



## Ernest L. Butler Jr. and Pamela Wutz

### IAFF Local 101 Scholarship

Duluth Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 101 created the scholarship in 2021 with the goal of introducing underrepresented community members to the fire service; as well as providing them full tuition to attend all required fire training at Lake Superior College.

Tuition cost for State Certification Firefighter I and II, Hazmat Operations, and CPAT examination will be provided for up to four recipients. With this training completed, the recipients are able to apply for employment with the City of Duluth Fire Department. For more information about the program, please visit: Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

[https://mnscu.rschooltoday.com/public/costoption/class\\_id/236704/public/1/sp//is\\_cwos/1](https://mnscu.rschooltoday.com/public/costoption/class_id/236704/public/1/sp//is_cwos/1)

Lake Superior College is planning a fall class beginning on or around September 6

**Ernest L. Butler Jr.** was the first African American Duluth firefighter. Ernie's journey to the department did not come without great pain. In order to secure employment with the city, he had to file a discrimination lawsuit. While employed Ernie faced many forms of racism and cultural biases. None of this would stop him as he believed in the service to his community. He endured and went on to have a successful 26 year career and continues to be an inspiration to current firefighters. He was employed with the Duluth Fire Department from 1972 to 1998 and achieved the rank of Fire Equipment Operator.

**Pamela Wutz** was the first female Duluth firefighter. Being the first female firefighter came with significant resistance from a male dominated profession. She was subjected to and endured many challenges. Pam overcame these obstacles and went on to a successful 20 year career. Achieving the rank of Fire Equipment Operator, she was not going to let anyone stand in the way of fulfilling her goals. While now retired, Pam continues to be a role model for a new generation of firefighters. She was employed with the Duluth Fire Department from 1987 to 2007.

IAFF Local 101 encourages those who are driven and dedicated to serving the community of Duluth to apply.

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## **IAFF Local 101 Scholarship**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Race \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

GED/Diploma (Yes or No) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Education or  
Certificates \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear of this scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

1) As a firefighter, we assist the public in many ways. Describe how you would be able to help your community by becoming a firefighter?

2) How will this scholarship be beneficial to you and/or your family?

3) Is there any additional information you would like to provide?

## INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS:

- Fill out the application electronically by clicking [HERE](#) or print a paper copy. Applications can also be picked up at your local fire station. Be as detailed as possible.
- Drop off a copy at any Duluth fire station addressed to the “**Local 101 Scholarship**”:

Headquarters Fire Station- 602 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

2 Station- 2627 W Superior Street

4 Station- 425 W College Street

6 Station- 5031 E Superior Street

7 Station- 1419 Maple Grove Road

8 Station- 5830 Grand Avenue

10 Station- 1106 Commonwealth Ave

11 Station- 3501 Woodland Ave

- Applications must be received via electronic copy or at a fire station by **August 12th**.
- If you have any questions or concerns for the application please email [local101scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:local101scholarship@gmail.com)