

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Rural VFD Assistance Program (HB 2604)

Grants: Training Tuition, Dorm Lodging, Meal Cards TEEX 88th Annual Municipal Fire School (July 23 – 28, 2017)

Who is eligible...

- 🔥 Chartered, non-profit volunteer fire departments operated by its members are eligible.
- 🔥 Part-paid/part-volunteer fire departments are eligible provided the number of paid members is 20 or less.

Reimbursement Rates...

- 🔥 Training tuition grants are available at 100% of the actual cost of tuition up to a maximum of \$625 per trainee.
- 🔥 Grants for Dorm Lodging are available at \$37 per day up to a maximum of \$185 per person (5 days).
- 🔥 Meal Card grants are available up to \$95 per person.

Vouchers...

- 🔥 An approval letter will serve as a pre-paid voucher for applicants applying before the TEEX pre-registration deadline of July 10, 2017. TEEX requires that vouchers be submitted with the registration form(s).
- 🔥 Requests received after the TEEX pre-registration deadline will not receive a voucher, however eligible fire departments may still apply through our normal reimbursement process.

Dorm Lodging & Meal Cards...

- 🔥 TFS utilizes federal funds to offer dorm lodging & meal card grants. In order to be considered for federal funds, applicants must meet all of the following federal requirements.
 - 1) Department must serve a rural area or rural community with a population of 10,000 or less.
 - 2) Submit a DUNS number
 - 3) Adopt NIMS with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).Upon award, grant recipients will receive an A-133 Certification Letter that must be completed and returned for final grant approval.
- 🔥 Please indicate on your application, the number of trainees in need of dorm lodging and/or meal cards.
- 🔥 Federal funds are limited; only apply if you intend to utilize dorm lodging and/or meal cards.
- 🔥 Reimbursement is not available for off campus commercial lodging and/ or off campus meals.

For more information on:

- NIMS Adoption – How to adopt NIMS? <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Content/Article.aspx?id=21711>
- DUNS Number – Assignment is free, call 1-866-705-5711. <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/>

Application Procedure

To apply, please submit:

- ✓ [Application for Fire Department Assistance – Volunteer Programs](#) (Form TFS-FO-400)
 - Courses must be listed on the application and revised if registration changes are made.
 - Applications must be received prior to the course start date.
- ✓ [Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification](#) (Form W-9)

To revise an application, please submit:

- ✓ [Revision Request Form – Rural VFD Assistance Program](#) (Form TFS-FO-410)
 - (e.g. report a DUNS number, update the number of trainees, change courses, etc.)

These forms may be found on our website, texasfd.com, or by contacting us at the number below.

Submit via email, mail or fax:

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