Tyler Junior College On-Site Fire Academy Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Tyler Junior College Fire Academy. Please take a moment to read this packet thoroughly. Please complete the entire packet before returning it the following address:

Tyler Junior College Fire Academy  
Attn: Jeanine Grimes  
1530 SSW Loop 323  
Tyler TX  75701

Listed below are the upcoming academy start dates and the application deadlines for the years of 2020-21 and 2021-22:

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<td>October 19, 2020 (EMT/Fire Academy)</td>
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<td>January 11, 2021 (Fire Academy only)</td>
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The completed application must be submitted on or before the Application Deadline. You will be notified by letter regarding your admission status in the Tyler Junior College Fire Academy.

The Basic Structural Firefighter program is physically demanding as well as academically challenging. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection strongly recommends that all students be able to read and comprehend on at least a 10th grade reading level in order to complete this fast paced academic program. This should be a very important determining factor in your decision to apply for the Fire Academy.

During the physical exam required for acceptance, any medical conditions must be disclosed to the academy coordinator and duly noted in the physical record. This is for the health and safety of the cadet. The strenuous nature of the academy lends itself to problems otherwise prevented with proper knowledge of such conditions. This is not to say we will change the requirements. It is for us to able to monitor for potential problems.

Upon acceptance into the Fire Academy, a student with a documented learning disability must advise and present documentation to the Fire Academy coordinator for consultation. The student must understand that the Texas Commission on Fire Protection does not allow the use of open book or oral testing methods.

Students may be sponsored by a paid department if they are a full-time member of that department with the intent of being hired. If you are being sponsored by a department, please take the following steps.

- Chief of the department must contact TJCFA and reserve a space.
- Chief of the department must write a letter of sponsorship.
- Student must complete an Application for Admission.
- Return COMPLETED application and sponsorship letter before the Application Deadline.

Please note: Admission to the Fire Academy is based upon a highly competitive process. Preference will be given to an applicant’s level of education, experience and background regardless of affiliation with the fire service. Seats are awarded on a ‘first come, first served’ basis. Class size will be held strictly to 20 cadets.

The Tyler Junior College Fire Academy is now associated with the AAS Fire Science Degree plan. You will earn 6 credit hours for the 8-week EMS course and 24 credit hours for Fire Academy for a total of 30 credit hours.
For students taking the Continuing Education course Fire Academy, Tyler Junior College can apply for up to 24 semester hours upon receiving certification from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Credits are listed in the Continuing Studies Catalog.

For further assistance, please contact Jeanine Grimes at (903) 510-2404 or email at JGRI2@tjc.edu. Again, thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely,

Jeanine Grimes
Course Specifics

Length of Course:  
- EMT-b: 8 Weeks (6 credit hours)  
- Fire Academy: 13 Weeks (24 Credit hours)

Course Tuition & Fee:  
- EMT-b: $1460  
  In district  
  Items Included in fees are as follows:  
  Malpractice Insurance, Differential Fee, EMT Insurance, FISDAP Scheduling program subscription,  
  Uniform, Background Check, Drug Screen, EMT Testing, NREMT Exam  
- Fire Academy: Currently applicable tuition and fees.

State Exam Fee:  
$55.00

Class Schedule:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Physical Training begins at 6:00 am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday s each week.  
No absences will be tolerated.

Class Limit:  
25 Cadets

Program Coordinator:  
Jeff Akin

Director:  
Captain Andy King

Administrative Assistant:  
Jeanine Grimes

Phone Number:  
(903) 510-2404

Required Firefighting Equipment:  
- Bunker Coat  
- Bunker Pants  
- Suspenders  
- Helmet  
- Gloves  
- Bunker Boots  
- Nomex Hood

You may use your own personal protective equipment if it is up to NFPA 1851 (Selection, Care, and Maintenance of Protective Ensembles for Structural Fire Fighting and Proximal Fire Fighting) approved and inspected by a certified inspector.  
You will be required to provide written documentation from a verified independent service provider or the Chief of the department stating the personal protective equipment has met the advanced testing/cleaning criteria required by the 2008 NFPA Standard 1851-advanced inspection.  
Gear rental is available through 911 Safety Equipment LLC.  
An exclusive website will be open for orders in ample time to receive gear for class.  
You will receive that information in when you gain acceptance to the academy.

