



Gaspare G. Panciocco Firefighters Scholarship

As a tribute to the life and legacy of Gaspare G. Panciocco, his family has established an endowed scholarship at the **University of Massachusetts Amherst** to be known as the **Gaspare G. Panciocco Firefighters Scholarship**.

Gaspare "Cass" G. Panciocco was a WWII combat veteran in the medical corps and a career Boston Fire Fighter. He was a hero to many throughout his life, saving many lives both as a medic and a firefighter. He had five children who thought he was bigger than life and who have decided to establish this scholarship to assist his firefighting brothers and sisters with the educational expenses of their children. Mr. Panciocco had enjoyed his trips to UMass Amherst when he visited his son and friends and seemed to enjoy the campus and the college lifestyle, which he never had a chance to experience.

The purpose of the Fund is to endow scholarships for students who have a parent who currently serves or has served as a Massachusetts Fire Fighter. Students must be in good academic standing and have demonstrated financial need, as reflected in their aid application to the Financial Aid Office. Existence of the scholarship will be posted on the websites of Boston Firefighters Local 718 and the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts. **It is up to interested students to identify themselves to the Financial Aid Office as being eligible for the scholarship.** The student(s) selected to receive the scholarship will be required to submit a patch, from the firefighting organization, engine company or ladder company with which their parent is or was affiliated, which will be given to the Panciocco Family.

This new fund will award one scholarship per year for the first few scholarship award years. The initial student recipient will be selected in Spring 2009 and will receive the scholarship during the 2009-2010 academic year. The first award is expected to be between \$800 and \$1,000. The amount of the award will change each year depending on the market performance of the endowment. Once a student is selected, he/she may re-apply for the following year, but renewal is not automatic. A great deal of weight will be given to students' financial need.

Students may express their interest in the scholarship by writing or sending an email message to:

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