

Southwest Florida Fire Academy - Applicant Point System for Selection

The following point system is designed to help the Southwest Florida Public Service Academy (SWFPFA) 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. In the event that there are more qualified applicants than seats available in the current class offering, those applicants that are not initially selected will remain on the list as an "alternate" and will only be used to fill the remaining spots in the event one becomes available before the start of the Program. Once the Program starts, the remaining applicants will have to reapply for future class offerings, we DO NOT form "wait-lists" for future class offerings.

1. CASAS Test-Related Points: **(Maximum 45 points)**
 - A. Reading.....0-30
 - B. Mathematics.....0-15

Level 10 scores are desired (must attach a copy of results within 2-years of the start date of the Program)

2. Program-Related Points: **(Maximum 20 points)**
 - A. Current SWFPFA Fire Academy or EMT Program student.....5
 - B. Graduate from the SWFPFA Fire Academy or EMT Program (must attach a copy of certificate).....3
 - C. EMT Certification (NREMT or Florida...must attach a copy of license).....5
 - D. Paramedic Certification (NREMT-P or Florida...must attach a copy of license).....10
 - E. Completion of SDLC High School Fire Academy FF3 Program (must attach documentation).....1
 - F. Member in Good Standing of a Fire Cadet or Fire Explorer Program (must attach documentation).....1
 - G. Volunteer Firefighter (must attach a copy of documented years of experience, 1 point per year of experience, not to exceed 5 points).....1-5

Points awarded for EMT or Paramedic Certification

3. College Education-Related Points (credits earned from a regionally accredited institution at college level, one area only, must attach official transcript): **(Maximum 10 points)**
 - A. Associate's Degree.....3
 - B. Bachelor's Degree.....5
 - C. Master's Degree or Higher.....10
 - D. Up to 15 College Credits.....1
 - E. Up to 30 College Credits.....2
4. Military-Related Points: **(Maximum 10 points)**
 - A. Veteran of the United States Military with honorable discharge (must attach a copy of DD-214 Form).....5
 - B. Military Firefighter (must attach a copy of documented years of experience, 1 point per year of experience, not to exceed 5 points).....1-5
5. Residency-Related Points: **(Maximum 5 points)**
 - A. Established residency within Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, or Glades county (must attach copy of documented residency).....5
6. Admission Essay-Related Points: **(Maximum 10 points)**
 - A. 500-850 word essay (must attach a copy and e-mail to the Program Coordinator).....0-10

*****Program admission preference will be given to Agency Sponsored candidates*****