



Lubbock Independent School District Fire Academy

2020 Application

The Lubbock ISD Fire Academy program is a dual credit course offered through South Plains College. This is a one year, two-semester course to be completed in the student's senior year. Twenty-Five (25) credit hours can be earned and the qualification to take the Texas Commission on Fire Protection's Basic Fire Suppression certification exam upon completion.

The class will be a double block from 800am to 1130am, Monday through Friday. The location will be at Lubbock Fire Rescue Training, 1515 E. Ursuline St., Lubbock, Tx, 79403.

Requirements

- Be in your Junior year during the application process
- Have at least a 2.5 GPA in high school
- Be eligible to apply as a dual credit student at South Plains College
- Have excellent attendance
- Have no more than two instances of documented disciplinary action in a calendar year
- Complete the application and selection process
- Be physically fit or willing to improve your fitness while in the program
- Willing to commit to one year in a challenging academic and physical program
- Have your own transportation to arrive to class and back to your high school.
- Arrive to the facility at 800am to complete your pre-class equipment checks. Class begins at 830am.
- Commit to a two-week live fire boot camp after graduating high school

To be accepted into the LISD Fire Academy, students are encouraged to perform well in the selection process. A ranking system is used based on scoring criteria. It shall be understood not all who apply are guaranteed admission. The top 10 qualifying candidates who meet all requirements will be accepted into the course.

Application Instructions

A series of steps to complete is listed. You must complete each one to qualify for selection into the LISD Fire Academy. All documents required from the steps will need to be submitted electronically in an email. A check sheet on page 5 has been provided to track your progress. Please read the following steps:

1. Attend the student/parent meeting on May 11th at 7:00pm or May 12th at 3:00pm via ZOOM. The meeting is for parents to learn about the program and ask questions. Lt. Matt Hixson and Lt. Phillip Grandon with Lubbock Fire Rescue and South Plains College Fire Academy will give information about the program and answer questions.
2. If you are not already an SPC student, apply at <https://apply.southplainscollege.edu>. Create an account and choose "Start a new Dual Credit Application".
3. **Fire Academy applicants are required to take the [TSI Assessment Test](#) **BEFORE** submitting this Fire Academy Application Packet.**
 - a. **Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the test will be proctored via online. Visit <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/admission-aid/advising/testing/TSIassessmentschedule.php> for instructions. Choose "Fire Technology". The test will cost \$10.**
 - b. The test consists of a reading, writing, and math section.
 - c. Multiple TSI attempts are allowed if the scores are submitted by the application deadline. The highest score out of all attempts will be used.
 - i. For example, if you have a 355 in Reading and decide to retake the reading portion to try and score higher, but you score a 350 on the second attempt, we will still accept the 355.
 - d. **NOTE:** The TSI Assessment is an entrance test for the Fire Academy, not an admissions requirement to SPC. **Applicants who take the TSI and don't meet the minimum passing scores still advance in the application process.**
 - e. **Include a scanned copy of your TSI Assessment Test score** when emailing the completed Fire Academy Application Packet.
 - f. **The TSI Assessment Test score accounts for 70% of each applicant's overall entry score.**

4. Type an essay explaining why you believe the program is a good path for you, what you expect to take away from the program, and what future career goals you have. Essay has a 250-word minimum.
5. Applicants must get a physical exam from a licensed health care provider of their choice, using the Physical Examination Form provided on the last 3 pages of this Application Packet.
 - a. **Include a digital copy of the completed Physical Examination form** when emailing the completed Fire Academy Application Packet.
6. **Email the completed Fire Academy Application in digital format in a single email** to SPC Fire Academy Coordinator Phillip Grandon at pgrandon@southplainscollege.edu
 - a. Completed Application Packets and scans of any other required documentation **must** be emailed to the Academy Coordinator no later than 5 p.m. on June 8th.
 - b. Applicants should receive an email receipt from the Coordinator within 24 hours of emailing the Application Packet.
 - i. Applicants who do NOT receive an email receipt from the Coordinator within 48 hours of emailing the Application Packet are **required** to call the Academy Coordinator at (806) 535-9621.
 - ii. Please add pgrandon@southplainscollege.edu to your e-mail address book now to help keep emailed receipts from being diverted to your spam folder.
 - c. **If you are unable to scan or use technology to send the documents digitally, email Phillip Grandon by June 8th that you will turn in the completed application packet in print form at the time of the physical agility test.**

- 7.** All applicants who complete the above steps by the application submission deadline **must** participate in the Applicant Physical Agility Test (APAT). The test will take place at Lubbock Fire Rescue Training Facility at 1515 E. Ursuline St. Applicants must sign a liability waiver prior to taking the physical agility test.

Test time and date with additional information regarding specifics of the APAT will be emailed to interested applicants.

The timed APAT score accounts for 30% of each applicant's overall entry score.

- 8.** The top 10 applicants will be notified of their acceptance to the academy one to two days after the APAT. Further information will then be emailed regarding registration, uniforms, and orientation.

This program is tuition free for the students who are accepted. Uniforms and books are not covered and will have to be purchased.

If you have questions, please contact SPC Fire Academy Coordinator at (806) 535-9621, or pgrandon@southplainscollege.edu.

If you have questions for Lubbock Independent School District, please contact the ATC Principal, Lori Alexandar at lori.alexander@lubbockisd.org.

Fire Academy Application Check List

This page is provided for the student applicant to monitor and track progress through the selection process. Please use this to check off steps when completed. Applicant does NOT need to turn this page in.

