

**Telford Volunteer Fire Company No.1**  
**Application for Junior Firefighter membership**

**Personal Information**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(first) (middle) (last)
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street and number) (town) (state and zip code)
3. How long have you been at this address? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's license information**

1. Driver's license number: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address on license: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Class: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Information**

1. Current grade level: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Current Grade Average: \_\_\_\_\_
3. School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Normal School hours: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you participate in any school activities? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, please list activities below  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Information**

1. Do you have a part time or full time job? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If yes, answer below questions)
2. Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer phone #: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Employer's address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Normal working hours: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
5. How long have you been employed there: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Information**

1. In case of emergency notify:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

2. List any chronic ailments, physical disabilities, or prolonged illnesses and dates:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (address) (phone)

4. Date of last physical: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Physician performing physical: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Criminal History Information**

1. Have you ever been arrested for any criminal activity? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, list the arresting agency, date, nature of the incident, and the final disposition of the incident. Do not list motor vehicle violations.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you have any pending criminal charges? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain fully.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Firefighting Experience**

1. Have you ever been a member of any other fire company, ambulance organization, or rescue squad? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name, address, and phone number of company: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. List all firefighting credentials and if you served as a Junior Member in any company: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Service or civic organizations:**

1. List any service or civic organization to which you belonged or currently belong as a member. Please include dates you were a member.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Information**

I, the undersigned, do hereby affix my signature claiming the information contained herein to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and do understand that any misrepresentation of facts contained herein will result in an immediate expulsion from the Telford Volunteer Fire Company. Whereas I further state that I accept any and all equipment designated to me as the equipment of the Telford Volunteer Fire Company. I also understand that said equipment are items that are my responsibility in so much as the maintenance and general care and must be returned in its entirety upon my resignation or termination from Telford Volunteer Fire Company. I further state that I am aware that any consumption of any type of any alcoholic beverage at any function of the Telford Volunteer Fire Company before I am of legal age will result in my immediate expulsion from the Telford Volunteer Fire Company. Whereas, I do attest by my signature, that I am aware as mandated by the by-laws of the Telford Volunteer Fire Company that I attend any and all training drills and company meetings, except as restricted by the By-laws governing Junior Firefighters, that I present myself with respect and dignity to uphold the integrity and professionalism of the Telford Volunteer Fire Company. I also state that I have thoroughly read the “ By-laws for Junior Firefighters” attached to this application and the same were reviewed by parents/guardians.

Signature of the Junior Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Release**

I, the undersigned, do state that by my signature I permit the administrative leader for the Junior Firefighters to contact my counselor and the counselor may release information on my grades and conduct in school. When such information is released, the administrative leader shall keep this information confidential.  
Signature of the student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As parents/guardians of \_\_\_\_\_, we authorize the administrative leader for Junior Firefighters to contact the counselor and the counselor may release information on our son/daughter’s grades and conduct in school. We understand that the administrative leader will keep this information confidential.

Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional release for 15 year old applicants

As parents/guardians of \_\_\_\_\_, we consent and permit for our son/daughter to answer alarms from 7PM to 10PM on Monday through Friday during the school year for the Telford Volunteer Fire Company. We understand that when our son/daughter becomes 16 years old that this is permissible by law and our written consent will not be necessary.

Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# TELFORD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

TELFORD, PENNSYLVANIA 18969

Article XX to the By-Laws reads as follows:

## **JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS**

### Section 1. Introduction

Two leaders will oversee the Junior Firefighters of this Fire Company. A line officer appointed by the Chief for fireground oversight and one appointed by the President for administrative duties. They shall be appointed annually during the January monthly meeting. These appointed positions would not deter the persons holding them from running for elected office.

Junior Firefighters are to be 16 or 17 years old or they will turn 16 during the current school year. No one shall be restricted due to race, religion, color, or gender.

Junior Firefighters will have no voting privileges at company meetings and shall not hold any Office.

### Section 2. Joining the Fire Company

Junior Firefighters must live in the first due area of the Telford Fire Company as stated by the company by-laws.

A completed application must be brought before the membership for a vote of approval. If the application is approved, an interview will be scheduled. When the prospective member is interviewed, it is preferred that both parents or guardians are present, but one is acceptable. The interview will cover all rules and regulations of both the Fire Company and the Commonwealth of Pa.

