

In a small town, like mine, community is what we live on. Throughout my years I have participated in many activities/volunteer activities like Girl Scouts and being an active member of my local church. As time passed I found something I could both help with and something that I was super passionate about; the Downsville Fire Department.

The Downsville Fire Department helps my community in so many different ways. The department is constantly hosting benefit breakfasts while only asking for a donation for using the building, filling the Colchester Town Pool for the summer, teaching fire safety at the school, attending any fire or EMS call as volunteers, even sending off sports teams to sectionals, and so much more. I don't know what the community would do without their emergency services. The department is incredibly helpful with providing care to those in need. Whether it be a motor vehicle accident or a brush fire the volunteers are there whenever wherever. It takes an immense amount to give assistance at these events. That commitment shows the dedication that those in the fire department have. I would choose them anyday to assist me in my times of need.

I started my participation with my mother around five years ago. Then once I became old enough to become a junior member I jumped at the opportunity to truly be a part of the organization. From there I couldn't get enough, I helped in any way I could. I loved being part of the department family. As time went on I participated in the Downsville Field Days and any community events. But that still wasn't all I wanted. I wanted to be able to help people like I saw everyone doing. I decided I wanted to take the EMT certification course. So, I waited till I was seventeen and took the course and passed. I was so excited to be able to make a difference. My EMT class was incredibly interesting and I really enjoyed it. The class helped me finalize what I wanted to do with my life. I wanted to help and support people who needed it. I decided I definitely wanted to choose a career in the medical field, and that's what I did. I will be attending

Alfred State College for diagnostic medical sonography in the fall and I couldn't be more excited. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for the Downsville Fire Department.