

# IAFF McClennan Scholarship Fund

The IAFF McClennan Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance for higher education for children of fire fighters killed in the line of duty.

Established in 1977, IAFF's McClennan Scholarship Fund is named after former IAFF president William "Howie" McClennan. Elected president in 1968, McClennan served until his retirement in 1980. He began his career as a Boston fire fighter in 1942 and served for 26 years. His first fire was one of the worst in American history – the Coconut Grove nightclub, which killed 492 people. After fighting fires on the freezing streets of Boston, McClennan was inspired to speak up for fire fighters in his local. McClennan's gregarious and outgoing personality is remembered today – he called everyone "pal" and had a loud fashion sense. McClennan died at the age of 95 on October 7, 2002.

Currently, the IAFF provides scholarship funds for more than 25 students each year. Since its inception, more than 400 awards have been provided to the children of fire fighters killed in the line of duty. The IAFF McClennan Scholarship Fund is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees chaired by IAFF General President Harold A. Schaitberger. Its office is located at the IAFF headquarters in Washington, DC.

The IAFF McClennan Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) Trust Fund. Tax deductible contributions can be sent to:

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