

Brighton Fire Company
Junior Membership Application



Application Information

Your application is important to us. It tells a little about yourself and is the first step in joining this organization. It is very important all instructions are followed and that all blanks are filled in. Failure to do so may result in a delay of the application process.

All applications must be returned to the Brighton Volunteer Fire Company by mail. Please mail them to:

Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5
C/O Investigating Committee
50 Jamaica Road
Tonawanda, NY 14150

You **MUST** provide three (3) letters of reference along with your application. Failure to provide the letters may delay the application process.

After your application has been received and reviewed, you will be notified by mail to attend your first informal interview. During this interview the Investigating Committee will go over with you in detail the application process, your duties, responsibilities, accountability and answer any other questions you might have.

- Thank you for your interest in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter. -

BRIGHTON FIRE COMPANY JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thank you for choosing to join our Junior Firefighter Program. The junior firefighter membership is open to residents of the Brighton Fire District ages 16 and 17 years old. Applicants must be of good moral character and meet any additional requirements set forth in the rules and regulations.

The Brighton Fire Company and Brighton Fire District were founded in 1930. We are an all volunteer organization that is on call 24 hours a day and respond to incidents including fires, hazardous materials, rescue operations and community programs. We do not run EMS but will help you obtain certification in that field if you are interested.

The Brighton Fire District covers an area of approximately seven square miles in the Town of Tonawanda, protecting over 50,000 residents and 11,000 homes. There are 3 fire stations in the fire district:

- Station 1 – 50 Jamaica Road
- Station 2 – 26 McConkey Drive
- Station 3 – 978 Ellicott Creek Road

As part of this program, you will be introduced to the fire service, including an understanding of fire behavior, haz-mat and hands on work with hoses, ladders and other firefighting equipment. You will not be permitted to participate in live fire evolutions until you are 18 years old and have been cleared to participate by the Chief.

Junior Firefighter Rules and Regulations

As with all organizations, there are certain rules that must be observed. The following are some of the basic rules that must be abided by:

- 1. Junior firefighters shall be required to perform certain duties as a volunteer firefighter under the direction of the chief, fire company officers or program leaders.**
- 2. Junior firefighters will not be allowed to enter a burning structure or be subjected to any hazardous duties or situations.**
- 3. Junior firefighters shall be entitled to all insurance under the same guidelines as prescribed for all volunteer firefighters of the Brighton Fire District.**
- 4. A physical must be taken before you can be accepted into the Brighton Fire Company. The guidelines for physicals will be set by the Brighton Fire District. You will be notified as to the date and location of the physical and will be at no cost to the applicant.**
- 5. You will be assigned a roster number by the fire district and will sign in whenever in attendance at a drill, fire call, training or company function.**
- 6. You will be issued a pager and a full set of turnout gear to be left at the hall you respond to. You are responsible for its care.**
- 7. Discrimination based upon race, religion and sexual orientation will not be tolerated in the program. Any violation of this policy can lead to dismissal from the program.**
- 8. You are expected to maintain a passing average in school. To assure this, a copy of your quarterly report card must be given to the Chief to confirm your average along with a signed quarterly parental/guardian report.**
- 9. Junior firefighters are not eligible for the fire district service award program.**
- 10. You are not allowed to answer calls between the hours of 10:00 pm to 3:00 pm when school is in session. If school is not in session, you can not respond to incidents between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am. You must submit a copy of your class schedule to the Chief for verification of your school hours.**
- 11. Training will be held weekly on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am and Friday night at 7:00 pm. Special events and drills may be held on a weekend. You are expected to attend one weekly drill. If you cannot attend a drill, you will have to talk to the Chief before the drill occurs.**
- 12. Company meetings will be held on the last Friday of the month at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.**
- 13. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Friday night drill is changed to Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. The Company meeting is moved from the last Friday of the month to the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm.**
- 14. Safety is paramount. Any horse play on the training ground will not be tolerated.**
- 15. You may, if permission is granted by the Chief or the officer in charge of the truck, respond to a fire call on the fire apparatus. You will not go on the first**

- responding truck. If you are allowed on a truck with a full crew and an active firefighter is present at the hall you must give up your seat.
16. You will not be allowed behind any bar, on fire district or fire company property, where alcohol is stored or distributed.
 17. You will not respond to any mutual aid or standbys in other districts.
 18. You will be permitted to attend classes if they do not interfere with school. All junior firefighters must have written permission from the Chief to attend any classes.
 19. You will not be allowed to enter a burning structure or be subjected to any hazardous duties or situations.
 20. You will not be permitted to respond to an incident in your personal vehicle and must obey all traffic laws while responding to the station. Speeding and reckless driving will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the program.
 21. You will not be permitted to display a blue light in your vehicle at any time.
 22. Yearly membership dues are \$3.00 or a rate established by the Fire Company. Dues are payable in January.
 23. You shall not, as per the District social media policy, post any statuses or pictures on any social media platform regarding any incident or scene.
 24. You must always conduct yourself in a responsible and professional manner as you are a representative of the Brighton Fire Company and the Brighton Fire District.
 25. Set a good image for yourself. One that you can be proud of

I have read and understand the rules and regulations:

_____ **Date:** _____
Junior Firefighter

_____ **Date:** _____
Parent/Guardian

Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5 Junior Firefighter Membership Application

I hereby request active membership in the Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5. If accepted, I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the fire company. I agree to attend all scheduled and required emergency calls, parades and meetings. I also agree to support the various activities of the company, both social and for the purpose of raising monies to serve our committees. Also to cover assignments to the best of my abilities, to obey the orders of the fire district, fire company, and the fire officers. And to conduct myself at all times in a manner befitting a member of the Brighton Volunteer Fire Company #5.

