

APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR FIREFIGHTER VALOR AWARDS

The Awards are available annually for presentation to Firefighters by the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association, in cooperation with VFIS of New Jersey.

1. The Valor Award may be made to any Firefighter in the State of New Jersey for an act of valor while performing as a Firefighter.
2. The Valor Award period shall be from September 1 through August 8. The application shall be presented by August 15 to the Association and forwarded to the Valor Committee no later than August 22.
3. The nomination for a Valor Award shall be submitted on the Application Form furnished by the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association. It must be completed and must furnish all special information requested. It must be certified by a Chief Officer of the Department or the Incident Commander. There shall be only one name per Application. Upon completion of the Application, it must be returned to the Secretary for processing.
4. Supporting evidence should be submitted with the application. This can include, but not limited to: statements of Fire Service and/or Civilian witnesses, media accounts and pictures, environmental conditions, time, fire and smoke condition, and the conditions of victims at the time of the incident. The more details submitted will help the Committee to make a more accurate evaluation. Emphasis should be on the *Act of Valor*, not merely good execution of assigned duties.
5. The completed application shall be submitted to:

New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association
P.O. Box 6599
Carlstadt, NJ 07072

A Valor Award Committee member may contact the person making the nomination to confirm that the information is valid and obtain additional details.

6. There may be two Valor Awards each year. If so, one would be designated First Place and the other would be Second Place.
First Place: A \$100 Savings Bond, Gold Medal and a Commemorative Plaque
Second Place: A \$50 Savings Bond, Silver Metal and a Commemorative Plaque
7. The Committee may present a Certificate of Recognition to the Valor Award applicants who did not win the First or Second Place award.
8. The Committee may present a Unit Citation for a group Act of Valor.
9. The recipients of the Valor Awards are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association in order to receive the award. If the recipient is unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the award will be made at a Regular Meeting of the Executive Board. In the event the recipient cannot attend either meeting, then the Officers of the Association will make alternate arrangements for the presentation.