

WINCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

P. O. Box 20 - Winchester Center, Connecticut 06094

Non-Emergency Business Phone: 860-379-1750 - Emergency Phone: 911

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

Check type of membership desired (see Page 2 for description)

Active (Non-Firefighter)

Active (Firefighter)

The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor our compliance with various Federal civil rights laws. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. The law requires that we may not discriminate based upon this information, nor whether you choose to furnish it. However, if you choose not to furnish it, under Federal regulations, we are required to note the race and sex on the basis of visual observation or surname. This information will not be used in evaluating your application or to discriminate against you in any way.

	<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not wish to furnish this information
Ethnicity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hispanic or Latino
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Hispanic or Latino
Race/ National Origin	<input type="checkbox"/>	American Indian or Alaskan Native
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black or African American
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
	<input type="checkbox"/>	White
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	Male
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female

By providing my signature below, I am providing consent to allow the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department to perform a criminal background check against this application.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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-----Do not write below this line -----

Signature of Sponsoring Member: _____

Date Application Received: _____

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Approved Disapproved

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FROM THE BY-LAWS OF THE WINCHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Article II

Section 1.

No Active Member in another fire department shall become an active member in the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department, and no active member in the Winchester Volunteer Fire Department shall become an active member of another fire department.

Section 2.

Upon approval of a membership application by the Membership Committee and election to Membership by the Department, new members will be on probation for at least six months. Firefighters shall remain on probation until they become certified as 'Firefighter I'.

Section 3.

1. Active Members: Any person 18 years or older shall be eligible for active membership, provided that he or she is of good moral character, and is willing to aid in the maintenance and support of the Department. All Active Members shall enjoy full social privileges of the firehouse and shall have the right to vote on any departmental issue except that only Firefighters are eligible to elect Company officers. All active members are eligible to serve as administrative officer of the Department or as a Commissioner.
2. Firefighter: Any Active member who is physically qualified as determined by the Department Doctor or other qualified physician and who has attained the certification of 'Firefighter I' by the State of Connecticut Fire School is eligible to serve as a Firefighter in the Department. Only Firefighters may elect Company officers and only Firefighters may serve as a Company officer.

Application for ACTIVE MEMBER or FIREFIGHTER shall be signed by one active member in good standing at the time of signing said application and shall be presented to the Membership Committee for approval. After committee approval, the name of the proposed member or members shall be presented at a regular meeting of the Department, at which time a majority vote of those present shall elect the proposed candidate to membership. Balloting on candidates may be by a "Yea" or "Nay" vote, unless such method is challenged from the floor, and if so challenged, the vote shall be by secret ballot.

Article III

Section 1.

Active Membership dues shall be \$2.00 per year payable at the April meeting when the roster is to be signed. The roster shall be open for sixty (60) days.