Uniform:  
This Includes:  Black Popper Lightweight Tactical Pant, black belt, Grey Port Authority Polo shirt with Logo.  
Students must provide their own black tactical-style lace-up boots. Uniforms are ordered through FR Workwear in Van, TX.  
Order form with current pricing will be attached to acceptance letter.  
Cadets must be in uniform on the first day of class.

NOTE:  
Seats are guaranteed only to those who meet criteria and have COMPLETED applications in our office before or on the application deadline.  
Sponsorships must meet the same criteria as all other applicants to be considered for acceptance.  
A sponsored applicant shall not be considered if application is LATE and/or INCOMPLETE.

Housing:  
Housing is available through the Bunk-in Program.  
In conjunction with several Smith County volunteer fire departments, we have instituted this program for those who attend the academy from outside the Smith County area.  
Strict rules of conduct will apply with consequences for failure to comply.  
Information can be obtained by contacting Jeanine Grimes.
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE
TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE
ONSITE FIRE ACADEMY

Academy number for which you are applying: ________ Continuing Ed. ____ AAS____ (College Credit)

Applicant Information:

Name: __________________________________________________________

Last First Middle

Address: _________________________________________________________

City State Zip County

Home Phone: ______________________ Business Phone: ______________________

Email Address: ________________________________

Date of Birth: ______________ Driver’s License # ________________________ State: ______

Emergency Contact: Name: ______________________________ Relationship: ________________________

Phone Number: ______________________________

* Have you been convicted of or charged by indictment, information or complaint with any offense above the grade of Class “C” Misdemeanor?

In this case, any student convicted of or charged with a Class “A” or “B” misdemeanor, or has a pending case, he/she must provide a letter of eligibility for certification from the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

If you have a criminal conviction of any sort, please provide the following for EACH conviction:

Date:________________________________________

Charge:______________________________

State & County: _________________________

Cause Number: __________________________

Final Disposition: _________________________

Please list all traffic citations in the last five (5) years.

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Medical Conditions: Please list any pertinent medical conditions you have. (Diabetes, Sickle Cell Anemia, joint injuries, etc.) Your safety is our priority. Knowledge of this will help us recognize potential problems before they become serious.

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Education: Please check all spaces that apply to you:
GED____  High School Diploma _____ Previously attended college _______ Associates Degree or Higher _______ 

Please lists any special training or noteworthy achievement you have received: (i.e. Eagle Scout, Gold Medal of Achievement, Gold Award, Etc.)

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Have you served in the Armed Forces? _______ Yes _______ No
Branch of Service ____________________ Final Rank: ____________________
Date Entered: __________ Date Discharged: __________ Type of Discharge: ___________

Have you served or volunteered with any type of Fire Department or EMS Service?

__________________________________________________________

Are you an EMT or Paramedic? _______Yes _______No

Please explain below why you chose to apply to the Tyler Junior College Fire Academy and why you chose a career in firefighting. Use an extra sheet of paper if needed.

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Certification:
I certify that the above answers are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I am, to the best of my knowledge free from any medical condition or learning disability, which would prohibit me, both physically and/or academically, from participating in all activities required by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and Tyler Junior College Fire Academy.

Date: _________________________    Signature: _________________________________

For Office Use Only
Application Received_____________         Accepted: □ Yes □ No    Date: ______________

Tyler Junior College gives equal consideration to all applicants for admission, employment and participation in its programs and activities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin. Gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, marital states, disability, veteran status or limited English proficiency (LEP). Tyler Junior College respects the legal rights of each person to work and learn in an environment that is free from unlawful sexual discrimination including sexual harassment and sexual violence.
ATTENDANCE

