



APPLICATION FOR BASIC FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY



START HERE - 5 STEPS TO APPLY

1. Complete the Collin College application at ApplyTexas and submit all required college documents. Check junk/spam email after acceptance.
2. Select the Spring 2027 Undergraduate (two-year) application.
3. Select Certificate in Basic Firefighter under Law and Public Service as your first-choice major.
4. Complete this Fire Academy application.
5. Submit the completed Fire Academy application by November 5, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Academy Selection

SELECT THE ACADEMY YOU ARE APPLYING FOR

☐ Spring Day Academy #104

☐ Spring/Summer Day Academy #105

Application deadline shown in the original application: November 5, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.

Meningitis Vaccination Requirement

SB 62 requires most new students under age 22 entering a higher education institution to show proof of vaccination 10 days prior to the start of the term. See Collin College's meningitis vaccination information for details.

Important

Print clearly and answer every question. Incomplete or false information may result in withdrawal of an offer, rejection, cancellation of enrollment, and/or disciplinary action.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Campus Wide ID Number (CWID): _____ - _____ - _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone - Home: _____

Cell: _____ Work: _____

Email address: _____

* A CWID is required before assessment testing.

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Academic Standing Requirement

Applicant must be in academic good standing with a college GPA of 2.0 or higher. Military service may be used as a substitute by submitting a DD-214.

Have you ever attended a college or university? ☐ YES ☐ NO

(This includes withdrawing from a college or university without obtaining a grade.)

If yes, list all previous colleges attended. Collin College requires copies of every transcript.

College	City/State	Dates Attended

Student Conduct

Are you currently, or have you ever violated the Student Code of Conduct or received a college disciplinary penalty while attending Collin College or any other college/university?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Have you ever been on academic warning, probation, or suspension while attending Collin College or any other college/university?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES to either question, explain and include dates:

Background Check

A background check will be made in connection with your application for admission into the Fire Science Education Program. Instructions for the online background website will be provided later.

CRIMINAL HISTORY & APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

Answer Every Question

Answer each question YES or NO. If you answer YES to any question, provide all charges, dates, and dispositions in the space below.

1. Have you ever been convicted of a crime, been assessed deferred adjudication for a crime, pled guilty or no contest to a crime, or been convicted of any misdemeanor?	☐ YES ☐ NO
2. Have you ever been convicted of any crime involving the use, sale, possession, or distribution of drugs or chemical substances?	☐ YES ☐ NO
3. Have you ever been convicted of a crime for assault, burglary, or theft?	☐ YES ☐ NO
4. Have you ever been convicted of a crime involving misappropriation of fiduciary property or property of a financial institution, or securing document(s) by deception punishable as a Class A misdemeanor?	☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES to any question, list charges, dates, and dispositions:

Disclosure Notice

Failure to disclose felony or misdemeanor convictions, including deferred adjudication, is grounds for denial of admission or subsequent dismissal from the Fire Science Program and forfeiture of fees paid.

Applicant Certification

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Formal application to the Basic Firefighter Certificate Program does not guarantee admission to the program or the college. I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release from the program.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST RELEASE

Physician Signature Required

Review the six events below with a licensed physician. The physician must sign this page before the applicant participates in the Physical Ability Test.

1. STAIR CLIMB

Climb a 2-story stairwell a total of five times. Time allowed: 4 minutes.

2. SLEDGE SWING

Repeatedly swing a sledge hammer in a chopping motion at a weighted object with enough force to move it approximately 5 feet.

3. 1-3/4" HOSE DRAG

Advance four connected lengths of dry 1-3/4-inch hose with nozzle 75 ft., make a 90-degree turn, continue 25 ft., drop to one knee, and pull until 50 ft. of hose is within the marked area.

4. EQUIPMENT CARRY

Remove two saws from a tool cabinet, carry both 75 ft., turn 180 degrees, return to the starting point, and replace the saws.

5. LADDER RAISE & EXTENSION

Raise a 24-ft. extension ladder hand-over-hand until stationary against a wall, then extend and lower the fly section of a secured 24-ft. ladder using the halyard.

6. RESCUE

Drag an approximately 165-lb. mannequin 35 ft. to a drum, turn 180 degrees around the drum, and return 35 ft. to the finish line.

Timing & Weight

Events 2-6: total time allowed is 5 minutes, 30 seconds. Applicants walk 85 ft. along an established walkway to and between events; time continues to run. Remaining time from Event 1 cannot be applied to Events 2-6. Event 1 uses a 50-lb. vest plus two 12.5-lb. shoulder weights. Events 2-6 use a 50-lb. vest.

TO THE PHYSICIAN

I certify that _____ can participate in the six events described above.

Licensed Physician's Name: _____

Licensed Physician's Signature: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

TESTING INFORMATION

Everyone Must Take These Assessments

Complete the Writing, Reading, and Math Assessment Tests at any Collin College Testing Center. Candidates must meet the minimum score on all assessments to be eligible for the Physical Ability Test. These assessments are specific to the program and are not the same as college entrance exams. Two attempts are allowed per semester. This test is good for ONE year.

MINIMUM SCORES

Assessment	Minimum Score
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Accuplacer - Next Generation WritePlacer	4
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Accuplacer - Next Generation Reading	250
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Accuplacer - Next Generation Arithmetic	250
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Before You Test

You need a CWID and a picture ID. The last assessment is given three hours before closing. Testing Center hours may change around holidays; contact the center for current hours.

