

# **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FIRE ACADEMY**

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## **BASIC FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM**

### **Overview of the minimum requirements, steps and fees to attend the Basic Firefighter Academy.**

1. Be at least 18 years of age.
2. Have a standard high school diploma or GED® - Must be from an acceptable accredited agency.
3. Have a valid Florida driver's license.
4. Not have been convicted of any felony or of a misdemeanor involving perjury or false statement. A background check will be required.
5. Be a legal United States resident.
6. Be Tobacco Free for a minimum of 12 months prior to attending class.
7. Not have a dishonorable discharge from any of the armed forces in the United States.
8. Be drug free a minimum of 3-5 years prior, depending on substance used, Certified Drug Test required.
9. Complete an American Heart Association CPR - BLS for the Healthcare Provider Course, submit a copy of card with application.
10. Complete a physical (after acceptance into the program).

**Step 1:** Review the website [www.SWFPSA.org](http://www.SWFPSA.org) for class dates, information about the program and the application process.

**Step 2:** Register for and successfully complete the CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test). Additional information can be found here: [https://nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/cpat\\_info.cfm](https://nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/cpat_info.cfm)

**Step 3:** Eligible for application. You are eligible for application when the CPAT is passed (must provide a copy of results) and you have met the requirements above. The CPAT will be verified by an Academy staff member. Print out the application, gather the required documents and turn in completed application.

**Step 4:** If the application is complete, the prospective student may be considered for placement in the program. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

**Step 5:** Fingerprints = \$50.75

**Step 6:** Certified Drug Test = \$35.00

**Step 7:** Written exam and/or Interview. Additional information about this process will be provided.

**Step 8:** Additional information and steps will then be e-mailed to the applicant.

**Step 9:** Orientation is mandatory and all fees are due at this time.

### **FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE (fees collected by Academy):**

Florida Residents (1-year minimum): (FF I & II)	\$4103.64
FF II Only (Must have FF I Certificate from Southwest Florida Fire Academy)	\$3089.92
Out of State Residents: (FF I & II)	\$8428.32
FF II Only (Must have FF I Certificate from Southwest Florida Fire Academy)	\$5735.71

**\*\*\* All fees are paid on Orientation Day \*\*\***

### **ADDITIONAL FEES NOT INCLUDED IN COURSE FEES (subject to change without notice):**

Certified Drug Test (Paid Online)	\$35.00	paid during application process
Fire State Application Fee (Paid Online)	\$30.00	paid during application process
Fingerprints (Paid Online)	\$50.75	paid during application process
Medical Physical (Approx.)	\$250.00	paid during application process
Nomex Hood, Gloves & Boots (Approx.)	\$372.00	paid Orientation Day
Uniforms (Approx.)	\$188.70	paid Orientation Day
Bunker Gear Rental (Pants, Coat, & Suspenders)	\$400.00	paid Orientation Day

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CASAS Testing	\$30.00	paid during application process
CPAT Testing (Approx.)	\$150.00	paid during application process
State Exam	\$67.00	paid toward the end of class

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS THAT MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE ACADEMY (subject to change without notice):**

T-Shirts - \$7.00	Shorts - \$15.00
Hat - \$10.00	Sweats (if available) - \$25.00 per set

**\*\*\*We accept FLORIDA PRE-PAID, BRIGHT FUTURES, POST 911 G-I BILL, DEBIT, VISA AND MASTERCARD\*\*\***

**If you are receiving Financial Aid, you are still required to pay for your uniforms and bunker gear on the day you order them. You will be reimbursed the allotted amount once payment from financial aid has been received.**

- Applications will not be accepted before the date stated for each class on the website.
- Incomplete applications will not be processed. It is very important that you follow directions completely.
- An e-mail will go out to all selected applicants with instructions on completing a drug test, fingerprinting, and a physical. There will be a strict deadline that will need to be adhered to in order to stay on the class roster.
- Mandatory Orientation information will be e-mailed to all selected applicants who have successfully completed the drug test, fingerprinting, and physical. All fees will be due on Orientation Day.
- All other Applicants will receive an e-mail with further instructions about picking up their application. We do not keep applications or form wait-lists for future classes.

**Please return your application packet to the attention of Cassandra Wallace either in person or by U.S. mail.**

**Please refrain from e-mailing or calling to ask about your application, as soon as it is reviewed you will be contacted by e-mail or phone.**

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