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**CHARLES R. HAAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
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**TO: All Ulster County, NY Firefighters
All Graduate Classes of 2016 Ulster County, NY High Schools
Ulster County Community College**

The Charles Haas Memorial Scholarship Fund will offer scholarships to graduating seniors from any high school (private, public, or parochial) in Ulster County or to a student attending Ulster County Community College or a graduate thereof.

These scholarships, for students accepted by two or four year colleges, with plans to complete a two or four year program, will be offered only once to the recipient.

Application forms are available at Ulster County High School Guidance Offices and online at:

http://www.sunyulster.edu/foundation/scholarships/alphabetical_listing.php#H

The 2015 Charles Haas Memorial Scholarships were awarded to:

**Frank Finkbeiner
Peter Soule
Sean Heaney
Hannah Pauli**

**Rondout Valley HS
John A. Coleman HS
New Paltz HS
New Paltz HS**

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When Charlie Haas was a young boy, he told his father that he wanted to be a fire fighter. Most childhood dreams fade, however, for Charlie, this dream was to become an ambition, and ambition to become reality.

Charlie Haas' life was fire fighting. Charlie never made a secret of his love for fire fighting and his dedication did not go unnoticed. He joined the High Falls Fire Department at age 16. After almost two years of training, Charlie became one of the most enthusiastic and dedicated fire fighters in Ulster County. Charlie enlisted in the Air Force as a Fire Fighter Specialist and from there he planned to become a professional firefighter with great enthusiasm.

Outside of fire fighting, Charlie's friends found him comical and just generally fun to be around. Charlie was a loyal friend and is greatly missed by those who knew him.

On February 17, 1981, Charles Haas was killed while fighting a fire that ended a promising career before it had really begun. He died doing what he loved most. He died a hero.

**Council Fires '81
Rondout Valley School District**



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CRITERIA:

- A. Applicants must be an active member of a bona fide fire department or children of parents who are active members of a bona fide fire department.
- B. The curriculum of the scholarship recipient must be approved by the Charles Haas Memorial Scholarship Committee. Acceptable curricula for scholarships include Fire Science, Fire Engineering, and Public Service. If no applicant seeks these priorities, the Scholarship Screening Committee will consider an active fire person or children of parents who are active members of a fire department seeking other professional fields of endeavor.
- C. Evidence of a desire to pursue such a program and to continue training for a two or four year degree.
- D. The applicant should include a statement concerning the following points:
 - 1. Why are you applying for this scholarship?
 - 2. What do you expect college to do for you?
 - 3. What are your plans for the future?

HOW TO APPLY:

Completed application form and supporting documents must be **postmarked no later than March 1, 2016** and mailed to Mr. George Haas, 3632 Atwood Rd., Stone Ridge, NY 12484.

HOW AWARDS WILL BE DECIDED:

- 1. Committee will review completed application and supporting documentation.
- 2. Teacher ratings on citizenship, leadership, and career potential by letters of recommendation, not to exceed three letters, will be evaluated.
- 3. Criteria as stated above.
- 4. Personal interviews with finalists by the Charles Haas Memorial Scholarship Fund Screening Committee may be requested.
- 5. Awardees will be determined by the Charles Haas Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, whose decision will be final.
- 6. The award will be rescinded if the student fails to attend college as planned.
- 7. An alternate will be named in case the recipient cannot accept the award.

