

Texas Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program - Training Tuition

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KEY FACTS

◆ Agency:

Texas A&M Forest Services

◆ Award Information:

Applications accepted year-round

◆ Award Date Range:

Awarded year-round

◆ Application Guide:

Application:  
<https://bit.ly/2Nkjluf>  
Application guide:  
<https://bit.ly/2T9RXo2>

◆ Current Program Funds:

Total Funds per Cycle:  
\$2.6 million

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PURPOSE

The Texas Rural Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Assistance Program provides funding to rural VFDs for firefighter training tuition. It is a cost-share program funded by the Texas State Legislature.

Since its inception in 2002, the program has been extremely successful in helping fire departments get the vehicles, training, such as funding training tuition, and equipment that they would otherwise not have access to. Due to the usefulness of the program, the Texas Rural VFD Assistance Program experiences significant demand in excess of \$200 million in outstanding requests, while currently being funded at \$17.3 million per year, about \$2.6 million of which is dedicated to funding training tuition.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Recognized, non-profit VFDs operated by its members are eligible. Any part-paid, part-volunteer fire department with 20 or fewer paid members is eligible. [Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program Federal Funding Requirements](#)

FIGURES

