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### **FIREFIIGHTERS' PENSION PLAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Sarasota, FL: Direct descendants of City of Sarasota firefighters are now eligible for a scholarship to attend State College of Florida thanks to the generosity of a Florida-based law firm. The \$25,000 scholarship is funded by Sugarman & Susskind, P.A. in Miami which provides legal counsel for the City of Sarasota Firefighters' Pension Fund.

Eligible recipients must be directly related to a retired City of Sarasota firefighter who is receiving a pension from the City of Sarasota Firefighters' Pension Fund or who is currently employed by the Sarasota County Fire Department and is a member of the City of Sarasota Firefighters' Pension Fund. The City of Sarasota Fire Department consolidated with Sarasota County in 1996.

An annual scholarship of up to \$2,500 in total for all recipients will be awarded each academic year to a student or students entering State College of Florida or is/are currently enrolled. Students accepted into or enrolled in a firefighter or paramedic certification program also will be eligible. The primary criterion for the scholarship award is a demonstration of financial need.

To apply online for the scholarship please go to the following website: [scf.edu/scholarships](http://scf.edu/scholarships). The contact at the school is Allison Nash, Coordinator of the State College of Florida Foundation Scholarship who may be reached at [nasha@scf.edu](mailto:nasha@scf.edu) or (941) 752-5390. Applications must be received by March 20, 2015.

For more information contact Tom Kelley, City of Sarasota Pension Plans Administrator: 941-954-2600.