

Northwest Florida State College Public Safety

Firefighting I/II

Application Checklist

A complete application packet consists of the following documents, fill out entirely and containing all required signature. Please do not leave any blank space. Write "N/A" if something does not apply to you.

- Applied to the college
- Submitted all official transcripts
- Copy of Driver's License
- Must be at least 18 years old
- Copy of current First Responder, EMT, or Paramedic Certification
*(N/A if you are pursuing the Firefighter/EMT-Combined (PSAV))

Return your completed application packet to:

Northwest Florida State College
Public Safety Department
100 College Blvd
Building 510, Public Safety, Room 200
Niceville, Florida 32578
(850) 729-5378



Northwest Florida State College Public Safety

Firefighter I/II (PSAV)

The Firefighting Certificate program is a one semester program for students who already hold a First Responder, EMT or paramedic certification. Please apply early, as acceptance is based on a first completed, first seated standard.

HOW TO APPLY

To help you succeed in gaining acceptance to the Firefighting I/II at Northwest Florida State College, you must complete the following steps:

1. **ADMISSIONS:** All Firefighter I/II applicants must complete the NWFSC application process. Click in the link below to apply.

[Apply Now](#)

Under the Application Type, be sure to pick the one that best fits your end goal.

All applicants are subject to admission requirements as outlined in the NWFSC catalog.

2. **NWFSC Firefighting I/II Application:** Fill out the application, including Medical Examination form, complete the TABE test exemption (if applicable), schedule and have your fingerprints scanned, provide proof of that you are a current Emergency Medical Responder, Florida EMT or Paramedic, and submit the notarized tobacco affidavit. Please type or print legibly in black/blue ink. Please do not leave any blank spaces. Write "N/A" if something does not apply to you, and attach a copy of your driver's license.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted and shall not be processed.

Seats will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.

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ACCEPTANCE PROCESS

After you have submitted your complete application packet, you will receive notification of acceptance via email. Acceptance letters are scheduled to go out approximately four weeks prior to the start of class.

- Reply to the email within five (5) business days to confirm your seat in the class and RSVP for the mandatory orientation.
- Attend orientation. Dates to be announced.
- After orientation you will be registered for your classes, you must check RaiderNet for payment due dates and to confirm your schedule.
- Purchase uniforms and books from the NWFSC bookstore. You will be able to do this after you have been notified of acceptance. Please do not attempt to do so beforehand as they will not sell you these items until we send the bookstore a list of those who have been admitted to the Academy.
- You can obtain your RaiderCard (Student ID) once you register and pay for your classes. Visit the Student Activities Center, ID Card Office, Building 410.
- Parking permits are available online and at all NWF State College location. Visit the [Campus Parking](#) for more information acquiring a parking permit.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Financial Aid

Financial Aid **does not cover** the following programs of study:

- Emergency Medical Technician (CCC)
- Firefighter I/II (PSAV)

Financial Aid **does cover** the following programs of study:

- Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician-Combined (PSAV)
- Paramedic (CCC)
- Emergency Medical Services (AS)

If you are using financial aid, tuition assistance or VA funding, please be sure you have completed all requirements with the Financial Aid and/or VA offices. Financial Aid generally takes 4-6 weeks to process, so do not delay in applying! Military Tuition Assistance (TA) processing must occur 7 days prior to the start of term. Payment plans are available through NelNet. For more information about Financial Aid or Veteran Services go to:

[Financial Aid](#)
[Veteran Services](#)

[Military Tuition Assistance](#)
[Scholarships](#)

RaiderNet and College Email

Ensure you are checking your RaiderNet account and assigned NWFSC email regularly. You should ensure you have no holds that could hinder registration should you be accepted into the Academy. The college



email address is the official means of communication for all NWFSC students. If you need assistance with access to the account, contact the IT Help Desk @ 729-5396 or support@nwfsc.edu.

Transcripts

Request official transcripts, as applicable, which include the following: a final high school transcript, GED transcript, or notarized Affidavit of Home School Completion and proof of home education program registration with a County School Board; official college and/or university transcripts from all institutions previously attended, including military transcripts (CCAF, JST, or DD214). Please request official transcripts to be sent directly to:

**NWF State College
Office of Academic Records and Enrollment
100 College Blvd. East
Niceville, FL 32578**

All required documents must be received prior to the start of the semester of admission or the student's schedule will be dropped and a registration hold on his/her account until all documents have been received.



