

**RESOLUTION NO. 19 - 34**

**ESTABLISHING THE WORCESTER COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY  
PILOT PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland ("the Commissioners") have determined the need for well-trained paramedics in each of the Chartered Volunteer Fire Companies serving the residents and visitors throughout Worcester County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners wish to establish a pilot scholarship program to offer tuition reimbursement in each fiscal year in which funding is available to be awarded to up to two students each year from among the ten Chartered Volunteer Fire Companies in Worcester County in order to obtain their paramedic certification at Wor Wic Community College; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners will evaluate the pilot program each fiscal year to determine whether or not to continue the program in the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, if the pilot program is successful and subject to annual funding appropriations by the Commissioners, the long term goal is to select a student from each of the ten Chartered Volunteer Fire Companies in Worcester County over a period of five years so that one member from each Chartered Volunteer Fire Company has an opportunity to participate in this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that:

1. A Pilot Paramedic Scholarship Program is hereby established to offer tuition reimbursement in each fiscal year in which funding is available to be awarded to up to two students each year from among the ten Chartered Volunteer Fire Companies in Worcester County in order to obtain their paramedic certification at Wor Wic Community College.
2. Subject to annual funding appropriations by the Commissioners, the long term goal is to select a student from each of the ten Chartered Volunteer Fire Companies in Worcester County over five fiscal years from Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) to Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) provided that the student remains employed by a Chartered Volunteer Fire Company in Worcester County after they complete certification. If a Chartered Volunteer Fire Company does not have a need, they can pass to another Chartered Volunteer Fire Company in the County that has a need.
3. Each year in which funding for the pilot program is approved in the annual fiscal year budget, the President of the Worcester County Fire Companies Chiefs' committee will send on letterhead to the Chief Administrative Officer of Worcester County the selection of two students to receive a scholarship for completing the Wor Wic undergraduate certificate in Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic program.
4. Requirements:
  - A. The student must reside in Worcester County, Maryland upon enrollment in the Program and completing certification.
  - B. The student shall successfully complete the Wor Wic Community College undergraduate certificate in Emergency Medical Services ("Certification Class").

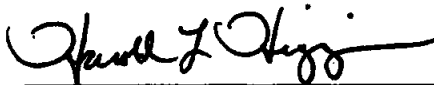
The student cannot enroll or start the Certification Class prior to the Pilot Paramedic Scholarship Program being approved and they have been selected for the Pilot Paramedic Scholarship Program.

- C. The scholarship shall reimburse expenses covering In-State tuition, fees, books, and supplies directly related to the Certification Class. The maximum scholarship award shall be \$4,000 per recipient.
- D. The student shall submit all receipts, a transcript from Wor Wic Community College verifying successful completion of their certification, and a W9 form to the Worcester County Human Resources Director to be processed for reimbursement through the Pilot Paramedic Scholarship Program.
- E. This is a one-time scholarship and the recipient cannot receive more than one scholarship award through the Pilot Paramedic Scholarship Program.
- F. The student shall sign a Tuition Reimbursement Agreement committing to work for a Chartered Volunteer Fire Company in Worcester County for at least twenty four (24) months post-graduation. If the student leaves the employment of a Worcester County Volunteer Fire Company in less than twenty four (24) months, the student shall be required to reimburse the County for the full amount of the scholarship awarded.


AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect nunc pro tunc July 1, 2019.

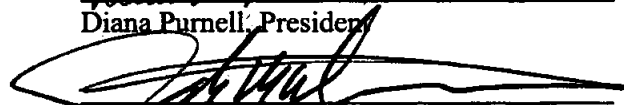
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
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Harold L. Higgins  
Chief Administrative Officer

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
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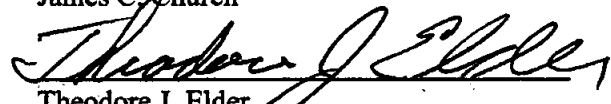
  
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**Absent**

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James C. Church

  
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Theodore J. Elder

  
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