Testing Center Information

Campus	Room	Phone	Hours
Farmersville	107	(972) 549-6450	Mon-Wed 8-5; Thu 8-7; Fri 9-5
Frisco	F209	(972) 377-1522	Mon & Wed-Thu 8-5; Tue 8-7; Fri 9-5
McKinney	W206	(972) 548-6849	Mon-Tue & Thu 8-5; Wed 8-7; Fri 9-5
Technical	A001	(972) 553-1234	Mon-Tue & Thu 8-5; Wed 8-7; Fri 9-5
Wylie	Campus Commons 201	(972) 378-8849	Mon-Wed 8-5; Thu 8-7; Fri 9-5

Online Resources

Sample questions: Accuplacer practice web-based study app.

Testing registration: Collin College EMT/Fire testing page.

ACADEMY OVERVIEW, PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST & INTERVIEWS

Academy Overview Session - Optional

The Academy Overview and Physical Ability Demonstration Session introduces the Fire Academy, job opportunities, entrance requirements, academy expectations, and the Physical Ability Test. It includes a hands-on opportunity to handle equipment used in the test. Attendance is not mandatory.

Academies	Class #104 & #105
Date	Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Location	Public Safety Training Center, 3600 Redbud Blvd., McKinney, Texas

PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST

Completed Packet Required Before Testing

Before participating, submit a completed Fire Academy application including assessment scores, a signed Physical Release from a licensed physician, and transcripts. A Physical Ability Test time will be assigned when the completed application is submitted.

Test Date	Saturday, November 7, 2026 at assigned time
Location	Public Safety Training Center, 3600 Redbud Blvd., McKinney, Texas

INTERVIEW DATES

Interview Scheduling

Interview dates and times are scheduled at the Physical Ability Test. Personal interviews are mandatory.

Dates	Wednesday, December 9, 2026 Thursday, December 10, 2026
Check-in	Room 103
Location	Public Safety Training Center, McKinney, Texas

COURSE DATES & APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please Verify Course Dates

The original application contains course/orientation dates that appear inconsistent with a Spring 2027 academy. They are reproduced below exactly as provided so program staff can verify them before publication.

Academy	Mandatory Orientation	Start	End
Class #104 Day Academy	Friday, January 8, 2027 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	January 11, 2027	April 23, 2027
Class #105 Day Academy	Friday, February 19, 2027 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	February 22, 2027	June 4, 2027

WHAT TO SUBMIT

1. Completed Fire Academy Application.
2. College transcript showing a GPA of 2.0 or better, OR DD-214 if military service is being used as a substitute.
3. All information required by this application, even if another area of the college already has it on file.

Submit Completed Application

Email: KROUSE@COLLIN.EDU

OR deliver to: Public Safety Training Center, Room 103 M-F 8-am-4pm

Deadline: November 5, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. NO EXCEPTIONS

Selection Process

Personal interviews are mandatory. Interview times are provided after successful completion of Physical Ability Testing. Candidates are selected based on the interview process. Successful candidates undergo a criminal background check before final enrollment.

ACADEMY SCHEDULE

Spring Day Academy	Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	One Semester
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EMT-Basic Note

Students not already certified as an EMT-Basic will have the opportunity to enroll in EMT-Basic courses (EMSP 1371, EMSP 1501, and EMSP 1160) after completing Basic Firefighter Certification coursework.

FUNCTIONAL POSITION DESCRIPTION

Texas Commission on Fire Protection - Standards Manual §421.3, Minimum Standards Set by the Commission

The following general position description for structural fire protection personnel serves as a guide for anyone interested in understanding the qualifications, competencies, and tasks required of a firefighter operating in Texas. It is ultimately the employer's responsibility to define specific job descriptions within each jurisdiction.

QUALIFICATIONS

Successfully complete a commission-approved course and achieve a passing score on written and performance certification examinations; be at least 18 years old; generally possess the knowledge and skills associated with a high school education or equivalent; communicate verbally and by telephone/radio; lift, carry, drag, and balance weight equivalent to the average human weight; interpret written and oral instructions in English; work effectively in high-stress situations, loud noise, and flashing lights; function through an entire work shift; calculate weight and volume ratios; read and understand English-language manuals, including chemical, medical, and technical terms and road maps; accurately discern street signs and address numbers; document relevant information in English in prescribed formats; converse in English with coworkers and emergency response personnel; demonstrate good manual dexterity; bend, stoop, and crawl on uneven surfaces; withstand extreme heat, cold, and moisture; and work in low/no light, confined spaces, elevated heights, and other dangerous environments.

COMPETENCY

A basic firefighter must demonstrate competency handling emergencies using equipment and skills in accordance with the objectives in Chapter 1 of the commission's Certification Curriculum Manual.

End of Application Form

Use the checklist on the next page before submitting your packet.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Incomplete Application Packets Will Not Be Accepted

Use this checklist to confirm that your packet is complete before submission.

☐	Completed information on pages 1-3.
☐	Applicant signature and date completed.
☐	Assessment scores attached: Writing _____ Reading _____ Math _____.
☐	Physician signature completed on the Physical Ability Test Release.
☐	All college transcripts attached OR DD-214 attached.
☐	Physical Ability Test date/time assigned for Saturday, November 7, 2026.
☐	Application submitted by the stated deadline.

Office Use Only

Application Received on: _____

Staff Initials: _____

Questions?

Contact the Collin College Fire Academy / Public Safety Training Center for assistance with the application process.