



## CLEVELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FIRE ACADEMY

The staff of the Cleveland Community College Fire Academy (CCCFA) appreciates your interest in both our program and the exciting field of fire services. As you may already know, the dangers and demands of the fire service require those entering the profession to be disciplined, motivated, and well-trained so that safety and effectiveness are conducive to meeting the challenges of the profession.

The intent of this letter is to outline the application process for the Cleveland Community College Fire Academy.

### Prerequisites

- Applicant must be 18 years of age by the start date of the academy.
- Applicant must furnish a copy of a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Applicant should be a member or employee of a fire department—each affiliated applicant must be **sponsored** by a fire department to participate in the academy. *Sponsorship* means that the applicant's fire department 1) endorses the applicant to participate in the academy 2) provides NFPA-approved structural firefighting gear and 3) shows proof that the applicant is covered by the sponsor fire department's workers compensation insurance. If you are not a member of a department please contact us for details on how to be admitted.
- If applicant is requesting housing the applicant must provide a criminal records check sheet from the county in which the applicant resides. This check sheet must be consistent with the current year of application to the academy.

## **Academy Approval**

- After the application and entry testing process are complete, the Applications Committee will perform a final review of all applications and make recommendations of acceptance. Recruits will be notified by telephone of acceptance. Those not selected for a particular academy will be notified by mail.
- Once accepted, recruits will need to complete the uniform sheet in the application packet so that uniforms can be ordered. Recruits will have uniforms by the end of the first week of the academy.
- Textbooks will be provided as a part of the student materials fee of \$175.
- Recruits needing housing during the academy will be notified of the residency arrangements prior to the start of the academy (usually during the orientation session).
- A mandatory orientation session will be held on the first day of the Academy that covers the expectations of the program.
- Candidates who successfully complete the Academy will be required to attend a graduation session where graduates will walk and be presented a graduation certificate. This is open for all department and family members to attend. This will take place in the CCC Keeter Auditorium or the CCC Student Activities Center.

Please contact Carolyn Lovelace at (704) 484-6657 or email:

[lovelacec@clevelandcommunitycollege.edu](mailto:lovelacec@clevelandcommunitycollege.edu) if you have any questions concerning this process.

Again, we appreciate your interest in our profession and program. We wish you well in your pursuit of being part of the Cleveland Community College Fire Academy.

Thanks for applying!