FILL IN ALL BLANKS

Name, Address, City, State, and Zip

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Length of residence at your present address: _____

If less than ten(10) years, list former residences for the past ten (10) years:

Education:

High School Attending, Address, City State, and Zip

Date Graduated: _____

Years Completed: _____

Employment:

Present Employer:

Address, City, State, Zip

Phone #: _____ Supervisor Name: _____

Position Held: _____

Length of Employment: _____ years _____ months

Health/Medical:

Weight: _____ lbs Height: _____ ft _____ in Blood Type: _____

Do you have any physical or mental conditions which may hinder your activities as an active firefighter? If yes, explain.

Do you have any allergies? If yes, what?

Do you agree to be medically examined at no charge to you by our physician? _____

References:

List three non-relatives that we may contact to discuss your application. Letters of reference must be submitted along with the completed application.

Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Phone:

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

General Information:

Do you have any special qualifications or skills? _____

New York State Drivers License #: _____

With application please attach a copy of your driver's license.

Do you presently know any firefighters currently in the Brighton Fire Company? If so please list.

I hereby certify that all the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature Date

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This application, accompanied with all necessary information was received by the investigating committee on _____, and was read at the regular company meeting held on _____ and will be posted as per the by-laws.

Investigating committee reports favorable/unfavorable on this applicant: _____

Chairman _____ Committee initials _____

Accepted by Membership on _____

Accepted by Fire District on _____

First Drill Attended on _____

FIREFIGHTER POSITION & DUTIES

Definition:

Under general supervision, performs work of moderate difficulty related to fire/rescue operations, hazardous material emergencies, fire prevention, and related duties as assigned to you.

Examples of Essential Functions:

1. Respond to fire alarms and participate in fire extinguishment, rescue, and fire investigation using firefighting tools and equipment such as axes, pry bars, pike poles, ladders, portable extinguishers, two-way radios, hydraulic equipment and power tools.
2. Perform hose operations such as; coupling and uncoupling hoses, attaching hose appliances, advancing hose lines, and directing streams of water into fire in order to control and extinguish fires.
3. Perform salvage and overhaul operations such as identifying strategies to protect property by using salvage covers and smoke fans, locating smoldering fires, removing property to protect it from damage, removing excess water, assessing damaged structures for safety, and performing clean up as necessary.
4. Rescue individuals in danger from fire, vehicle accidents, industrial accidents, and other situations requiring extrication
5. Free individuals from machines and equipment, collapsed structures, earth cave-ins, and electrical hazards using extrication and forcible entry equipment in a way that minimizes further injury
6. Respond to incidents involving toxic/hazardous materials, assesses risk, remove non-essential personnel, use required personal protective gear, contain spills, and control run off and ignition sources.
7. Inspect, clean and service firefighting equipment and apparatus; maintain clean and orderly conditions in and about the fire stations
8. Participate in inspection of public and commercial buildings for fire prevention along with identifying hazards to the firefighter.
9. Completes all training necessary to fulfill departmental, state, and OSHA requirements to insure professional development.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Through knowledge of basic fire prevention, suppression practices and techniques, fire ground rescue safety techniques, hand and power tools used in suppression, emergency rescue techniques and equipment, hazardous material for fire responders, building construction as it relates to fire suppression...

Ability to read and understand fire training manuals, Brighton Fire District #5 protocols and standards, departmental operating procedures, rules and regulations, maps, recall information learned, identify and preserve evidence of fire origins, understand physical and mechanical principles related to fire suppression and emergency rescue, use common hand and power tools, climb ladders up to 100 feet in length, think and act quickly and effectively in emergency situations, understand and follow verbal and written directions, work effectively and cooperatively with others in a coed, para-military team setting.

Physical Characteristics

Must be termed "Active with No Restrictions" by the Brighton Fire District #5 physician. Must have vision sufficient enough to operate hand and power tools, read gauges, maps, operational procedures and regulations, and training documents. Hearing sufficient enough to hear conversations in person, over radios, and telephones. Speech sufficient enough to make oneself understood in ordinary conversation, on fire scenes, in person and over radios and telephones. Dexterity sufficient enough to operate tools and apparatus associated with fire suppression and emergency service work, and office equipment including keyboards. Mobility sufficient enough to perform fire suppression activities such as climbing ladders, operating power saws and axes while wearing SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) and full protective clothing. Strength sufficient enough to lift and move victims and equipment in excess of fifty pounds, open fire hydrants, perform firefighting and ventilation work. Endurance sufficient enough to maintain an appropriate level of performance in extreme heat while wearing an SCBA and full protective clothing.

Work is performed in the field and the fire stations. Field work involves performing fire rescue operation tasks in temperatures above 80 degrees and below 30 degrees while wearing SCBA and full protective clothing. General fire station work involves equipment maintenance and upkeep, cleaning apparatus room, bedding hose, and other tasks assigned by the officer in charge. Also, work will be done in hazardous atmospheres, zero visibility, temperatures in excess of 300 degrees, confined spaces, water rescues, exposure to hazardous materials and communicable diseases, blood born pathogens, and electrical hazards in excess of 120 volts.

I have read and understand this Firefighter Position Description and agree to all within.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

* Note: This position description must be signed, dated and returned with the application.