



Scholarship Opportunity



Would you like to attend the VCOS Symposium in the Sun 2024 Conference?

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Volunteer Combination Officers Section (VCOS) will be holding the VCOS Symposium in the Sun 2024 from November 11-14, 2024, in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The Maryland Fire Chiefs Association (MFCA) Training Committee, with funds from the SAFER Grant, is sponsoring 15 scholarship opportunities for Maryland Fire Service Personnel to attend the conference. The scholarship will reimburse scholarship recipients up to \$2,134 for the conference registration (\$650), hotel (\$176.75/night x 5 nights \$883.75), airfare (\$500) and transportation to and from the airport (\$100).

The leadership training available at the VCOS Symposium will help members address the unique needs of volunteer leadership in their department. The networking opportunities give them the chance to share ideas and solutions with colleagues from all over the country. The conference allows participants to interact face-to-face with leaders of rural and suburban combination departments. The vendors attending can help departments of any size, giving them the tools and equipment necessary to ensure everyone on their team comes home.

Scholarship recipients will be required to submit all of their receipts upon returning from the conference for reimbursement up to the allotted \$2,134. In addition, as part of the reimbursement process, attendees will be required to provide the MFCA Training Committee with a one-page synopsis of what they learned at the conference and how they will share such information with their department and/or jurisdiction.

The MFCA Training Committee would like to encourage everyone to apply for this scholarship opportunity. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship to attend the VCOS Symposium in the Sun 2024, please complete the attached Scholarship Application and email it to training@mdchief.org. **All completed and signed scholarship applications must be received by the MFCA Training Committee by no later than 5:00 PM on September 6, 2024.** Awardees will be notified by Monday, September 9, 2024.

Please refer any questions involving this scholarship opportunity to Theresa Collins at mfcasafer@gmail.com.



Maryland Fire Chiefs Association
Training/Conference SAFER Scholarship Request



Scholarship Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Member of the Maryland Fire Chiefs Association: Yes No

Fire Company Name: _____

Fire Company Address: _____

Name of Training/Conference Program: VCOS Symposium in the Sun 2024

Dates of Training: 11/14/2024 - 11/17/2024

Estimated costs:

Travel: _____
 Lodging: _____
 Registration: _____
 Other: _____
 Total estimated cost: \$ 0.00

*No costs should be incurred by the individual until a determination of eligibility is made by the MFCA SAFER Grant Coordinator.
 Any costs incurred prior to a decision by the coordinator shall be at the member's own expense*

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

The below must be completed by a Chief Officer of your Fire Company

I, _____, hereby attest and affirm that the above individual requesting
Print Name
 above scholarship is an active and a member in good standing of the _____.
Name of Fire Company/Department

Print Name/Rank of Chief Officer: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Received Date: _____

Approval Date: _____

Project #: _____

MFCA SAFER Grant Coordinator
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

MSFA/MFCA SAFER Grant Manager
 Signature: _____ Date: _____