

TEXAS HEAT SCHOLARSHIP



OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Texas HEAT awards one \$2500 scholarship and one \$2000 (plus one free Southwest Airlines ticket) annually to two Texas emergency response departments, agencies or organizations. Each scholarship allows two members of the receiving department's HazMat team to attend the IAFC Hazardous Materials Response Teams Conference. The application period is January 1st to February 28th of each year. The scholarship will be awarded, and the recipients notified, by March 31st of each year. You can download an application packet from the TX HEAT webpage at <https://yld.org/awards-and-scholarships/texas-heat/> or request one via email at txheat@yahoo.com .

Qualified applicants must be an active career or volunteer member of an emergency services department, agency or organization in the State of Texas, be a U.S. citizen currently residing in the State of Texas and be a Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) certified Hazardous Materials Technician.

The Scholarship Committee reviews qualified applicants in March of each year and selects award recipients by letter ballot. Awardees are selected based on five broad criteria. These include:

- TCFP Hazardous Materials Technician certification and previous additional training in hazardous materials response
- Potential to have a positive impact upon the future of hazardous materials response and training in his or her organization and the emergency response community
- Documented personal and any additional financial support necessary from the applicants' department, agency, or organization to ensure the awardees are able to attend the full conference
- Analysis of two (one per applicant) favorable written recommendations submitted with the application packet

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The scholarship check will be made out to the awardees' department, agency or organization, which will use the funds to cover the following expenses to ensure both awardees are able attend the entire duration of the IAFC Hazardous Materials Response Teams conference the same year the scholarship is awarded:

- Conference registration fees
- Travel costs (air and ground)
- Lodging at the conference hotel
- Meals (per-diem)



The awardees' department, agency or organization agrees to provide any supplemental funding beyond the scholarship award amount necessary to ensure the awardees attend the entire conference and will provide a letter of commitment on department, agency or organization letterhead for submission with the application packet.

The awardees, or a designated representative of their department, agency or organization, are responsible for:

- Registering both awardees to attend the conference on the conference website
- Booking their airline tickets (travel dates Wednesday and Sunday)
- Booking their lodging at the conference hotel - check-in Wednesday, check-out Sunday - they may arrive earlier and/or stay longer if approved by their dept.
- Securing their own ground transportation to/from airport/hotel in Baltimore
- All meals not included with conference registration (see conference schedule on the IAFC website)

Awardee travel and/or lodging for any dates **shorter** than the Wednesday to Sunday time-frame of the conference must be requested in writing to the TX HEAT Scholarship Committee by the awardees at least 30 days prior to the first day of the conference, and must be approved by the TX HEAT Scholarship Award Committee.

DONATE TO THE TX HEAT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

TX HEAT funds its annual scholarship through tax-deductible donations from individual donors. Here are three easy ways to make a donation:

1. Donate via credit card/PayPal by using the red "Donate" button on the TX HEAT page on the YLD website at <https://yld.org/awards-and-scholarships/texas-heat/> (**be sure to select Texas HEAT** from the "Use this donation for" pull-down menu).
2. Write a check made out to YLD and **on the memo line write: TEXAS HEAT.**
Mail it to:
Yvorra Leadership Development Foundation
2446 Azalea Road
Port Republic, MD 20676
3. Personally hand your donation to a member of the TX HEAT Scholarship Committee (especially if you are at the IAFC HazMat Conference this year).

For a limited time, contributors making a donation of \$100 or more to the TEXAS HEAT Scholarship Fund will receive a TX HEAT Challenge Coin.

