergency management or emergency medical services (validated by chief executive). The Indiana Homeland Security Foundation board will determine compliance eligibility. For more information on the compliance of an organization contact grants@dhs.in.gov.

Applications are **due by Aug. 17, 2018**. For more information, or to sign up for email updates about the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation scholarship, visit the IDHS website at dhs.in.gov/foundationsscholarship.htm.



2018 STATE LEVEL EXERCISE - ROAD TO RECOVERY

The State Level Exercise allows first responders to train and practice vital response and recovery skills in an immersive environment. This year as part of the *Road to Recovery* exercise, recovery processes - specifically damage assessments - were practiced.

First responders had the opportunity to use a damage assessment application created

by the IDHS to hone their damage assessment skills. The exercise took place across three days, encompassing an estimated 125 players, at Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Southern Indiana.

The main scenario revolved around flood damage to homes in “Hoosier” County. The Hoosier County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

requested an incident management team to provide support to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) by managing and tracking damage assessment teams.

Players also had the opportunity to practice real world rescues of trapped individuals in simulated flood-like settings at Muscatatuck’s flooded village.



IMMERSIVE TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL RESPONDERS

Each year, the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CPD) provides more than 50 courses in advanced training on all-hazards to approximately 50,000 emergency responders. Students represent state, local, tribal and territorial governments, as well as federal government, foreign governments and private entities. The CDP's emergency response training curriculum



provides advanced, hands-on opportunities for individuals in an immersive facility designed to prepare responders for a wide range of man-made and natural hazards.

The training is funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland

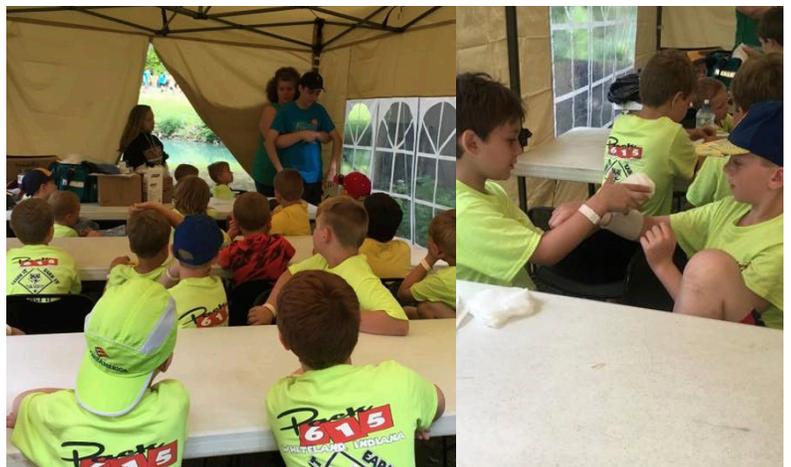
Security. CDP will fly responders into the Atlanta airport, provide transportation to the facility and provide all meals and lodging.

For more information about the CDP, or to learn about course offerings, visit cdp.dhs.gov.

CUB SCOUTS FIRST AID CLASS

In June, approximately 130 Cub Scouts from southern Johnson County became more prepared after a first-aid class provided by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Emergency Medical Services Branch.

Candice Pope, EMS certification and compliance section chief at IDHS, provided the training in Trafalger on June 13. The Cub Scouts learned first aid strategies, CPR tactics and put together first aid kits to take home.



SEARCH & RESCUE - K9 SUPPORT FOR MINK TROUBLE

In Argentina, mink released by farmers after the fur trade collapse have overrun areas of the country, destroying the bird populations. Recently, conservationists began working with Lillian Hardy, search and rescue training officer with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), on a solution to the mink problem.

Hardy, in conjunction with other partners, obtained and began training a dog to search out mink. In June, Patrick Buchanan, part of the Hooded Grebe Project located in Argentina, traveled to Indiana to meet his new four-legged partner, Hobbes, and begin their training as a team. The two were able to work on handling, and Buchanan also learned about scent theory and K9 handling, classes regularly available through IDHS. The team also was able to participate in water training through the K9 Training Youth Ranch.



**CHECK OUT THE
NEW VIDEO FEATURING A
K9 SEARCH & RESCUE
WATER TRAINING**



IDHS ARTWORK HONORS FIREFIGHTERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

When you grow up the son of a lifelong firefighter, it's easy to see how Dylan Moore, 20, developed an interest as a first responder.

