

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA FIRE ACADEMY

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Fire Academy Admission Essay

The following Admission Essay is part of the application process in order to help the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy (SWFPSA) determine which applicants will be admitted into the Fire Academy (limited access) Program. Our goal is to select applicants that will have the best opportunity to successfully complete our Program and achieve Industry Certification/Employment.

Your essay will need to meet the following format and requirements:

1. Review the grading rubric.
2. Introduction (tell us a little about yourself...hobbies, interests, goals, etc.).
3. Why do you want to become a Firefighter?
4. What makes you a better recruit candidate over all of the others who are applying?
5. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
6. Conclusion
7. 500-850 words (body of the text)
8. Typed: 12 pt. font, double spaced, 1" margins (top, bottom, left, right)
9. Print a copy of your essay and submit with your completed application.
10. Fill out this form/page and attach it as the cover page to your essay.
11. E-mail your essay to the Fire Academy Coordinator at johnrwa@leeschools.net

Date: _____ Word Count: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

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Your essay will be graded based on this rubric. Consequently, use this rubric as a guide when writing your essay and check it again before you submit your essay.

Criteria	Excellent = 2	Average = 1	Poor = 0	Score
Format & Requirements	Meets all format and assignment requirements.	Meets format and assignment requirements with few errors.	Fails to follow format and assignment requirements.	
Grammar & Mechanics	Free of distracting spelling, punctuation, grammatical errors, fragments or run-ons.	Few spelling, punctuation, grammatical errors, fragments or run-ons.	Spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors create distraction/difficult reading.	
Introduction & Conclusion	Well-developed, engages the reader and creates interest. Conclusion effectively summarizes main points.	Sufficient information provided. Conclusion is recognizable, summarizes most main points.	Details are random and unclear. Conclusion does not summarize the main points.	
Main Points	The main points are clearly identified. Details are relevant and explain the main points.	The main points can be identified. Stronger support and greater attention to detail needed.	The main points are not identifiable. Information is limited and details are missing or repetitious.	
Organization	Logical progression of ideas. Transitions are present equally throughout.	Organization is clear and transitions are present.	No discernable organization. Transitions are not present.	
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