



APPLICANT INFORMATION SHEET

WELCOME TO THE ELLICOTT CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, Inc.

This informational document has been created in an effort to inform and familiarize a prospective member with the guidelines followed by the membership of the Ellicott Creek Volunteer Fire Company. It will briefly explain the minimum qualifications needed to become a member and remain a member in good standing, and finally the interview and admission process.

ALL APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, INCLUDING THE REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION & NEW YORK STATE'S BACKGROUND CHECK FOR ARSON CONVICTIONS. EACH CANDIDATE WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO PASS AN OSHA MEDICAL EXAM, WHICH WILL INCLUDES TESTING FOR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES.

QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME A PROBATIONARY OR JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER FOR THE ELLICOTT CREEK VOL. FIRE CO.

- You must be at least 18 years of age to apply for probationary membership or 16 years of age for the junior firefighter program.
- You must possess a valid New York State driver's license or other form of picture ID.
- You must reside within 1/2 mile of the Fire District boundaries, or within the fire district boundaries if a junior firefighter, and have been at your current address for a period of one year, unless you are a transferring firefighter.
- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must have no previous felony convictions.
- If an applicant is rejected for membership, he/she may not reapply for membership for at least one year.

A FIVE (\$5.00) DOLLAR FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW PROBATIONARY & JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS.

- New members will be considered on probation for a period of one year.
- New members must obtain N.Y.S. Firefighter I status within the one-year probationary period. (This course is designed to be an introduction to firefighting).
- New members must obtain a FIRST AID card and CPR certification within the one-year Probationary period.
- Must attend 12 drills (Training) per year. Approximately 3 hrs per night. Drills are on Monday & Sunday.
- Must attend 2 mandatory work details per year. (Open House & Annual Hose Test)
- Must attend 1/2 of the monthly business meetings (6 meetings per year)
- Must attend 20% of the total calls per year. (equals about 90 to 120 calls)
- Failure to complete these minimum requirements can result in termination of membership.
- **The Junior Firefighter program has separate guidelines and requirements. Contact the Fire Chief for information.**

THE INTERVIEW & VOTING PROCESS FOR PROSPECTIVE PROBATIONARY AND JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS.

- The application for membership will be read for the first time at the next General Business meeting after the application is received.
- Once the application has been received, and all the criminal history information is received, the applicant will be interviewed by the Investigative Review Committee.
- The Investigative Review Committee will make its recommendation to the general membership for acceptance or denial, at the General Business meeting following the interview. The committee's recommendation will be based partly on the interview with the prospective candidate.
- A Majority vote of the membership will decide acceptance or denial of the candidate for membership in the Fire Company.
- If the candidate is accepted, he or she will be notified via mail to report to the next General Business meeting, to be sworn in and receive his/her fire equipment.
- Any questions regarding the application process should be referred to the Chief of the Department at 691-7439 ext 230.