

# Membership Application

Library Volunteer Fire Company



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# Welcome

Welcome to the Library Volunteer Fire Company. We pride ourselves on helping people that may be having one of the worst days of their lives. When anyone calls for help, we respond immediately and solve their problems quickly. We are the ones people look to to put fires out, cut them out of mangled cars, pump out a flooded basement, or rescue the kitten out of a tree. And we do all this for free!

Our membership is comprised of people with differing skills and experiences. Some are firefighters, and some help out at emergencies, and some just fundraise or manage the organization, but we all have one thing in common; the desire to help people. We are looking for more people who share this belief.

Running an organization like ours requires quite a bit of resources in funding and hours of work. We do require members to make a minimum commitment of fund-raising and training, depending on their role.

While this may feel unfamiliar or overwhelming, we are here to assist you. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have about the application or about volunteering in our organization.

## How to Apply

### Complete the forms

Only the forms at the end of the application needs to be turned in. You may keep the rest of the packet for future reference. You can turn the forms in to the fire company.

Alternatively, you can submit an application online at <https://www.libraryvfc.com/apply/>

(If you are under the age of 18 and want to be a Junior Firefighter, complete the application form here or online and your application will be passed over to the Chief. The rest of the application does not apply to you.)

### Preliminary Background Checks

Once you complete the application forms, we will send you instructions and codes to request 2 background checks at no cost to you. Those will cover:

- PA Criminal Background Check
- Child Abuse History Clearance

### Interviews

We'll arrange an interview with you.

## **Submit \$10 for membership dues**

This will pay for your first year of dues. You can submit the money along with this application or when you come in for the interview

## **Drug Testing**

Instructions will be given at the appropriate time in the interview process.

## **Physical Exam**

For those wanting to participate in firefighting activities, we will be sending you to get a check-up to make sure you're physically able to perform the job functions.

## **Additional Background Tests**

Depending on your residency and desired job functions, we may conduct the following

- FBI Criminal History check
- Driver's History check

## **Probationary Period**

Once you're accepted by the members, there are additional tasks to accomplish before your six month probationary period is up.

- Start In-House Training
- Entry Level Physical Test
- Complete at least the first class for Firefighting Essentials.

## **Probationary Member Rules**

As a probationary member, there are some restrictions while we evaluate each other

### **Probationary members may:**

- Voice an opinion at a meeting
- Attend all functions of the fire company with the presence of a full member
- Serve, have a voice, and vote on a committee

### **Probationary members may not:**

- Vote on an issue at any regular or special meeting
- Enter or remain in the fire company building without the presence of a full member
- Display any fire company insignias such as uniforms, vehicle plates, badges, etc., with the exception of fire fighting equipment or t-shirts while representing the department.
- Run blue lights.

## **Bylaws**

Our bylaws are available at

<https://www.libraryvfc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/20191210bylaws.pdf>

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What kind of emergencies do you respond to?**

We respond to fires, vehicle accidents, hazmat incidents, and general assistance when requested. We also assist neighboring communities when mutual aid is requested.

### **Do you do any medical calls?**

We do not respond to medical calls as the primary unit. We may be asked to assist with lifts, forcible entry, or other assistance. Some members who are medically trained may render aid on scene until an ambulance arrives.

### **What training is required to be a Firefighter?**

For safety reasons, our organization's requirements exceed the state minimums and asks that all firefighters complete 4 modules of the Entry Level Fire Training to be an interior firefighter. Those 4 modules and a few other prerequisite classes total about 175 hours. Fear not! This training is usually scheduled for evenings or weekends and are spread over several months. For some, this is a start to a lifelong learning experience.

### **Can I do anything in the meantime?**

There are a lot of things you can do! We do in-house training at drills and as you learn and acquire skills, we can use you to do basic tasks to free firefighters up to do higher skilled tasks. You can participate on committees, help out at the hall with jobs. On the fireground, you can fetch equipment, hit hydrants, throw ladders, track personnel, and many other important jobs.

### **I have a (disability, problem, restriction...)**

That's not an issue. We can adjust your job functions to match your capabilities. Some of our members can't or simply don't want to perform every job function and they become very valued members with whatever assistance they can provide.

# Application Form

## Applicant Information

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Mobile ( ) Home

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you over the age of 18? ( ) Yes ( ) No

Why do you want to be a member of the fire company?

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I would like to help in these areas (mark as many as you want):

- ( ) Firefighter – Interior fire suppression.
- ( ) Fire Support – Help at emergency scenes
- ( ) Fire Police – Help direct traffic at scenes.
- ( ) Fundraising
- ( ) Administrative
- ( ) Not sure

## Experience

Do you have any firefighting experience? ( ) FF1 ( ) Essentials Program ( ) Some Training ( ) None

If so, please summarize \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any other emergency service or public safety experience?

Police  EMS  Military  VOAD  Other

If so, please summarize \_\_\_\_\_

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## References

Please list references for verification which are not related to you.

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