- Class will begin promptly at assigned times. Cadets are required to arrive at the West Campus in the classroom no later 15 minutes before class begins every morning unless otherwise instructed.
- Any accumulation of tardiness and/or absenteeism that is deemed unacceptable by the Academy Director will result in immediate dismissal from the academy. The Academy Director or their designate must be notified by the cadet prior to any absence/tardiness.
- Physical training occurs at 6:00 am Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings each week. This a MANDATORY activity.
- Cadets will be required to remain in class until the end of the instructional day, unless otherwise excused by the scheduled instructor and/or the academy director. Instructors will maintain a permanent record of all absences and tardiness on the class roll.
- Students will be required to make up any time missed.
- No absences are allowed during skills training at the field, TJC West Campus or state required skills. If absent during any skill, cadet will not graduate with his/her class. The cadet will be required to make up the day when that subject is taught in the next academy, at the cadet’s own expense, and will then be allowed to graduate with that class. If the skill is not made up in the next academy the cadet will be required to attend the full academy again to receive credit.

APPEARANCE

- Cadets are required to wear the assigned uniform to all classes and academy activities unless otherwise directed by an instructor or academy director. Uniforms will be clean, fresh in appearance and neatly pressed. Boots will be polished and clean at all times. P. T. clothing consists of red t-shirt provided by the academy and black gym shorts.
- Only sunglasses approved by the Tyler Junior College Fire Academy will be worn with the uniform. Sunglasses will be removed at all times while in the classroom and at no time will they be worn on top of the head or around a hat.
- Hats or caps are not allowed to be worn in the classroom any time.
- Jewelry that may be worn is limited to a wedding ring and watch only. Earrings, body piercings of all sorts (i.e. nipple, nose, eyebrow piercing, etc.), necklaces, bracelets, etc. will not be allowed to be worn in the classroom and will not be allowed on the training field at any time.
- Facial Hair is limited to a neatly trimmed mustache that does not extend below the corner of the mouth. Sideburns will not extend below the middle of the ear lobe. Cadets should be clean shaven every day. Male hair is to be kept short, neatly trimmed in a manner that does not touch the ear or the shirt collar. Female cadets will wear their hair pulled back to meet the requirements for all cadets. Make up may be worn in moderation. No haircuts or hairs color that draws undo attention, such as Mohawks, unnatural colors, etc. will be tolerated.

CLASSROOM DEMEANOR

- Cadets will maintain attentive posture at all times in the class and pay strict attention to the instructor. Proper respect will be shown to instructors at all times.
- Cadets are not to speak without first raising a hand and being recognized by the instructor.
- Cadets are allowed to bring food or drinks into the classroom with permission of the instructor or academy director.
- Cellular telephones and pagers are not allowed to be turned on in the classroom. Texting is also prohibited. These devices interfere with the right of other cadets to receive instruction and their use in the classroom will not be tolerated. Intentional disregard of this rule may result in the dismissal of the offending cadet from the academy. Cadets can be contacted in emergencies through the academy director (903)510-3205 for administrative assistant (9030)510-2404.
- Behavior that is deemed disruptive to other students or disrespectful to instructors, college employees or academy staff or interferes with classroom instruction will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from the offending cadet from the academy.
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- Comprehensive academic and spelling tests will be given every Monday morning. These tests are mandatory and will make up your GPA. Spelling tests will be taken from the master list provided to all academy cadets. Spelling tests are weighted 5% of your final GPA.
- A minimum passing score of 70% must be obtained on all tests.
- TJC Fire Academy allows two failed weekly tests during the academy. The academy contains 12 weekly (periodic) tests during the course. The state requires a minimum of 10 periodic tests passed with 70%. If the cadet fails 3 weekly (periodic) tests, the cadet shall be dismissed from the academy. This is pursuant to the Texas Administrative Code (Title 37; Part 13; Chapter 427; Subchapter C; Rule 427.305) which states:
  - (c) Periodic tests shall be administered at the ratio of one test per 50 hours of recommended training, or portion thereof. An average score of 70% must be achieved on all required periodic tests.
- The final exam will be given at the end of the academy. It will consist of all materials covered throughout the course of the academy. Failure of the final exam will result in the cadet forfeiting his opportunity to sit for the TCFP Exam. This is pursuant to the Texas Administrative Code (Title 37; Part 13; Chapter 427; Subchapter C; Rule 427.305) which states:
  - (d) In addition to periodic tests, a comprehensive final test must be administered. The final test must be conducted in a proctored setting. For purposes of this section, a proctor can be an approved TCFP Field Examiner, or a member or testing center of an educational institution. A passing score of 70% must be achieved.
- Cheating in any and all forms will not be tolerated. A cadet caught cheating will be dismissed immediately. Suspicion of cheating will be quickly investigated and dealt with accordingly.
- TJC Fire Academy also uses a points system to keep track of cadets who are not in compliance with academy rules. Points will be given to cadets that are not in compliance and when a cadet has accumulated 12 points the cadet will be dismissed from the academy. The points are given as follows:
  - Failed weekly test = 4 points
  - Unexcused absence = 4 points
  - Unexcused tardiness = 3 points
  - Conduct points given according to severity of incident