- Student/Parent Meeting attended
- Applied to South Plains College
- TSI Exam completed and results obtained
- Short essay written
- Medical Doctor's Physical and paperwork
- All necessary paperwork scanned and emailed to Lt. Phillip Grandon (pgrandon@southplainscollege.edu) by June 8th or notified to bring to APAT
- Applicant Physical Agility Test (APAT)



Academy Application

Personal Data: Print legibly or type. Enter N/A in any block that does not pertain to you.

Legal First & Middle Name	Last Name	Name you go by
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Address

Street/Apt. #		
City	State	Zip Code
Primary Phone:	E-Mail Address:	

Emergency Contact Name	Relation	Phone
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Education Background (Highest Level Completed)

Name of High School or College	If College, Dual Credit Courses Taken
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Employment Background if applicable (Latest Employment)

Employer/Location	Dates of Employment
Duties	

How did you hear about the Lubbock High School Fire Academy?
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Additional Information:

Do you have any experience as a volunteer firefighter?

Yes No (If yes, explain.)

Firefighter training requires strenuous physical activities. Are you able to perform such activities?

Yes No (If no, please explain)

Firefighter training requires entering environments of intense heat and limited visibility. Are you able to do so?

Yes No (If no, please explain)

Firefighter training requires entering confined spaces. Are you able to do so?

Yes No (If no, please explain)

Firefighter training requires climbing ladders up to 110' length. Are you able to do so?

Yes 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 the Academy Coordinator?

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 payment for medical treatment?

Yes Initial _____

Criminal Background: The Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) performs criminal background checks on all applicants and may deny certification as a result. 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?

Yes Initial _____

Emergency Medical Certification: To be eligible for TCFP Basic Fire Suppression certification, you must obtain an emergency medical certification; at a minimum, Texas Department of State Health Service's (TDSHS) Emergency Care Attendant. The TDSHS performs criminal background checks, which could deny certification. It is your responsibility to resolve any criminal background matters with the TDSHS directly. Do you understand your responsibility regarding medical certification requirements and criminal background checks?

Yes Initial _____

Applicant's Statement: I certify that the above answers are true and complete.

Applicant's Printed Name _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____



Physical Examination Form:

NOTICE TO MEDICAL PERSONNEL PERFORMING EXAM:

South Plains College Fire Academy requires a physical examination by a licensed physician/health care provider before an applicant can take part in the Academy's physical entrance test.

We feel a "Sports Physical" is acceptable, but please conduct whatever exam or exams you are most comfortable with before signing off.

Questions can be directed to Academy Coordinator Matt Hixson at (806)786-3756.

Applicant's Name

Last	M/I	First	Sex	DOB : (MM/DD/YYYY) / /
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Please Complete All Blanks

Legend: N= normal X= abnormal NE = Not Examined

Weight	Height	Pulse	Respirations	Blood Pressure S _____ D _____
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General Body Build	Skin	Abnormal Masses	Eyes	Ears	Nose	Throat	
Teeth	Neck	Lungs	Cardiac	Chest	Liver	Spleen	Spine

Joint Function

Neck	Shoulders	Elbows	Wrists	Hands	Hips/Back	Knees	Ankles	Feet
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Please Describe Abnormal Findings

Medical History (Please check all that apply.)

Diseases:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Measles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures | <input type="checkbox"/> Emphysema | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypoglycemic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis | <input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatism | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Pox | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria | <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza | <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumonia | <input type="checkbox"/> Infantile Paralysis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Osteoarthritis | <input type="checkbox"/> Mumps | | |

Other (Please describe)

Surgery: Shoulder Arm Back Knee Ankle

Other (Please describe)

List Current Medications

1.
2.
3.
4.

Allergies (Meds / Food)

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2.
3.
4.

Immunizations (Please provide most recent date)

Tetanus	Diphtheria	Hep A	Hep B	Meningitis
Tdap	Flu	Chicken Pox	Polio	Other

Note to Physician/Health Care Provider: While not an exclusive list, the following examples are meant to illustrate some of the extreme physical demands and working conditions inherent in firefighter training.

Physical Demands: Characterized by strength, endurance, coordination, agility, dexterity

- Pick up and advance charged fire hoses
- Force entry with axe/battering ram
- Climb stairs with equipment weighing approximately 50 lbs.
- Vent roofs, breach walls, overhaul burned buildings with power/hand tools
- Lift and climb/descend ladders (with victims up to 200 lbs.)
- Operate power tools and extrication equipment
- Stoop, crawl, crouch, and kneel in confined spaces
- Reach, twist, balance, grapple, bend and lift under emergency conditions
- Run, dodge, jump and maneuver with equipment
- All of the above are performed wearing protective clothing/gear, approximately 40 lbs.

Working Conditions: Characterized by adverse working conditions

- Work in extreme temperatures; day and night; in rain, snow and ice
- Exposure to smoke, gases, dust and poor ventilation
- Work in closely confined spaces
- Intense exposure to water and/or steam
- Exposure to a wide range of highly emotional and traumatic events.
- Exposure to noise and vibration from tools, equipment, machinery, etc.
- Work at height (e.g., on ladders, roof tops, etc.)
- Work within restrictions of personal protective clothing, approximately 40 lbs., or hazardous materials encapsulated protective clothing

I certify that I have examined this individual and he/she is physically able to participate in Fire Academy training activities.

Yes No (If no, please explain)

Date of Examination	Printed/Typed Name of Physician
Physicians Address	Signature of Physician