WEST READING FIRE DEPARTMENT

JUNIOR BRIGADE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please attach a $5.00 non–refundable fee for processing and first year's dues, if approved)

Applicant Information:

Date of application: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Birthday: _____

Social Security Number: _____

What school do you currently attend? _____

Grade you are currently in: _____

How did you hear about this organization?

_____

Are you now or have you ever been a member of any other fire department?

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If so, list the name: _____

List any physical restrictions: _____

In case of emergency notify:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Relationship of parent/guardian to applicant: _____

By signing below this line, I allow the West Reading Fire Department to investigate any and all statements in this application. I also understand that I must secure working papers as soon as possible after my membership with the department has been approved.

Signature of applicant: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Interview by Fire Chief:_____
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Signature of Fire Chief: _____

Date:_____



GOVERNING RULES – JUNIOR BRIGADE PROGRAM

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The Junior Brigade of the West Reading Fire Company #1, hereinafter called the "juniors", shall serve as an auxiliary of the West Reading Fire Company #1 and the West Reading Fire Department. All applicants to the junior brigade are required to be interviewed by the Fire Chief prior to balloting by the membership of the company at a monthly meeting held the second Monday of every month.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO THE JUNIOR BRIGADE

1. A properly completed application form. Form must be signed by a parent or guardian of the applicant. Otherwise, the applicant will not be accepted.
2. Applicant must secure all necessary working papers as may be required by law, regardless of current or previous employer.
3. All applicants will be interviewed by the Fire Chief at the time of application.
4. Applicants still in school must have at least passing grades or better and must maintain these grades after membership has been approved.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

1. The junior will attempt to attend scheduled drills, training sessions, work details, or special drills that may arise when available.
2. The junior will sign in any time at an approved activity at the enginehouse (Drills or Work Details). The junior will also sign out at the end of the detail and go directly home or to a place as directed by their parent/guardian.
3. The junior will respond to all fire and emergency calls when possible, with the exception of calls between the hours of 10 p.m. 7 a.m. on school nights and 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on

non-school nights and will not respond during school hours. ***NO JUNIOR WILL LEAVE SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITITES.***

4. Whenever possible juniors will report directly to the station and respond to the incident on the apparatus dispatched for the emergency call or another apparatus as directed by the officer in charge. If a junior arrives at a call without riding an apparatus, they must report to the officer in charge for assignment.
5. Junior members will be expected to obey all orders and requests of the Fire Line Officers while at any department functions. The juniors will not be required to obey orders from other firefighters unless that order originated from a fire officer.
6. Juniors will be allowed leisure time at the enginehouse as follows:
   A. During school: when permitted by parents, leaving the station by 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.
   B. Summer and non-school nights: when permitted by parents, leaving the enginehouse by 11 p.m.
7. Any junior that does not maintain school grades at or above a passing level will not be allowed to attend any company functions until their grades have improved and it has been approved by the junior brigade advisor or the Fire Chief.
8. Juniors will not be allowed to use loud, abusive, or obscene language.
9. Juniors will not use, distribute, or sell any illegal drugs or alcohol.
10. Juniors will treat department property with care and sound judgment.
11. Juniors will not be allowed to drive any borough owned vehicles.
12. Juniors shall conduct themselves accordingly at all times so as not to bring disgrace or censor to the department.

LIMITATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Juniors driving to calls or to the enginehouse will not use blue lights and will obey all traffic laws.
2. No junior will enter an environment that is immediately dangerous to life and health
3. Juniors will not be allowed access to the enginehouse.
4. Juniors will only be allowed bunkroom privileges with permission of the Fire Chief and with accompaniment of a senior firefighter.
5. Juniors may, but are not required to attend company meetings. They however will not have voting rights.
6. All juniors will obey the governing rules and where necessary the Constitution and By-Laws of the West Reading Fire Company #1.
7. All junior members who wish to become active firefighters must make application to the company one month prior to their 18th birthday.
8. All laws mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act of May13, 1915, P.L. 286, #177, known as “The Child Labor Law” will be heeded at all times.