GENERAL

- The Basic Fire Suppression Academy consists of a multitude of strenuous activities therefore a cadet must be physically fit at all times.
- Disrespect toward an instructor, TJCFA Staff member, or guest speaker will not be tolerated.
- Cadets are to address all instructors in a respectful manner at all times
- Tobacco products of any sort are not allowed in academy facility, on campus or City of Tyler property or property utilized by the academy for training. This includes but is not limited to smoking products, electronic smoking devises of any kind and smokeless tobacco of any sort.
- Violations of academy rules, The Code of Ethics (given below) or any conduct unbecoming a firefighter recruit may result in dismissal.

CONDUCT DURING APPLICATION PHASE

Should I, ____________________________, become involved in any aspect of the criminal justice system or act inappropriately from the time the acceptance process begins until the time the academy ends, the applicant will notify the Academy Director at once. The Academy Director will review the circumstances to determine if the student has acted in a manner unbecoming a future firefighter or acted in a manner, which violates the law or Firefighter Code of Ethics. A violation may result in non-acceptance or dismissal from the academy.
FIRE FIGHTER CODE OF ETHICS: As a firefighter, (or applicant) my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the rules and regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. I will perform my duties without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the fire service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedication myself before God to my chosen profession…fire prevention and suppression.

By signing this document, I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules, regulations and code of ethics above. I am aware that failure to abide by these rules may result in my non-acceptance or dismissal from the training which I am seeking.

________________________________                                _____________________
Applicant signature                                                                 Date
As a Firefighter, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property. I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all, and will conduct myself in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my department; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the rules and regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

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FIREFIGHTER MEDICAL EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE

Last Name__________________________ First __________________ Middle __________________

Date of Birth___________________________ Social Security No. __________________________

Address: __________________________________________ City __________ State ______ Zip _______

I certify that I have completed my examination of the examinee and I have concluded that on this date, the examinee has:

Check the appropriate box(s)

☐ Physical Exam
To be physically sound and free from any defect, which may adversely affect the performance of duty appropriate to the type of license, sought. (See attached Overall Strengths Demands Required for Firefighters)

Passed ______ Failed ______

☐ Drug Screen
To show no trace of drug dependency or illegal drug use after a physical examination, blood test or other medical test.

Passed ______ Failed ______

Physician: ____________________________________________________________________________

Name __________________________________________ State License Number

Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Street __________ City __________ State ______ Zip _______

Phone No. ________________________________

__________________________________ ________________________________
Date Signature of Physician

This declaration is not public information and is valid unless withdrawn or invalidated, and is valid only if signed by a licensed physician.
The following criteria is critical in evaluating if individuals are medically and physically capable to perform and interact in the performances required by the Fire Academy program at Tyler Junior College. Any medical condition relevant to the health and welfare of the applying cadet, such as chronic illness, heart defects, blood disorders, etc. must be documented and reported to the academy.