Applying for:

- Firefighting I/II (PSAV)
- Firefighting II
- Firefighting/EMT-Combined (PSAV)

Northwest Florida State College
Public Safety

Firefighter I/II Applicant

Name of Student:

Last	First	Middle	Maiden
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Present Address:

Number	Street	City	State/Zipcode	County
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Cell Phone	Home Phone	Email Address
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Name of Person to be notified in emergency: _____

Address

Telephone	Relationship
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NWFSC Student ID#: _____

Student Email Address: _____

Social Security Number Collection and Usage Policy

In compliance with FL Statute 119.071(5), this document serves to notify you of the purpose for the collection and usage of your Social Security Number (SSN). Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC) collects and uses your SSN only for the following purposes in performance of the College's duties and responsibilities. To protect your identity, NWFSC secures your SSN from unauthorized access, strictly prohibits the release of your SSN to unauthorized parties contrary to state and federal law, and assigns you a unique student/employee identification number. This unique ID number is used for all associated employment and educational purposes at NWFSC.



THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
Division of the State Fire Marshal

MEDICAL EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE FITNESS FOR FIREFIGHTER TRAINING
BUREAU OF FIRE STANDARDS AND TRAINING

Please print legibly.

NAME: LAST	FIRST	MI	STUDENT FCDICE ID
NWF STATE COLLEGE FIRE ACADEMY			
TRAINING CENTER	E-MAIL ADDRESS	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER	

For the medical professional conducting the examination: The purpose of this examination is to ensure that the physical, physiological, intellectual, and psychological health of the applicant is suitable for the environment and functions of a firefighter as described on page 2. Authority for this examination is FS 633.34 and is required before an individual starts firefighter training.

This medical examination must be completed by a physician, surgeon, or physician's assistant per ch. 458; or an osteopathic physician, surgeon, or physician's assistant per ch.459; or an advanced registered nurse practitioner per ch. 464.

Examination should include but is not limited to:

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| Dermatological system, Cardiovascular system | Ears, eyes, nose, mouth, throat |
| Clinical evaluation of 12 lead EKG | Auditory hearing in the pure tone |
| Systolic and Diastolic Blood pressure | Far visual acuity corrected or uncorrected |
| Respiratory system | Peripheral vision |
| Gastrointestinal system | Genitourinary system |
| Endocrine and metabolic systems | Musculoskeletal system |
| Neurological system | |

For the medical professional conducting the examination to complete: (Sign in appropriate box)

Based on the results of this medical evaluation, the applicant:

<p>Has no pre-existing or current condition, illness, injury or deficiencies. <u>The applicant is medically fit to engage in firefighter training.</u></p> <p>Signature _____</p>	<p>Has a pre-existing or current condition, illness, injury or deficiency that presents a safety or health risk in the environment or job functions of a firefighter. <u>The applicant is not medically fit for firefighter training.</u></p> <p>Signature _____</p>
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Completion Required (please print)

