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A $1000 scholarship has been created by Derrick and Kathleen Richardson of Alton to encourage Blacks/African-Americans to enroll in the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program at Lewis and Clark Community College. **The Derrick and Kathleen Richardson Scholarship** is established with the Lewis and Clark Community College Foundation, Inc.

Nowadays, most paid career fire departments in the United States require applicants to be EMTs or Paramedics before they can apply for the job. This has created a disparity in the number of Black/African-Americans in the Fire Service across the U.S. This scholarship is an incentive aimed to increase the percentage of Black/African-Americans getting an opportunity to be hired into the Fire Service. This scholarship is open to Black/African-Americans that reside within Madison County, Illinois that enrolls in the Lewis and Clark Community College Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate of Completion program.

The LC EMT Program is about $1500.00 a semester. This scholarship can be used for tuition, fees, and/or supplies, and can be used in conjunction with other tuition assistance programs. This scholarship is offered to students in the Fall and Spring semesters.

Students wishing to apply for the scholarship can contact the Lewis and Clark Community College Foundation at (618) 468-2010 or apply online at <https://www.lc.edu/Scholarships/>.

To donate to the Derrick and Kathleen Richardson Scholarship, you can send a check to the Lewis and Clark Community College Foundation or donate online at <https://www.lc.edu/Foundation_Scholarships/>.