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<td>On Concrete, Asphalt, Burned out buildings to investigate fire sites; To demonstrate equipment when giving speeches</td>
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<td>Vision</td>
<td>To operate equipment; perform rescue operations.</td>
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<td>Hearing/Talking</td>
<td>Communicate during rescue and firefighting operation; communicate on the radio and in person with the general public; diagnose equipment problems</td>
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<td>Lifting/Carrying</td>
<td>Protective gear (20 – 26 lbs.); self-contained breathing apparatus (27 lbs.); ladders up to 24 feet long (64 lbs.); Fan (50 lbs.); Fire Extinguisher (40 – 45 lbs.); jaws and power units (60 lbs. each)</td>
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<td>Pushing/Pulling</td>
<td>Red line- 20 lbs. of exertion: hoses- 45 lbs. to over 50 lbs. of exertion; Close valve – 55 lbs. of exertion; for CPR- 35 lbs. of force.</td>
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<td>Reaching</td>
<td>For fan, jaws and power unit in cramped confined space; to lift ladders- 60 inches; for fire extinguishers – 20 inches; for deluge gun – up to 80 inches; for extension ladder – 72 inches; for Hurst tool and power unit – 42 inches; to use ceiling hook to pull ceiling and to wash apparatus</td>
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<td>Handling</td>
<td>To connect hoses; use ladders; use small tools; open and close valves; handle victims.</td>
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<td>Fine Dexterity</td>
<td>To connect hoses; use chemical monitors; fill out reports; tie ropes and knots; administer emergency medical treatment.</td>
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<td>Foot Control</td>
<td>To drive, push gas and brake pedal- 30 lbs. of exertion; to operate stretcher – 20 lbs. of exertion.</td>
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<td>Bending</td>
<td>To fold, couple and uncouple fire hoses; move equipment and tools; administer first aid.</td>
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<td>Twisting</td>
<td>To operate hose streams; put on self-contained breathing apparatus; communicate on vehicle; raise and lower scene lights on emergency vehicles.</td>
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<td>Climbing/balancing</td>
<td>On ladders, stairs, or fire vehicle to obtain equipment; to walk on rafters and in attics; to use hose stream.</td>
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**Machines, Tools, Equipment and Work Aides**

Chain saws, smoke ejectors, generators, self-contained breathing apparatus, fire pumps, nozzles, axes, pike poles, ladders, ropes, Hurst tool and power unit, hoses, deluge gun, Haligan tool, stretcher, oxygen, electrical cords, spanner wrench, emergency medical equipment, and hydrant wrench and computer.

**Environmental Factors**

Exposure to extreme heat during physical training, skills exercises and in burning structures; work outside in all types of weather and high humidity. Exposure to chemicals, exhaust fumes, smoke, burning buildings, noise from truck engines, jaws and power units, saws, sirens and air horns; operating power saws, jaws and power unit tools. These conditions are not abnormal to the fire service as a whole.
Suggested Provider

You may use your general practitioner or you may use the physician listed below. The FIREFIGHTER MEDICAL EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE must be filled out and signed by the practitioner performing the exam and drug screen.

Medical Examination:
Direct MedRehab
Dr. Ritesh R. Prasad, M.D.
3110 Park Center Dr.
Tyler TX 75701
(903)593-9999

***Current immunization records are required with proof of Meningitis vaccine. ***

If you have not received the meningitis vaccine, within the past 5 years, you must obtain one before the start date of the academy in which you have applied, with appropriate documentation.

Exceptions to Vaccination Requirement
A student is not required to submit evidence of vaccination against bacterial meningitis if:

• Effective Jan. 1, 2014 - 22 years of age or older by the first day of the start of the semester

•Enrolled only in online or other distance education courses

•Enrolled in a continuing education course or program that is less than 360 contact hours, or continuing education corporate training

•Enrolled in a dual credit course which is taught at a public or private K-12 facility not located on a higher education institution campus

•Incarcerated in a Texas prison.
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 protects your educational records from being accessed by a third party. Because of your employment status, the Fire Department that sponsors you, departments considering you for employment, or department housing you during this academy requires access to all records.

This form, with your signature, allows us permission to release this information. This is not intended to give parents, spouses, or other person’s permission to obtain this information regardless of tax dependent status. That requires another form obtained at the registrar’s office.

Please read, sign and date below. Return to Tyler Junior College Fire Academy for our records.

I, __________________________________________________ give Tyler Junior College Fire Academy permission to release pertinent information to Fire Department (s). I understand that this release does not allow the release of protected information to parents, spouse, or other persons regardless of tax status or financial responsibility.

This releases Tyler Junior College Fire Academy from FERPA restrictions regarding reports given to various Fire Departments.