Name of signature: _____ Date signed: _____

Office Telephone number: _____

Office address: _____

Essential Job Tasks and Descriptions from NFPA 1582, 2007 edition

1. Performing firefighting tasks (e.g., hose line operations, extensive crawling, lifting, carrying heavy objects, ventilating roofs or walls using power or hand tools, and forcible entry), rescue operations and other emergency response actions under stressful conditions while wearing personal protective ensembles and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), including working in extremely hot or cold environments for prolonged time periods.
2. Wearing an SCBA, which includes a demand valve–type positive-pressure face piece or HEPA filter masks, which requires the ability to tolerate increased respiratory workloads.
3. Exposure to toxic fumes, irritants, particulates, biological (infectious) and nonbiological hazards, and/or heated gases, despite the use of personal protective ensembles and SCBA.
4. Climbing six or more flights of stairs while wearing fire protective ensemble weighing at least 50 lbs. or more and carrying equipment/tools weighing an additional 20 to 40 lbs.
5. Wearing fire protective ensemble that is encapsulating and insulated, which will result in significant fluid loss that frequently progresses to clinical dehydration and can elevate core temperature to levels exceeding 102.2°F (39°C).
6. Searching, finding, and rescue-dragging or carrying victims ranging from newborns up to adults weighing over 200 lbs. to safety despite hazardous conditions and low visibility.
7. Advancing water-filled 2 ½ diameter hose lines from fire apparatus to occupancy [approximately 150 ft.], which can involve negotiating multiple flights of stairs, ladders, and other obstacles.
8. Climbing ladders, operating from heights, walking or crawling in the dark along narrow and uneven surfaces, and operating in proximity to electrical power lines and/or other hazards.
9. Unpredictable emergency requirements for prolonged periods of extreme physical exertion without benefit of warm-up, scheduled rest periods, meals, access to medication(s), or hydration.
10. Operating fire apparatus or other vehicles in an emergency mode with emergency lights and sirens.
11. Critical, time-sensitive, complex problem solving during physical exertion in stressful, hazardous environments, including hot, dark, tightly enclosed spaces, that is further aggravated by fatigue, flashing lights, sirens, and other distractions.
12. Ability to give and comprehend verbal orders while wearing personal protective ensembles and SCBA under conditions of high background noise, poor visibility, and drenching from hose lines and/or fixed protection systems (sprinklers), hear alarm signals, hear and locate the source of calls for assistance from victims or other firefighters.
13. Functioning as an integral component of a team, where sudden incapacitation of a member can result in mission failure or in risk of injury or death to civilians or other team members.



Program: Fire EMT/Fire Combined
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6A-10.040, F. A. C., Basic Skills Requirements for Postsecondary Career and Technical Certificate Education

Students who are enrolled in a postsecondary program offered for career education credit of 450 hours or more shall complete an entry-level basic skills examination within the first six (6) weeks after admission into the program.

Exemptions -At Admission (check one)

- ACT, SAT, PERT cut scores
- AAS or higher degree
- Active Military service
- Florida Standard Public High School Diploma -Student must enter 9th grade in a Florida public school in the 2003-2004 school year, or any year thereafter ; and then graduate from a Florida Public High School.

Exemptions- After successful program completion

- Pass industry certification or licensure examination
- Exempt based on disability

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT CHAIR/ADVISOR:

Pursuant to s.1008.30, F.S. and Rule 6A-10.0315, F.A.C., you are exempt from the basic skills exit requirements. This exemption enables you to be counted as a program completer.

You may opt to take the basic skills assessment. Regardless of your scores, you will not be required to remediate. You may opt to enroll in developmental education to improve your skills before enrolling in college- level courses. Your advisors can provide additional information on developmental education options.

Students who are not exempt are required to take an entry-level basic skills exam to assess student mastery of basic skills. If the student does not meet the basic skills requirements for completion, is not exempt, or does not pass an identified licensure exam/certification, the student cannot be reported as a full program completer from the final OCP and cannot earn a local Career Certificate of Completion.

Printed Student Name

Student ID Number

Student Signature

Date

Instructions and Routing:

1. Email signed form(s) to CTE Coordinator to be entered into student's record then filed in student record.
2. Return original signed document to student.



TOBACCO AFFIDAVIT

Please type or print legibly.

NAME: LAST	FIRST	MI	DATE OF BIRTH
HOME ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
E-MAIL ADDRESS		CONTACT PHONE NUMBER	

I confirm I have been a nonuser of tobacco or tobacco products for at least one year immediately preceding application as required by Florida State Statute 633.412.

SIGNATURE **DATE**

NOTARIZED

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

On _____, _____, _____ personally
(month and day) (year) (Applicant's Name)

appeared before me and, _____ who is personally known to me, or _____ who has provided

_____ as identification.

Notary Public Signature

Commission expires: _____

PLEASE AFFIX SEAL ABOVE

The 2018 Florida Statutes

633.412 Firefighters; qualifications for certification.—A person applying for certification as a firefighter must:

(1) Be a high school graduate or the equivalent, as the term may be determined by the division, and at least 18 years of age.

(2) Not have been convicted of a misdemeanor relating to the certification or to perjury or false statements, or a felony or a crime punishable by imprisonment of 1 year or more under the law of the United States or of any state thereof or under the law of any other country, or dishonorably discharged from any of the Armed Forces of the United States. “Convicted” means a finding of guilt or the acceptance of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in any federal or state court or a court in any other country, without regard to whether a judgment of conviction has been entered by the court having jurisdiction of the case.

