



# VALLEY CENTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## EXPLORER APPLICATION

### FIRE EXPLORING:

Fire Exploring is a program derived from the Boy Scouts of America. Exploring is designed so that young men and women are able to obtain real life experience and insight into a possible career in public service.

The Valley Center Fire Protection District has created a program that focuses on the actual expectations and educational goals for the fire service. Our purpose is to not only provide a learning and training environment, but to also create a common ground for interaction between youth and adults. This is done by selecting advisors who have an interest in becoming a positive influence in the young people of our community.

### REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be at least 15 years old at the time of interview, and have a grade point average of at least 2.5. Explorers are required to maintain that minimum GPA while in high school. Explorers are no longer eligible to participate after their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, although other opportunities may be available to them.

Applicants will be contacted to partake in the required entrance oral interview, and if successful, when and where to report for orientation. Explorer recruits will attend six successive Saturday training sessions, nine hours each day. After completing the academy, Explorers will attend nine hour training sessions on Saturday twice per month. All meetings are mandatory, and tardiness will not be tolerated. If an Explorer accrues three unexcused absences, they will be terminated from the program.

During orientation, each candidate will receive a probationary task book, program guidelines, and general information about the program. This program may seem a bit overwhelming, but it gives the candidate a realistic awareness of the expectations required in the fire service, and ensures that we select individuals that are ready for the challenging opportunities.

The Explorer will be provided with safety equipment such as turnout pants, boots, jacket, helmet, gloves, brush gear and tee shirts. The Explorer will be expected to purchase their own uniform pants and shirt, nametag, day boots, belt and belt buckle, and IFSTA Essentials reference book. The total for the purchased items should be approximately \$300.

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