The prospective member shall be voted upon as a probationary member. If accepted, they must supply working papers from the school district before they can train or work. They will serve in the probationary period until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, at which time, they will automatically become an Associate Member. At the next regular monthly meeting, they are eligible to be voted to Active Member, subject to meeting probation requirements. Probationary time as a Junior Firefighter shall count toward probation completion required for Active Member status.

They will not begin accruing years toward the 20-year life membership award until the first regular company meeting after attaining Associate membership.

### Section 3. Behavior

The Junior Firefighter will follow all the by-laws of the Fire Company, the worker compensation laws and the standard operating procedures of the Fire Company.

The Junior Firefighter must maintain *at least* a “C” grade in all subjects. A copy of their report card must be presented to the administrative leader who will keep the information confidential.

A Junior Firefighter must always present themselves in a respectful manner at the fire station or any Fire Company function or alarm.

Any use of alcohol or drugs at anytime will be sufficient reason for suspension or expulsion from the Fire Company.

#### Section 4. Equipment

The Junior Firefighter will be issued a complete set of bunker gear. The helmet will be marked to identify them as a Junior Firefighter.

If there is a pager available one will be issued to the Junior Firefighter. If that pager is needed for a Senior Firefighter, the Junior Firefighter will surrender their pager. A pager is not allowed in school for any reason. If this becomes an issue the Junior Firefighter will forfeit the use of the pager.

Keys for the firehouse will not be issued to Junior Firefighters. Dress Uniforms will not be issued to the Junior Firefighters. They will also not be allowed to use blue lights.

#### Section 5. Training/Drills

A Junior Firefighter may attend Bucks or Montgomery County Fire Academy for junior firefighting courses.

A Junior Firefighter is expected to attend as many drills as possible. While he or she is at a company training drill they shall be under the supervision of a line officer, preferably the training officer.

#### Section 6. Alarms

A Junior Firefighter must obey all the traffic laws while responding to the station.

A Junior Firefighter will not respond to *any* alarms during school hours.

The first truck is off limits to Junior Firefighters unless ordered by a line officer.

Work Limitations for a Junior Firefighter:

- a. Monday through Friday a Junior Firefighter, 15 years old, may work 4 hours/day for a total of 18 hours in 5-day week and 8 hours/day on the weekend.
- b. A 16 or 17 year old Junior Firefighter may work 28 hours in a 5-day work week and 16 hours additional hours on the weekend, so long as it doesn't exceed 8 hours/day.
- c. A 15 year old Junior Firefighter is prohibited from working between 7PM and 7AM with three exceptions. Exception #1, during summer vacation the Junior Firefighter may work until 10 PM. Exception #2, during training sessions that begin on or before 7PM. Exception #3, with a signed parental consent, the Junior Firefighter may work until 10PM.

- d. A 16 or 17 year old Junior Firefighter is prohibited from working between midnight and 6AM Sunday through Thursday. They also can't work between 1AM and 6AM Friday through Saturday and during school vacations. There is no night work limit during summer vacation.

A Junior Firefighter will surrender his place on the truck to a Senior Firefighter.

A Junior Firefighter may participate in firefighting after completing a fire training course *and* under the supervision of the chief or a line officer.

Junior Firefighters *cannot* do the following as per Pa. State Law:

- a. Operating an aerial ladder or hydraulic tools.
- b. Using rubber electrical gloves, insulated wire gloves, wire cutters, life nets, or cutting torches.
- c. Operating fire pumps.
- d. Driving of any fire truck.
- e. Entering a burning structure.
- f. Junior Firefighters under 16 years old cannot operate high pressure hose lines or ascend ladders *except* during training.

The Fire Chief will provide to the Police Chief of each municipality in our first due area, a list of the Junior Firefighters in our company.

#### Section 7. In Station

All Junior Firefighters must be out of the station by 10PM on school nights.

A Junior Firefighter cannot be in the station without a Senior Firefighter present.

A Junior Firefighter is welcome to bring a guest to the station so long as a Senior Firefighter is present and it is not a drill night.

## **Working Papers**

In order to be a Junior Firefighter in Telford Fire Company, you will need to present your "working papers" for the Company to make a copy for your file.

If you don't already have working papers, you can get them from your school.

In Souderton Area School District call the District Office at 215-723-6061.

In Pennridge School District call the Guidance Office at 215-453-2759.

Once you receive the application, the Fire Company will fill out its portion of the form, and you will need a doctor to sign the form. You will need to furnish your Social Security Number and will need proof of your birthday.