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FSWO – Dalhousie University Fire Leadership Scholarship

Invest in Your Leadership. Invest in Your Future.

Fire Service Women Ontario (FSWO), in partnership with **Dalhousie University**, is pleased to offer a professional development scholarship supporting leadership growth within the fire service.

One FSWO member will receive full tuition coverage for an eligible course through Dalhousie University's Fire Leadership program.

This scholarship reflects our commitment to creating opportunities for members to develop their skills, build confidence, and prepare for future leadership opportunities.

We believe leadership is not defined by rank, title, or years of service. Leadership can be demonstrated at every level of the fire service, and we encourage members from all backgrounds and stages of their careers to apply.

About the Scholarship

The successful recipient will receive:

- **Full tuition coverage** for one eligible Dalhousie University Fire Leadership course, up to 12 weeks in length.
- The opportunity to select an eligible course that aligns with their professional interests, career goals, and leadership development.
- The flexibility to complete their course during the **January, April, or September 2027 term**.

Most eligible courses are six or twelve weeks in length.

Additional expenses, including textbooks, course materials, or incidental costs not included in tuition, may be the responsibility of the recipient.

The scholarship must be used during the 2027 calendar year.

Who Can Apply?

Applicants must:

- Be a current **FSWO member in good standing**.
- Be involved in the fire service, including career or volunteer firefighting, fire prevention, public education, communications, training, or another related role. Students and aspiring firefighters involved in the fire service are also encouraged to apply.
- Demonstrate an interest in leadership and continued professional development.
- Commit to enrolling in and completing an eligible Dalhousie University Fire Leadership course during 2027.
- Agree to provide FSWO with a brief reflection or testimonial following completion of the course.

You do not need to hold a formal leadership position to apply!

FSWO recognizes that leadership takes many forms. We encourage applications from members who are beginning their careers, exploring leadership opportunities, or looking to further develop their existing skills.

How to Apply

Interested members can complete a short online application.

The application includes questions about:

- Your involvement and experience in the fire service.
- Your leadership interests and professional goals.
- How completing a Dalhousie Fire Leadership course could support your development.
- How you hope to use what you learn to positively impact your department, organization, community, or the broader fire service.

The application process is designed to be straightforward and accessible to members at all career stages.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the **FSWO Scholarship Selection Committee**, using an established scoring rubric to ensure a fair and consistent process.

Applications will be evaluated based on leadership potential, commitment to professional growth, the impact the scholarship could have on the applicant, and the potential benefits to their department, community, or the broader fire service.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to participate in a brief interview with members of the FSWO Scholarship Selection Committee.

The selection process recognizes leadership potential at every level of the fire service, regardless of rank, title, or years of service.

Important Dates

Milestone	Date
Applications Open	November 4, 2026
Application Deadline	**November 30, 2026, 11:59 p.m. ET**
Recipient Notification	By December 10, 2026
Course Terms	January, April, or September 2027

Ready to Take the Next Step?

Whether you're looking to develop new skills, strengthen your leadership abilities, or prepare for future opportunities, this scholarship is an investment in your professional growth.

We encourage all eligible FSWO members to apply!

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For questions about the scholarship or application process, please contact **president@fswo.ca**.

Thank You to Dalhousie University

FSWO sincerely thanks **Dalhousie University** for its generous support of this scholarship and its commitment to developing current and future fire service leaders.

Partnerships like this help create meaningful educational opportunities, strengthen leadership development, and support the continued growth of women throughout the fire service.

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