

## **TULIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION PROCESS**

Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer firefighter for the Tulia Volunteer Fire Department.

The application process is really not as complicated as it sounds, and we don't want anyone discouraged from participating because of the steps necessary to becoming a firefighter. It is imperative that we have people of integrity in the position of firefighter, and over the course of numerous years, this process has evolved. It is basically painless, only takes a couple of weeks, and we value your interest and desire to take on the role as a volunteer public servant. Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Johnny Daniels, Chief 806-292-3177

Jeremy Earl, Asst. Chief 806-292-3929

Under the rules of the VFD, as outlined in the department's By-Laws, the following requirements must be met before an applicant can be considered for membership.

1. The applicant must be 18 years of age.
2. The applicant must be willing to submit to a criminal background check pursuant to Texas Code 411.1235
3. The applicant must live within the limits of North of 928, South of 2698, East of 1424 and West of Co. Rd. 22.
4. The applicant must have a current Texas Drivers License, and own a vehicle.
5. The applicant must (under Texas Law) properly insure his/her vehicle, and agrees to provide proof of insurance at the time of application, and at any time during membership when requested to do so by the Chief.
6. The applicant may be asked to obtain a Doctors Physical if there is any indication to suggest health or physical condition(s) might limit fire fighting activities, and agrees to submit to any physical evaluations deemed necessary by the VFD at any time.
7. The applicant will appear before the members of the VFD for an interview.
8. The applicant may then appear before the Officers of the VFD for an additional interview before a vote is conducted. The Officers may reject any application they deem appropriate, and are not required to make justification to the department.
9. Upon successful completion of the above process(es), the applicant may be brought before the department for a secret ballot vote for probationary membership. This process shall occur at a regular drill when all the necessary components of the application process are completed.

As long as an opening exists, upon successful completion of the above items, and upon affirmative approval of the majority of the current membership, and applicant can be approved for a probationary membership. During the probationary membership, the firefighter will be allowed to fight fire under direct supervision when fire conditions prove safe to do so.

The probationary firefighter will strive to attain the amount of training required for Module 1 Firefighter 1 certification. The training will be made available through the department. The applicant will be required to attend FOUR consecutive drills. At this time a second vote will be conducted to determine if the applicant will continue on with the probationary period. After a 6 month probationary period the applicant will be considered for permanent membership at that time by a final secret ballot vote.

Participation requirements include a minimum attendance at paged fire calls of 30%, and 80% attendance of all scheduled drills. Drills are conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, except in December, when we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday only. Non compliance of participation requirements constitutes automatic termination. A copy of the departments *Standard Operating Guidelines* as well as the *By-Laws* will be made available upon acceptance to probationary status.

Direct questions to Chief Daniels, or any Officer of the Tulia Volunteer Fire Department.

### **THANK YOUR FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE TULIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.**

**I have read and understand the application process as outlined above.**

- By signing below, I consent to a standard criminal background check.**
- I have attached a copy of my current vehicle insurance.**
- I have attached a copy of medical physical results (if requested to do so)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**      **Date Received by Department** \_\_\_\_\_ **by** \_\_\_\_\_

# Membership Application

All applicants are considered for admission without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital or veteran status, or the presence of a non-job-related medical condition or handicap, or any other legally protected status.

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Street) (City) (State)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever filed an application with us before? Yes No When? \_\_\_\_\_

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## EXPERIENCE

Have you ever been a firefighter before? Yes No If yes, how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what was your last position held? \_\_\_\_\_ Years? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Department \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number) (Street) (City) (State)

Did you leave as a member in good standing? Yes No If no please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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## EMPLOYMENT

Are you employed now? Yes No Where? \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact your employer? Yes No Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHARACTER REFERENCES**

Name	City	Phone	Occupation
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

**EDUCATION**

1. High School \_\_\_\_\_

2. College or University \_\_\_\_\_

3. Special Skills or Training \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Are you Texas Certified for any of the following?

ECA	EMT-BASIC	EMT-INTERMEDIATE	EMT-PARAMEDIC		
Vol. Firefighter	INTRO	BASIC	INTER	ADVAN	MAST
Paid Firefighter	I	II	III	IV	

**CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Please list all traffic violations and dates for which you were convicted or plead no contest in the last five (5) years:

Offense	Date	City or County
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Texas Drivers License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have 24-hour access to a vehicle to use to respond to fires? Yes No

Year, Make and Model of vehicle you drive: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you agree to maintain current liability insurance for you vehicle? Yes No

Have you been convicted of a felony within the last seven (7) years? Yes No

