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Ellenville Million Committee:

The Ellenville First Aid and Rescue Squad (EFARS) is a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) corporation established in 1955 to provide emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of Ellenville and the town of Wawarsing. They are a NYS Department of Health Certified Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance agency, with a Basic Life Support (BLS) component staffed by volunteers. The ALS component is staffed by paid paramedics. EFARS has difficult recruiting for both the ALS and BLS components of their operation.

Jody Krom is a local EMT who has volunteered for EFARS since 2014. He attended the Broome County Community College paramedic program for 1 year from 2016-2017. The program then closed. Mr. Krom moved back to Wawarsing and attempted to complete the paramedic program at Dutchess Community College but they would not accept any of his credits from Broome CCC. He has now enrolled in Westchester County Community College as they have accepted some of his Broome CCC credits. He will be attending Westchester CCC from the spring of 2019 through the spring of 2020.

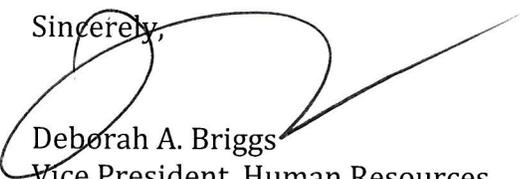
EFARS has guaranteed Mr. Krom minimally a per diem position once he graduates and has earned his paramedic certification.

The cost of to Mr. Krom to complete his paramedic program is \$7,734. In addition, he travels to Westchester to attend classes twice a week, which equates to 154 miles round trip.

Mr. Krom is a local resident, trying to better himself and become a vital, lifesaving asset to the Ellenville community. I would highly recommend that the Ellenville Million Committee consider him for tuition and travel funding so that he can become a paramedic and serve our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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