

RURAL COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION
 (A separate application is required for each course.)

Name	
Home Address	
City/ State/ Zip	
Home Phone No.	Student ID Number #
Fire Department	County

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED FOR:

Course Enrollment Fee:	\$ _____	Course Number:	_____
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Lodging at Academy Yes No **No. of nights:** _____

Please estimate your expenditures. Recipient's share must cover at least 50% of the cost.

Meals	\$ _____		
Travel @ .45/mile	\$ _____	YOUR SHARE = \$ _____	
Other (specify)	\$ _____		
TOTAL	\$ _____		

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Does your fire department serve a rural Ohio community with a population under 10,000?

Yes No If no, explain. _____

Does your fire department have mutual aid with other Ohio fire departments? Yes No

Have you ever received RCFA funds before? Yes No

If yes, when? _____ Amount received: \$ _____

If you have requested a dorm room at the Academy, and one is not available, will you still be able to attend the course? Yes No

All information in this application is confidential and will not be made available to the public without written consent.

I certify to the best of my knowledge the information in this application .

Applicant's signature	Date

RURAL COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Guidelines

1. Only firefighters from communities with a population of less than 10,000 qualify. However, for multi-community projects, the 10,000 may be exceeded, provided none of the communities in the project has more than 10,000 people.
2. Communities imposing strict boundary limits which exclude rural residences or communities using a subscription response system will not be considered for assistance.
3. This is a matching program. RCFA funds will cover the cost of tuition and lodging at the Ohio Fire Academy. Recipients are responsible for travel, meals and other expenses. A recipient's share must be at least 50% of the total cost.
4. When applying for RCFA funds, do not send payment with the course registration form. In the event funds are unavailable, you will be notified.
5. Grants will be awarded on the following criteria:
 - a. Priority will be given to departments with the greatest need.
 - b. Grants will be awarded on a "first come, first served" basis. Multiple grants to a department will depend on the availability of funds. Normally, a department will receive one grant per course. If more than one individual from a department will be attending a course, the chief should indicate priority on RCFA requests.
 - c. Priority will be given to individuals who have not previously received RCFA funds.
6. Requests for funding will not be considered for E.M.S., Firefighter I and 11, Firefighter IA, Firefighter 113, Firefighter 1 C, Certified Fire Safety Inspector, or certified fire/E.M.S. instructor courses, or for lodging other than at the Ohio Fire Academy.
7. Applications for financial assistance must be completed and returned with the course registration form. Applicants will be notified of the disposition of their application prior to the starting date of the course.
8. Send completed RCFA application form with Student Course Registration Form.