______________________________________________             _________________
Print full name                                          Date of birth

_____________________________________________________
Signature

_______________________
Date
THE STATE OF TEXAS

THE COUNTY OF SMITH

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT I, ___________________________________ THE UNDERSIGNED; FOR ALL IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PRIVILEGE OF RECEIVING BASIC FIRE TRAINING FROM THE TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE BASIC FIRE ACADEMY, AND RECOGNIZING THAT SUCH TRAINING INVOLVES CERTAIN INHERENT DANGERS, DO HEREBY AGREE TO ASSUME THE RISKS ATTENDANT TO SUCH ACTIVITY. MOREOVER, I THE UNDERSIGNED, BINING MY HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ASSIGNS, DO HEREBY RELEASE TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE, THE ACADEMY, ITS AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES, IN BOTH THEIR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CAPACITIES, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, SUITS, DEMANDS, OR CAUSES OF ACTION WHICH MAY ARISE FROM RECEIVING TRAINING AT THE TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE BASIC FIRE ACADEMY.

I REALIZE AND AGREE THAT WHILE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, I WILL NOT BE AN AGENT, SERVANT, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE COLLEGE OR BASIC FIRE ACADEMY AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE COVERED BY THE COLLEGE WORKMAN’S COMPENSATION, DEATH, OR DISABILITY INSURANCE.

I FURTHUR REALIZE AND AGREE THAT THE BASIC FIRE ACADEMY DOES NOT PROVIDE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE AND IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MEDICAL BILLS SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACADEMY.

SIGNED, THIS THE _____ DAY OF ____________________ YEAR______

______________________________
Printed Name

______________________________
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed this _____day of _____________________, Year______

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Notary Public
Comprehensive Background Investigation for Employment Purposes

NAME: _____________________________________  _____________________________________   _________________________________

Last Name  First Name                                              Middle Name

OTHER NAMES: ____________________________________________NAME ON LICENSE__________________________________________

(aliases, nicknames, maiden, etc.)

SSN: ____ ____ ____ - ____ ____ ____ - ____ ____ ____ ____       DATE OF BIRTH: ________________________________

DRIVER’S LICENSE #: __________________________________ STATE:  _________   EXPIRES: ____/____/________

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME (ANY crime, misdemeanor and/or felony)?    YES     NO

If YES, please explain: __________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

PREVIOUS HOME ADDRESSES FOR THE LAST 7 YEARS, BEGINNING WITH CURRENT ADDRESS

___________________________________/______________________/_______________/_____________/______

Street Address                                        City                                  State & Zip             County
From       To

___________________________________/______________________/_______________/_____________/______

Street Address                                        City                                  State & Zip             County
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Street Address                                        City                                  State & Zip             County
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Street Address                                        City                                  State & Zip             County
From       To

In connection with my application for employment, I understand that an investigative consumer report will be requested by Integrity Staffing Solutions, Inc., that will include information (at a minimum) as to my criminal record, sex offender status, SSN authenticity, driver’s license authenticity, address history, and work references (e.g., character, work habits, performance, and experience, along with dates, title, duties, and reasons for termination of past employment). I understand that as directed by policy and consistent with the job description, additional information from public and private sources about my motor vehicle driving records, civil court records, education, credentials, and credit may be reviewed. According to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, I am entitled to know if employment is denied because of credit information obtained by my prospective employer from a consumer-reporting agency. I acknowledge that a facsimile (FAX) or photographic copy of this form shall be as valid as the original. I hereby authorize, without reservation, any law enforcement agency, institution, information service bureau, school, employer, or reference contacted by Integrity Staffing Solutions, Inc., or its agent, to furnish the information described above. I hereby release Integrity Staffing Solutions, Inc., and their agents and all persons, agencies, and entities providing information or reports about me from any and all liabilities arising out of the request for or release of the above mentioned information or reports. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1987 prohibits discrimination on the basis of age with respect to individuals who are at least 40 years of age. Date of birth information is for consumer reports purposes only. I pledge that the data supplied above is true and accurate.

