

The Black Hawk College Quad-Cities Foundation is launching a new program to help address a compelling and urgent community need for firefighters.



Earlier this year, the Moline Fire Department made a public call for people interested in becoming firefighters. At the time, the department had numerous open positions due in part to retirements, injuries and other vacancies.

This week, the foundation's board of directors allocated \$5,000 for new scholarship opportunities for students interested in the college's paramedic or emergency medical technician (EMT) programs. Both programs are educational pathways for fire sciences.

Black Hawk College students enrolling in EMT or paramedic programs with the plan of continuing their education and ultimately becoming a firefighter will be eligible for additional scholarships even if they did not apply before the May 1 deadline for 2018-19.

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