

OXNARD COLLEGE REGIONAL FIRE ACADEMY

Firefighter I/II Academy

Fire Academy Application

INSTRUCTIONS

- Complete the fillable application.
- Gather required documents.
- Match the documents to the checklist provided at the end of the application.
- Driver's License and EMT cards MUST be photocopied. Pictures are prohibited.
- Compile all required documents.
- Scan the documents as a stack; name the file "Last Name" OCRFA Application.
- Email the fillable application and the attachment file to maria_magana57@vcccd.edu with the *mandatory* subject line **Firefighter I/II Academy Application Spring 2027.**

Detailed application information can be accessed on the [Fire Academy webpage](#). From the Academy webpage, scroll down and select "Apply to Fire Academy."

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

This is a physically demanding, safety-critical training program. Before applying, please note:

- Attendance is mandatory. You will be in class Monday – Thursday 0530- 1730
- Training involves sustained physical exertion, including work in full turnout gear and heat.
- Accepted applicants will be required to submit a medical clearance to participate and a training liability waiver prior to orientation.

ACCEPTANCE GUIDELINES

The application screening process will take place following the application closure. Successful candidates will be notified by email with information regarding Fire Academy Orientation. Please reserve October 5th in advance in the event you are extended an invitation.

OCRFA FF1-2 Academy has 40 seats. Applications will only be accepted during the open hours of the application window. The application screening process is available on the Fire Academy webpage and will take place from September 1st through September 30th at 5pm.

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Application for Admission

For the _____ Semester of 20____

NOTE: This application will be our first impression of you. Make it good!

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (H): _____ (C): _____ Best # to reach you: _____

Email address: _____

Oxnard College Student ID Number (if you have one): _____

Will you complete a Fire Tech Degree before the start of this academy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, from which College/University? _____

Education

High School: _____ Yr. Graduated: _____

College/Trade School: _____ Yr. Grad: _____ Units Complete: _____

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Degrees Earned: _____

*NOTE: Unofficial college **transcripts** must be provided with this application.*

EMT Certification

Please provide training date, place, and expiration.

Training location: _____ State: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Military Service

Branch: _____ Discharge Type: _____

Accommodations: Oxnard College is committed to ensuring equal access to this program. If you may need an accommodation to participate, contact the Educational Assistance Center (EAC) to discuss your needs confidentially. Requesting an accommodation will not affect your application decision.

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Tell Us About You

Please complete your answers to the following questions. The information you provide will help us balance experience levels within assigned academy companies. Responses should be 75–150 words. AI responses strongly discouraged.

1. Why do you think you would be the perfect cadet for the Oxnard College Fire Academy?

2. Describe your personal fitness level.

Be specific about your current activity level and how it relates to sustained physical work in full gear.

3. Describe a time when you have displayed leadership, mechanical, and/or problem-solving skills.

4. What are your outstanding strengths? Give a specific example that demonstrates one of them.

5. What are your greatest weaknesses, and what steps have you taken to address one of them?

6. What is your greatest accomplishment?

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Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this program involves sustained physical exertion, including work in full turnout gear and heat, and I am prepared to meet those demands.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist

Required Forms:

- Application for Admission – (2 pages)

Required Attachments:

- Unofficial College Transcripts (must show degree earned and graduation date for degree earned points)
- “Tell Us About You” answer sheet (attach additional pages if needed)
- Resume
- Copy of Driver's License or ID
- Copy of EMT Certification Card with expiration date
- Progress Report from your instructor with current grade if Fire Tech classes are in progress

All required forms and attachments must be completed when the Application for Admission is submitted. It is your responsibility to double check your packet for completeness. You WILL ONLY be contacted if you are selected to attend Orientation. This application will not be returned or retained. There is no waitlist, to be considered for future academies, you must reapply.

All attachments must be in PDF format. Links/photographs will NOT be accepted. Name your attachments accordingly.

If accepted, you will be required to submit a medical clearance to participate and a signed training liability waiver before orientation.