NVFC Junior Firefighter of the Year Award

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The National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) Junior Firefighter of the Year Award, sponsored by California Casualty, honors a junior firefighter who has gone above and beyond in their service to their fire department.

The nomination period is open from October 30, 2026 – January 15, 2027.

Criteria

Each nominee will be judged on the following criteria:

- Nominee has served in a junior firefighter, cadet, or Explorer program for at least one (1) full year.
- Nominee has truly gone above and beyond the normal call of duty for a junior firefighter in their commitment to the fire and emergency services.

* Former award recipients are not eligible.

Nomination Materials

Nominations must be received by 5pm EST on January 15, 2027. Nomination packets must include:

- Completed nomination form
- 500-word essay describing the nominee's contribution to their fire department, including specific examples of how they have exemplified the spirit of youth community involvement and why they should be chosen for this award
- Two (2) letters of recommendation, including one from department chief or program advisor
- Up to three (3) additional supporting documents

*** Please note:** If chosen, award recipient must submit a digital photo to be used for NVFC newsletters, web sites, etc.

Submit your nomination at: https://nvfc.wufoo.com/forms/2027-junior-firefighter-of-the-year-award/.

Selection

The selection of the NVFC Junior Firefighter of the Year will be determined through a nationwide nomination process. The recipient will be recognized at a special celebration in conjunction with the NVFC spring board conference in May 2026 and will receive:

- Trip for award winner and up to two parents/guardians to Alexandria, VA, to attend awards celebration on May 15, 2027
- Complimentary registration for the NVFC spring board conference
- Recognition as guest of honor at the NVFC awards celebration
- Complimentary 1-year NVFC membership
- Personalized award
- Place in NVFC history

Contact Information

Contact the NVFC with any questions:

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