



# H. Dean Paderick Structural Collapse Scholarship



Apply Today!

Fire and EMS Training Center  
Virginia Beach, VA

Deadline: Friday, August 5th  
Scholarships awarded by Wednesday, August 10th



The Virginia Department of Fire Programs is accepting applications for scholarships to attend the VATF-2 24th Annual DHS FEMA Equivalent Structural Collapse Specialist Course.

Applicants must be a member in good standing with a Local, Regional or Divisional Technical Rescue Team. The applicant must have Operations/Level 1 certification at a minimum in all core VDFP technical rescue courses (Rope, Confined Space, Trench and Vehicle), however, applicants with Technician/Level 2 will be given priority during selection.

A letter of recommendation is required from the applicant's department head or team leader, provided on departmental letterhead.

Please submit application and letter of recommendation to Chad Riddleberger.

**Candidates must also submit a separate VATF-2 application** for the course in order to be considered for the scholarship.

Tuition reimbursement is only payable to a jurisdiction, not the individual attending.

Scholarship includes course tuition (valued at \$1,850) and a daily lunch. Transportation, lodging, and additional meals are not covered.

Please email course application and letter of recommendation to Chad Riddleberger, Division Chief of Heavy Technical Rescue at: [chadwick.riddleberger@vdfp.virginia.gov](mailto:chadwick.riddleberger@vdfp.virginia.gov)

**Virginia Department of Fire Programs SCT Scholarship Application Form**

If you are a member in good standing and meet the following criteria prior to the application process:

1. Minimum of 5 years of experience.
2. Level 1 or Operations Technical Rescue training is a minimum, however Level 2 or Technician Level Rescue Training will be given preference.
3. Above certifications must have been held for at least 2 years.
4. EMT-B or above preferred
5. Affiliation with a local, regional, State or Federal Technical Rescue or USAR team.

**Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on 5 August 2022**

Please Duplicate/Copy before completing

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FDID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Last four: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information**

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Technical Rescue Team affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of time affiliated \_\_\_\_\_

**The completed application and letter of recommendation from Chief Officer or Team Leader**

must be submitted to the Technical Rescue Division Chief for review at

[chadwick.riddleberger@vdfp.virginia.gov](mailto:chadwick.riddleberger@vdfp.virginia.gov)

Awards of Scholarship will be made no later than 10 August 2022

Signature of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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VDFP Division Chief Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Prerequisites Checked: \_\_\_\_\_