

Hereford Volunteer Fire Company (Organized 1924)
510 Monkton Road
Monkton, Maryland 21111

Information Concerning Application for Membership:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC). HVFC has been serving Hereford and surrounding Baltimore counties since 1924. Today, we operate two engines, a tanker support unit, tanker truck, special unit and brush unit. We do not operate an ambulance. This cover page explains our membership requirements and the way we process applications.

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Company does not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion or sex in its membership policies.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must be at least sixteen years of age.
2. Must complete and submit required application documents.
3. Applicant must submit and successfully undergo a through background, security and character investigation.
4. Applicant will be subjected to a drug screening test.
5. Submit, along with completed application, a **\$25.00** non-refundable application fee.
6. Applicant will be interviewed by the Membership Committee.
7. Application will be reviewed by the Hereford Volunteer Fire Company Board of Directors (BOD), which will recommend acceptance or rejection based upon investigation of the Membership Committee.
8. Applicants applying for administrative membership (non-riding) would be exempt from training requirements.
9. Applicant must be elected by majority of membership at regular company meeting. Successful election will place applicant in probationary membership status for a minimum of six months.

Due to the length of time required to complete the investigation of applicants, HVFC will accept applicants into Probationary Membership status upon completion of a preliminary investigation. Probationary Membership may be terminated if previously unknown facts are revealed upon completion of the full investigation.

Upon election by the general membership into probationary membership status, the applicant will be notified via telephone or by written notification.

Privileges and Requirements:

Training:

1. American Heart Association CPR certification (approx 3 hrs). Blood Born Pathogens (approx 3 hrs.). Hazardous Materials Operations class (approx 24 hrs) along with an in station Basic Knowledge test must be completed before the Probationary Member can participate in emergency operations.
2. MFRI or Baltimore County NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 course (approx 102 hrs). FF1 class must be completed within two years of membership acceptance.
3. Submit copies of any current certifications with your application.

Meetings and Activities:

1. Probationary members are expected to participate in the activities of the company, but may not;
 - a. Vote in elections or other matters of the Company
 - b. Drive any company vehicles
 - c. Have MVA issued fire tags

Running Gear:

1. Probationary members will be issued all necessary protective turn-out gear, or they may purchase their own (providing the gear meets or exceeds NFPA or company specifications).
2. Probationary members may purchase uniforms and insignias, in conformation to Company specifications, with permission of company officer. It is not easy to be a successful member of a large and busy Volunteer Fire Company such as HVFC. We place many demands on the time and energy of our members. For those who are successful, the rewards are great, measured not in gold, but rather in the satisfaction in completing the difficult and dangerous tasks. And of course, helping your neighbors and community. We wish you great success!

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First Reading: ____/____/____

DOE: ____/____/____

Application for Membership: (Please Print Clearly)

Application Date: ____/____/____

Position Applying For: Firefighter:____ Administrative____ Both____

Applicant Name: _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

LOSAP Number: (If Applicable) _____

Current Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Home Telephone: (____) _____ Work/ Cell: () (____) _____

E-mail Address _____

SS #: _____ -- _____ -- _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age _____

Place of Birth _____ Sex: M ___ F ___

Marital Status: Married ___ Single ___ Divorced ___

Widow / Widower: _____

Current US Citizen?: Yes ___/ No___ If no, what country? _____

Drivers License Number & Class: _____

State of Issue: _____ Current Points _____ Date of Exp ____/____/____

Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked?: Yes ___/ No___

If Yes, When? _____ If Yes, Explain _____

Highest Education Attained: _____

Name of last educational institute: _____

Date of Graduation: ____/____/____

If still attending school (up thru grade 12) provide a copy of you most recent transcripts.

Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?: _____ If Yes, What Branch? _____

Type of discharge: _____ Date of discharge: ____/____/____

Current Occupation: _____

Employers Name: _____ (_____) _____
Address City State Zip Telephone

Current Employment Dates: From: ____/____/____ to: ____/____/____

Employment information for the past five (5) years:

Name	Address	From	To
_____	_____	____/____/____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____	____/____/____

In Case of Emergency Notify:

Name _____ Relationship _____

_____ v(_____) _____
Address City State Zip Telephone Number

Were you ever arrested or in the custody of any law enforcement agency in connection with the charging of a crime or delinquent act? Yes ____/ No____

If so, please provide pertinent information. _____

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal act or have criminal charges pending? Yes ____/ No____

If so, please provide pertinent information. _____

References: Please provide five (5) persons not related to you whom you have known for at least 3 years, **Only one which currently belongs to HVFC.**

Name	Address	Telephone
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____

Do you belong to any other organizations? Yes ____/ No____ (Do not include other fire companies)

Are you a member of any Fire, EMS or Rescue Department? Yes ____/ No____

(If Yes in Baltimore County insert LOSAP Number) _____

Have you previously belonged to any other Fire Department of Fire Company? Yes ____/ No____
Career _____ Volunteer _____

Reason for leaving _____

Have you ever been rejected, suspended or expelled from this or any other volunteer Fire, EMS or Rescue Company or Department? Yes ____/ No____. If yes, please explain _____

Did you hold any offices? Yes ____/ No____. If yes, where and what offices _____

Fire _____

EMS _____

Administrative _____ Other Helpful Information _____

Previous Training Completed (include expiration dates) _____

Read the following statement carefully before signing.

I hereby authorize the Hereford Volunteer Fire Company to investigate all statements contained in this application. To the best of my knowledge, all statements and answers which I have give are true, accurate and correct. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in nullification of this application or subsequent membership based on its content. Based upon the severity of infractions discovered during routine background check and drug testing, the BOD may ask applicant to withdraw his/her application. If applicant does not wish to do so he/she must give BOD permission to present any infractions at the company level so that all voting members have knowledge necessary to make a decision in the best interest of the company.

Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

If applicant is under 18 years of age, must have consent of parents or legal guardian.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Date ____/____/____