



Application and Registration Procedures

1. New students must file an application to become a COM student at [Apply](#).
2. Students may file for financial aid at [Financial Aid](#), veteran's benefits at [Veterans Benefits](#), and scholarships at [Scholarships](#).
Note: There are deadlines for filing these applications, which are listed on the applicable web site.
Prospective cadets are advised to complete these applications as early as possible.
3. Complete the Fire Academy application and obtain a routine physical. The forms may be obtained from the Administrative Assistant at the Public Service Careers (PSC) building at 1200 Amburn Rd., Texas City, TX 77591 or downloaded from the links at the bottom of Fire Academy web site at [Fire Academy](#).
4. Along with the application and physical, bring the original documents listed on the cover page to the Administrative Assistants at the PSC. **Note:** The forms should be turned in no later than the end of July for the fall semester and prior to the Christmas break in December for the spring semester.
5. Orientation, interviews, and registration will be conducted at the PSC building two weeks prior to the beginning of the Academy. **Orientation dates will be listed in the [Announcements](#) section of the Fire Technology web site.**
6. After orientation, students accepted into the Academy will report to the PSC Administrative Assistant in order to register in the Fire Academy courses. Tuition and fees must be paid at the time of registration unless payment plans or financial aid have been arranged.

For additional information, contact the Director of Fire Technology, Gary Staudt at 409-933-8934, gstaudt@com.edu or the PSC Administrative Assistants Michele Brown at 409-933-8285, mlbrown@com.edu; and Valerie Pieper at 409-933-8224 vpieper@com.edu.



Day Academy _____ Night Academy _____ Semester _____

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Physical Address City, Texas Zip Code

Primary Contact No. _____ E-Mail Address _____

Secondary Contact _____ Contact No. _____

Date Contacted

Comments

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Required Documentation

_____ Fire Academy Application

_____ Verification of a Valid Driver’s License

_____ Verification of Social Security Card

_____ Verification of High School Diploma/GED or College Transcript

_____ Physical Examination with Proof of Meningitis and Tdap Vaccinations

_____ Verification of Attendance to Fire Academy Orientation



Fire Academy Application: Fall Day Fall/Spring Night Spring Day

Personal Data: Print legibly or type.

First Name	Last	M
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Address

Street/Apt. #		
City	ST	Zip Code
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Emergency Contact, Relation	Cell Phone	Home Phone

Education Background (Highest Level Completed) GED HS College

Name of School/College	Date Graduated/Years Completed
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Technical Training

Name	Date Graduated	Certification
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Military Service

Branch	Service Dates	Specialty	Discharge Type
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Employment Background (Latest Employment)

Employer/Location	Dates of Employment
Duties	Salary

Additional Information:

Do you have any experience as a firefighter trainee or career or volunteer firefighter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, explain.)
Firefighter training requires strenuous physical activities. Are you able to perform such activities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please explain)
Firefighter training requires entering environments of intense heat and limited visibility. Are you able to do so? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please explain)
Firefighter training requires entering confined spaces. Are you able to do so? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please explain)
Firefighter training requires climbing ladders up to 100' length. Are you able to do so? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please explain)
Rules and Regulations: The Fire Academy is conducted in a manner similar to typical fire department training academies, i.e., as a paramilitary organization. Do you agree to comply with all rules and regulations of the Academy and directives issued by instructors and the Director? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Initial _____
Medical Treatment: During firefighter training, injuries may occur. You are financially responsible for the cost of medical treatment that may be needed during the Academy. Do you understand your responsibility regarding medical treatment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Initial _____
Recognized Emergency Medical Course: To be eligible for Basic Fire Suppression Certification, the TCFP requires completion a recognized emergency medical course, TCFP Standards Manual, Rule §423.1(c). Note: The Texas Department of State Health Services performs criminal background checks, which could deny certification. It is your responsibility to resolve any criminal background matters with TDSHS directly. Do you understand your responsibility regarding medical certification requirements and criminal background checks? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Initial _____
Criminal Background Check: The Texas Commission on Fire Protection performs criminal background checks on all applicants, which could deny certification. It is your responsibility to review the TCFP's Standards Manual, Chapter 403, Criminal Conviction and Eligibility for Certification and resolve criminal background matters with the TCFP directly. Do you understand your responsibility regarding criminal matters? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Initial _____

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT: I certify that the above answers are true and complete.

Applicant's Printed Name _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Return this completed application with the required documents to the Administrative Assistants at the Public Service Careers building across from the main campus on Amburn Rd.

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WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

1. In consideration for participating in College of the Mainland Fire Academy and other valuable consideration, I _____ hereby **RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE College of the Mainland, its Board of Trustees, its officers, servants, agents, and employees (hereinafter referred to as (RELEASEES) from any and all liability, claims, demands actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise, while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is being conducted or in transportation to and from said premises.**
2. To the best of my knowledge, I can fully participate in this activity. I am fully aware of risks and hazards connected with the activity, including but not limited to the risks as noted herein, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity, and to enter the above-named premises and engage in such activity knowing that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property. I **VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by me, or any loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.**
3. I further hereby **AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES** from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may occur due to my participation in said activity, **WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.**
4. It is my express intent that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse (if any), if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am not alive, shall be deemed as **RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE** the above named **RELEASEES**. I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be constructed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.
5. I **UNDERSTAND THAT THE COLLEGE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MEDICAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INJURY I MAY SUSTAIN.**
6. I further agree to become familiar with the rules and regulations of the College concerning student conduct and not to violate said rules of any directive or instruction made by the person or persons in charge of said activity and that I will further assume the complete risk of any activity done in violation of any rule or directive or instruction.
7. I also understand that I should and am urged by the College of the Mainland to obtain adequate health and accident insurance to cover any personal injury to myself which may be sustained during the activity or the transportation to and from said activity.
8. I **ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES TO THE FACILITIES.**

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representation, statements or inducements, apart from foregoing written agreement have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute the Release for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intended to be bound by same.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Student Signature

Parent (if participant is under 18 years of age or dependent on parents' insurance and taxes for period of event.

MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION FORM

I, _____, hereby give my permission, consent and authorization for any medical treatment deemed necessary by a hospital or physician. I appoint the event coordinator and/or director my lawful agent with power to authorize and consent to the administration of medical treatment during the aforementioned event.

Home Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Health Carrier: _____ Policy No: _____

Other Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Please list all allergies, restrictions or health exemptions:

This form should be properly signed and turned in at the time of registration. In case of such an accident or illness, I give permission for medical treatment to be given to me as deemed appropriate. I will assume responsibility for any medical treatment as deemed appropriate. I will assume responsibility for any medical bills on my behalf.

Student Signature

Parent (if Participant is under 18 years of age or dependent on parents' insurance and insurance and taxes for the period of the event)