_______________________________________     __________________

Signature of Applicant                                            Date

Please forward all Fire Academy result to Jeanine Grimes –
JGRI2@tjc.edu – (903) 510-2404
NOTE TO APPLICANTS

The Tyler Junior College Fire Academy requires the applicant to provide proof of the following:

- Proof of High School Diploma and official high school transcript or G. E. D. scores
- Certified Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of Driver’s License
- Proof of Honorable Discharge form the military DD 214 (if applicable)
- General medical physical by physician or licensed healthcare provider (This form and criteria are included in packet)
- Drug screen (on the same form as physical)
- Meningitis immunization (if under the age of 22 years on the first day of the academy)

Applicant must turn in all of the above-mentioned information, if applicable, when returning completed application packet. Failure to meet all criteria requested could result in non-admission to the academy, delay in acceptance or acceptance to the next available academy class. Falsification of information will result in non-admission or dismissal from the academy without refund of tuition. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call (903)510-2404.

Financial Aid Available:
Listed below are the financial aid/scholarships we can accept. They are as follows:

1. FASFA funds are accepted for Degree Program students. Pell grants, Student loans and scholarships tied to federal funding are welcome.
2. Texas Veterans meeting residency requirements may be eligible for VA benefits. Contact Shawn Rogers at (903)510-3750 or Shawn.rogers@tjc.edu for more information.
3. Member of Volunteer Fire Departments with less than 50 members are eligible for partial or full reimbursement from the Texas Forestry Service. Contact (979)458-6505.
4. Some Civic scholarships may apply. We also accept Texas Tuition Promise Funds, 529 plans and PALS. Please inquire of you have any of these programs.

If the applicant prefers to attend the non-credit academy funding options 2 – 4 are the only options for outside funding. Federal Grants, Pell Grants and federally insured student loans and scholarships are not accepted.

PLEASE NOTE:
Students enrolled in the Tyler Junior College Fire Academy will be required to wear SCBA’s on many field projects. For the student’s beards, mustaches that do not meet criteria, and/or long sideburns will be prohibited as they may cause face piece seal failure. No necklaces, earrings, nose, rings, tongue rings, eyebrow rings, nipple rings, rings other than a wedding band or excessive jewelry shall be worn while in the classroom or on the training field. Men’s hair must be no longer than one inch above the shirt collar in the back. It is also recommended that contact lenses not be worn during field operations.

TEXAS COMMISION ON FIRE PROTECTION AND IFSAC UPDATES:
Individuals completing a combined Firefighter I and Firefighter II Commission approved Basic Structural Fire Suppression Program, passing the applicable state examination and holding, as minimum, current certification by the Texas Department of State Health Services as Emergency Care Attendant or higher may be granted IFSAC certifications as FF I, FF II, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Hazardous Materials Operations by making application to the Commission for the IFSAC seals and paying applicable fees. Canadian students must have documentation of the First Responder Level III to fulfill the British Columbia Occupational Fire Aid Level III or Alberta documentation of the First Responder Level III to fulfill the Commission’s medical requirements. Students successfully completing the FF I and II Basic Structure Fire Suppression program have one year in which to complete the Commission medical requirements.
New TCFP testing rules are now in place:
The new rules concerning the procedures for qualifying for the Texas Commission on Fire Protection were instated on January 1, 2017. They are as follows:

An examination for Basic Structure Fire Protection shall consist of four sections: Fire Fighter I, Fire Fighter II, Hazardous Materials Awareness Level, and Hazardous Materials Operations Level including the Mission-Specific Competencies for Personal Protective Equipment and Product Control. The examinee must pass each section (all four 4 sections) of the examination with a minimum score of 70% in order to qualify for certification.

The testing fee is $55 for the initial exam. Re-test fee is $35 per section.

The TCFP exam will consist of the following:

1. Fire Fighter I  
   | 70% min. pass rate | 100 questions |
2. Fire Fighter II | 70% min. pass rate | 75 questions |
3. Haz-mat Awareness | 70% min. pass rate | 25 questions |
4. Haz-mat Operations | 70% min. pass rate | 25 questions |

In the event an out-of-state student fails to successfully achieve the required 70% on any of the four (4) certification exam sections, he/she will have to return to Texas to retest for that section. Contact Joyce Guinn at the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (512) 936-3838 to schedule a re-test date and site.