

District Career Programs Application Form

Secondary Fire Academy



Secondary Fire Academy (SFA) is a **year-long commitment every Wednesday evening from 6:00-9:30pm, September to June**. Successful candidates will become cadets and train alongside Paid On-Call Fire Fighters at an Abbotsford Fire Rescue Service (AFRS) station in the City of Abbotsford. Cadets will be loaned training manuals (\$100 deposit, refunded at end of Academy when manual is returned in useable condition) and appropriate safety equipment for the duration of the program and will need to purchase a kit that includes appropriate boots, pants, and T-shirt, with an approximate cost of \$250. This program is open the residents of the City of Abbotsford.

Ensure that the following are completed and attached to this application form:

- Statements of Interest and Intent
- Teacher Reference Form
- A copy of your most recent report card and “Check My Progress” interims (for courses currently in progress)
- A passport-sized colour headshot (***does not need to be an actual passport photo, just an approximate size***)
- A driver’s abstract printed within the past 30 days (***if you have a “Learners” or “Novice” driver’s license***)

OR

- Check this box if you do not have a “Learners” or “Novice” driver’s license

Also ensure you have reviewed the dates and requirements if you are a short-listed candidate and if you become a Cadet.

Return your completed application to your Career Facilitator on or before
THURSDAY, MAY 6th

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Questions about this application?

Please contact Michelle Myers, Abbotsford School District Coordinator at
michelle.myers@abbyschools.ca OR 604-615-4561

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print clearly in ink or type)

Legal Last Name _____ Legal First Name _____

Usual Last Name _____ Preferred First Name _____

Birth Date (Day/Month/Year) _____

Home Address: _____

City & Postal Code: _____

Home Phone _____ Student Cell Phone _____

Student email (please print clearly) _____

Home School _____ Current Grade _____

Gender Male Female Another Gender Identity

(Optional): Do you identify yourself as an Indigenous person? No Yes

If yes, are you: First Nations Métis Inuit

Please note that if you are contacted as a SHORT-LISTED candidate, you are expected to be available to fulfill these requirements as the next steps in your application process:

- Participate in panel interview with Abbotsford Fire Rescue Services (depending on Public Health Orders, these interviews will be scheduled in-person either during the last two weeks of June or first two weeks of September at Fire Hall #1)
- Obtain a signed doctor confirmation of physical fitness - applicants ***may*** be ineligible if they have pulmonary conditions, have hereditary conditions including some types of colour-blindness, are diabetic, have visual impairments that cannot be corrected with contact lenses (***there may be a fee for this service which will not be reimbursed; please contact Michelle Myers at 604-615-4561 or michelle.myers@abbyschools.ca if you have difficulty obtaining this note due to the pandemic***)
- Obtain a criminal record check (***there may be a fee for this service which will not be reimbursed; AFRS will confirm the process to follow in obtaining a CRC***)
- Participate in a Physical Assessment (**Evening; Date TBD for Fall 2021 – AFRS will confirm**)

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Please note that if you are a SUCCESSFUL candidate, you are expected to be available to fulfill these requirements as part of the process to become a cadet:

Turnout Gear Fitting (Evening; Date TBD for Fall 2021 – AFRS will confirm)

- New Cadets will attend a session to be outfitted with the necessary safety turn-out gear
- New Cadets will also need to purchase the required kit of boots, pants, and T-shirt

Fall Orientation (Evening; Tentative Date September 29 – AFRS will confirm)

- New Cadets and parents will attend a Fall Orientation session at AFRS training facility on Riverside Drive. Informed consent from Abbotsford School District and high-risk waiver from AFRS will be completed at this orientation.
- New Cadets will receive their manual at Orientation if they have paid their \$100 deposit
- New Cadets may need to apply for additional liability insurance ***(if this application is necessary, forms will be provided to successful cadet candidates at orientation – there may be a fee for this service which will not be reimbursed)***

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Application to this program is a very competitive process. Please give complete and detailed responses below (to be completed by student in ink, in own handwriting).

First and Last Name: _____

Career Goal: _____

1. What knowledge do you have about careers in firefighting (for example: working conditions, salary, job availability, other)?

2. What interests you about a career in firefighting?

3. What skills do you have that will help you succeed in Secondary Fire Academy (for example: volunteer or work experience, related job or transferable job skills, external coursework, credentials or certificates, leadership roles, other)?

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4. What are your interests outside of school? (for example: hobbies, sports, clubs, special talents, etc.)

5. What makes you a good team member? Share a time when you've demonstrated those skills.

6. Secondary Fire Academy is a year-long commitment on Wednesday evenings 6:00-9:30pm. Will you be able to reschedule any potentially conflicting activities (work, sports) to ensure you will be in attendance every week throughout the program?

7. Is there anything else that you feel is important to share about you?

District Career Programs Teacher Reference Secondary Fire Academy



Student Full Name: _____

Course you taught this student: _____ Grade: _____

This student is applying for a seat in the **Secondary Fire Academy**. Thank you for completing this confidential reference to support this student’s application. When complete, it can be emailed to **michelle.myers@abbyschools.ca** or faxed to 604-504-4619.

The Secondary Fire Academy is looking for students who would most benefit from the opportunity. Please consider ***attitude, aptitude, work ethic, fitness and commitment for the full year of the program.***

1. Do you feel the student applying can meet these criteria?

YES NO POSSIBLY*

2. Could this student be counted on to represent the school district favorably in a professional work setting?

YES NO POSSIBLY*

3. Do you feel this student has a sincere interest in the Secondary Fire Academy?

YES NO POSSIBLY*

If you selected “POSSIBLY” for one or more of these questions, please use the reverse of this sheet to explain this rating.

Secondary Fire Academy is very competitive with limited seats for Abbotsford School District students. Please help by providing your feedback about this student to aid in the selection of appropriate candidates for this Academy. Please contact Michelle Myers, District Coordinator (604-615-4561) if any questions.

	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Maturity				
Accuracy/ability to follow instructions				
Enthusiasm and interest				
Adaptable – adjusts to new situations				
Follows through on assigned tasks				
Attendance				
Punctuality				
Shows motivation to learn new skills				
Can work independently				
Has positive attitude towards work				
Accepts constructive criticism				
Makes changes as a result of constructive criticism				

Evaluation completed by: _____ Phone #: _____

School: _____ Signature: _____