(3) Submit a set of fingerprints to the division with a current processing fee. The fingerprints will be forwarded to the Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and forwarded by the Department of Law Enforcement to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national processing.

(4) Have a good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure established by the division.

(5) Be in good physical condition as determined by a medical examination given by a physician, surgeon, or physician assistant licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 458; an osteopathic physician, surgeon, or physician assistant licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 459; or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to practice in the state pursuant to chapter 464. Such examination may include, but need not be limited to, the National Fire Protection Association Standard 1582. A medical examination evidencing good physical condition shall be submitted to the division, on a form as provided by rule, before an individual is eligible for admission into a course under s. [633.408](#).

(6) Be a nonuser of tobacco or tobacco products for at least 1 year immediately preceding application, as evidenced by the sworn affidavit of the applicant.

History.—ss. 8, 17, ch. 69-323; s. 1, ch. 70-110; ss. 1, 6, ch. 75-151; s. 1, ch. 77-116; s. 2, ch. 81-205; s. 10, ch. 84-243; s. 3, ch. 88-209; s. 1, ch. 89-89; s. 23, ch. 89-233; s. 7, ch. 91-189; s. 13, ch. 93-276; s. 2, ch. 2005-76; s. 57, ch. 2013-116; s. 60, ch. 2013-183; s. 24, ch. 2016-132; s. 76, ch. 2018-106.

Note.—Former s. 163.490; s. 633.34.



Skip step 1 (this will be completed either during orientation or the 1st day of class) and proceed to step 2: Schedule to have your fingerprints taken.

Title: Processing Fingerprints for Required Background Checks

Revision Date: 08/02/2018

The applications for Florida Firefighter II, Firefighter II Equivalency, Practical Retention, and Firesafety Inspector I require you to be fingerprinted and those prints to be submitted for background check through FDLE and FBI.

Please follow the directions below.

Step 1: Submit your Application

Complete and submit your certification application online through your student profile at: www.floridastatefirecollege.org or by paper application sent to the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, 11655 NW Gainesville Road, Ocala, Florida 34482

Step 2: Schedule to have your fingerprints taken

1. Go to: pearson.ibtfingerprint.com.
2. Select **Fire Standards and Training** from the Agency Name drop-down menu.
3. Click **GO**, then follow the directions to schedule having your fingerprints scanned.

IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

- A. Enter a zip code or choose a region of the state to determine the closest fingerprinting location.
- B. Select an available appointment time at the location of your choice.
- C. Complete the Applicant Information and click **SEND INFORMATION**.
- D. If your information appears correct, Click **GO**. If not correct, click **CHANGE APPLICATION DETAILS**.
- E. Select Method of Payment.

Florida Residents: Retain a copy of your Candidate Fingerprint Receipt, with the date and TCN number until you receive Approval to Test.

IF YOU ARE LIVING OUTSIDE THE STATE OF FLORIDA

- A. Select **NON-RESIDENT CARD SUBMISSION**.
- B. Select the shipping method for the fingerprint hard cards which will be mailed to you.
- C. Complete the Applicant Information and click **SEND INFORMATION**.
- D. If your information appears correct, Click **GO**. If not correct, click **CHANGE APPLICATION DETAILS**.
- E. Select Method of Payment.

Your fingerprints will be sent electronically from the fingerprinting location to the FDLE and FBI. The results will be sent directly to the Bureau of Fire Standards and Training, normally within 24 hours.

Estimated Program Cost for Fire Academy 2019-2020

	NWFSC Expenses	Total Estimated Cost
Florida In-State Tuition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Firefighting I FFP0010 • Firefighting II FFP0020 	2,310.20	
Textbooks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essentials of Fire Fighting with Workbook 	132.25	
Physical Examination		80.00
Training Center PT-Shirt*	24.98	
Training Center Polo Shirt*	59.88	
Additional Uniform Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BDU Pants • Black Boots • PT Shorts 		150.00
Supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hood 40.00 • Firefighting Boots 200.00 • Gauntlet/Fire Gloves 100.00 		340.00
State License Testing Fee		35.00
Total Estimated Cost for Florida Resident		\$3,132.31

*Must be purchased at NWFSC Bookstore

Costs are subject to change without notice. This fee schedule is a guideline for all interested applicants and students of the NWFSC Fire Academy.