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FAMA Awards 2026 Scholarship to Two Students

August 20, 2026 – The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA) has selected Galen Miller of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Tobias Proulx of Oklahoma State University as recipients of its 2026 scholarship. This year, FAMA selected two deserving students to receive the \$2,500 scholarship, awarding \$1,250 to each recipient in support of their education and future careers in the fire service industry.

Galen Miller is a Fire Protection Engineering master's student at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), where he has maintained a 4.0 GPA in both his undergraduate and graduate studies. His senior capstone team designed and manufactured a high-temperature heat-flux gauge for fire-safety research, earning third place among WPI mechanical engineering projects for the 2025–26 academic year. Miller has also served as Vice President of WPI's Student Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and represented the Fire Protection Engineering Department on WPI's Engineering Undergraduate Student Advisory Council.

Tobias Proulx is pursuing his degree in Fire Protection and Safety Engineering Technology (FPSET) at Oklahoma State University after previously earning an associate degree. He serves as a teaching assistant for Sprinkler System Design and as President of the OSU Student Chapter of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE). Proulx has also gained valuable industry experience through an internship he secured after his first year at OSU and has been invited to return for a second summer.

"FAMA is proud to recognize Galen Miller and Tobias Proulx as this year's scholarship recipients. We are honored to help both students continue their education and look forward to them joining the industry," commented FAMA President Jason Witmier.

About FAMA

The Fire Apparatus Manufacturers' Association (FAMA) is a non-profit trade association organized in 1946. Members of FAMA are committed to enhancing the quality of the fire apparatus industry and emergency service community through the manufacture and sale of safe, efficient fire apparatus and equipment.