

LUTHERVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Information about the Application Process

Welcome and thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC). Our dedicated members have been proudly serving the residents of Lutherville and Baltimore County since 1909. Today, we operate three engines, a heavy-duty rescue squad, and two utility trucks, out of our brand new state-of-the-art building.

This letter explains our membership requirements and the process for becoming a member of our team. The Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company (LVFC) does not discriminate on any criteria for its membership policies.

Becoming a volunteer firefighter is a very rewarding experience and offers you the chance to give back to your community. We look forward to meeting you and helping you succeed as a member of our dynamic organization.

Applicant Requirements

1. Be at least eighteen (18) years old.
2. Must have earned a high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate.
3. Complete and submit required application documents.
4. Because lives and property are placed in our care, undergo a thorough character investigation and background check. This may include submission of fingerprints for review by appropriate law enforcements agencies.
5. Each applicant will be interviewed by the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee will present the application and background information to the executive board which will then make a recommendation for (or against) membership to the company.
6. Be elected into probationary membership at a regular meeting of the company.
7. A mandatory drug test and physical (providing medical clearance) is required upon election to membership. New members may not engage in company activities or ride apparatus until successfully completing both.

LVFC Membership Requirements

New members are assigned a mentor during their first year of membership. Your assigned mentor will be your main point of contact. He or she will help you with the following: sign up for classes, introduce you to members, training, and answer any questions you have as you progress through your first year.

1. **Training**

As a probationary member, you will be expected to take the following training courses:

- a. 30-hour Pre-Basic Course
 - i. This in-house training will familiarize you with LVFC's equipment and apparatus. It will also prepare you for Firefighter I class.
 - ii. You will work with your mentor and other officers of the company to complete this training
- b. Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute Firefighter I course
- c. Bloodborne Pathogens and CPR
- d. Hazardous Materials Operations
- e. Emergency Medical Responder or Emergency Medical Technician
- f. Attend company trainings – complete a minimum of 4-hours of training per quarter

2. **Meetings and Activities**

Probationary members are expected to participate in all company activities but at a minimum must:

- a. Attend one company meeting per quarter.
- b. Participate in company functions such as fundraisers, open house, company picnic, etc.

3. **Turnout Gear**

Probationary members will be issued all necessary protective gear including:

- a. Turnout coat and turnout pants
- b. Structural firefighting boots
- c. Firefighting helmet and protective hood
- d. Firefighting and rescue gloves
- e. Protective eyewear

Individuals may purchase their own protective gear as long as it meets or exceeds the safety specifications established by the company.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:		Phone:
Date of birth:	SSN:	Email:
Current address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Driver's License State:	Number:	Class:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Current employer:		
Employer address:		How long?
Phone:	Email:	Position:
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Current Supervisor:		Supervisor's Phone:
Previous Employer:		Dates of Employment
Reason for Leaving:		From: To:
Previous Employer:		Dates of Employment
Reason for Leaving:		From: To:

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of School:	From:	To:
Address:		Degree:
Name of School:	From:	To:
Address:		Degree:

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:		
Date of Entry:	Date of Discharge:	Rank:

FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

Name of Company:	How long?
Address:	Phone:
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Address:	Phone:
Course:	Date Completed:
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REFERENCES

Name:	Relation:	Phone:
Name:	Relation:	Phone:
Name:	Relation:	Phone:

LIST MEMBERS OF LVFC WHO YOU KNOW

Name:	Name:
Name:	Name:

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME

Violation:	Jurisdiction of Offense:	Date:
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REASON FOR JOINING

Briefly state your reason(s) for wanting to join LVFC:

SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned applicant, do hereby apply for probationary membership to the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. I hereby affirm all of the statements and information on this application are full, complete, and true. I fully understand any omissions or misrepresentations herein will be cause for rejection of my application or for dismissal from the Company. If accepted for membership, I agree to abide by all of the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, SOPs, and Rules of the Company. I hereby authorize the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, the Baltimore County Fire Department, the Maryland State Fire Marshal and their designated agents to conduct an investigation of my character and of the truthfulness of the information I have provided in this application, and I do further hold the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company, the Baltimore County Fire Department, the Maryland State Fire Marshal and their designated agents free and clear from any liability for conducting any such investigation.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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