By the time he was a junior in high school, he was taking basic fire courses at a nearby career center. Once graduation rolled around, he had completed most of his certification as a firefighter and an EMT. He continues to volunteer for Perry Township Fire Department (Economy, Ind.) while he waits to reach 21 and pursue a full-time firefighter role somewhere near his hometown of Hagerstown.

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Left to right: James Greeson, State Fire Marshal. Dylan Moore.
Bryan Langley, IDHS Agency Director

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“Firefighting and protection is a giving career,” Moore said. “Seeing those trucks roll out on a call and knowing the help they give ... it’s pretty amazing.”

Moore transferred that pride into a project now displayed prominently in the IDHS office. He constructed a flag made from fire hose as a tribute to firefighters across the country. What started as a fundraiser for the Emergency Services Association at Vincennes University caught the attention of IDHS Executive Director Bryan Langley, who asked for the flag to be put on display.

“This is big,” Moore said. “I never thought I would have that type of representation, having my artwork displayed for everyone to see.

“The flag represents firefighters nationwide, and the fact that it’s now at Homeland Security reinforces the fact that the state supports firefighters,” he added. Moore has done a few similar art projects on a smaller scale, but still considers himself a firefighter by trade. He looks forward to a long career as a firefighter and the opportunity to share his pride and passion with others.

STATE AGENCIES COLLABORATE ON FIRE TRAINING EQUIPMENT TRANSFER

Firefighting agencies across the state will have new training tools now that the Indiana Department of Homeland Security has provided more than 200 Connex industrial containers obtained from Crane Naval Research Base in Bloomfield, Ind.



The containers, useful for training scenarios for firefighters, police and other emergency responders, have been made available to firefighting agencies across Indiana. Nearly all of the containers have been retrieved by local fire agencies. They will be used for training in search techniques, safe entries, fire simulations and much more. At an average cost of \$3,000 for the containers, the project will save counties significant funds.

“This project will benefit firefighters all over the state by providing structures that can be utilized over and over again for training,” said Charlie Heflin, director of the Indiana Fire and Public Safety Academy Training System. “All this translates into better prepared firefighters who can better serve their communities.”

The project has taken more than three weeks to facilitate. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources processed the containers, the Indiana Department of Correction provided heavy equipment for the transfer and the Clark County Sheriff’s Office provided transportation and personnel.

For a fire department to be eligible to receive a container, they must have a valid Fire Department Identification (FDID) number and be currently reporting National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) data to IDHS. Qualifying departments can submit a request to jacoffey@dhs.in.gov (Jason Coffey). They must provide their department name, FDID, address, name of Fire Chief, contact phone number and contact email address.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

OBSERVED: SEPT. 1-30, 2018

In a recent survey, more than half of Hoosiers said they would not be prepared if a disaster strikes. National Preparedness Month is an excellent opportunity to help individuals realize that preparing before a disaster strikes, even through small steps, helps save lives.

For more information on disaster preparedness, visit GetPrepared.in.gov.

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONFERENCE

OBSERVED: SEPT. 12-15, 2018

The Indiana Emergency Response Conference offers members of Indiana's emergency responder communities the chance to continue their education by learning new skills. For organizations with social media channels, consider taking photos of area emergency responders as they teach and learn new and exciting ways to protect their fellow citizens.

For more information about the conference, or to register, visit <http://www.indianaerc.com/index.html>.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

OBSERVED: OCT. 1-31, 2018

Today, nearly every Hoosier uses the Internet daily. With more and more personal information being shared and housed online, it is important to educate Indiana residents about why cybersecurity is needed. This annual event strives to raise awareness about why and how to stay safe online.

For more information about cybersecurity, visit GetPrepared.in.gov.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OBSERVED: OCT. 7-13, 2018

This year's campaign theme "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere," works to inform individuals about easy steps to follow for preventing fires. Consider sending photos from local Fire Prevention Week activities to pio@dhs.in.gov, or tagging the agency on Twitter or Facebook, for inclusion on the IDHS social media feeds.

For more information about fire prevention, visit <https://www.nfpa.org/fpw/index.html>.

Information is also available at GetPrepared.in.gov.

GREAT CENTRAL U.S. SHAKEOUT

OBSERVED: OCT. 18, 2018

IDHS partners with the Great Central U.S. Shakeout, teaching Hoosiers to "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" during the Great ShakeOut Earthquake drill. Indiana is near two major fault lines, and preparedness for this natural disaster is vital. For southern Indiana emergency responders, this is an excellent opportunity to visit area schools for education.

For more information about earthquake safety, visit dhs.in.gov/2792.htm.



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