Hereford Volunteer Fire Company (Organized 1924)
510 Monkton Road
Monkton, Maryland 21111

Information Concerning Application for Membership:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Hereford Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC). HVFC has been serving Hereford and surrounding Baltimore counties since 1924. Today, we operate two engines, a tanker support unit, tanker truck, special unit and brush unit. We do not operate an ambulance. This cover page explains our membership requirements and the way we process applications.

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Company does not discriminate on the grounds of race, religion or sex in its membership policies.

REQUIREMENTS:
1. Applicant must be at least sixteen years of age.
2. Must complete and submit required application documents.
3. Applicant must submit and successfully undergo a thorough background, security and character investigation.
4. Applicant will be subjected to a drug screening test.
5. Submit, along with completed application, a $25.00 non-refundable application fee.
6. Applicant will be interviewed by the Membership Committee.
7. Application will be reviewed by the Hereford Volunteer Fire Company Board of Directors (BOD), which will recommend acceptance or rejection based upon investigation of the Membership Committee.
8. Applicants applying for administrative membership (non-riding) would be exempt from training requirements.
9. Applicant must be elected by majority of membership at regular company meeting. Successful election will place applicant in probationary membership status for a minimum of six months.

Due to the length of time required to complete the investigation of applicants, HVFC will accept applicants into Probationary Membership status upon completion of a preliminary investigation. Probationary Membership may be terminated if previously unknown facts are revealed upon completion of the full investigation.

Upon election by the general membership into probationary membership status, the applicant will be notified via telephone or by written notification.

Privileges and Requirements:

Training:
1. American Heart Association CPR certification (approx 3 hrs). Blood Born Pathogens (approx 3 hrs.). Hazardous Materials Operations class (approx 24 hrs) along with an in station Basic Knowledge test must be completed before the Probationary Member can participate in emergency operations.
2. MFRI or Baltimore County NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 course (approx 102 hrs). FF1 class must be completed within two years of membership acceptance.
3. Submit copies of any current certifications with your application.

Meetings and Activities:
1. Probationary members are expected to participate in the activities of the company, but may not;
   a. Vote in elections or other matters of the Company
   b. Drive any company vehicles
   c. Have MVA issued fire tags

Running Gear:
1. Probationary members will be issued all necessary protective turn-out gear, or they may purchase their own (providing the gear meets or exceeds NFPA or company specifications).
2. Probationary members may purchase uniforms and insignias, in conformation to Company specifications, with permission of company officer. It is not easy to be a successful member of a large and busy Volunteer Fire Company such as HVFC. We place many demands on the time and energy of our members. For those who are successful, the rewards are great, measured not in gold, but rather in the satisfaction in completing the difficult and dangerous tasks. And of course, helping your neighbors and community. We wish you great success!
Application for Membership: *(Please Print Clearly)*

Application Date: _____/_____/______

Position Applying For: Firefighter:_______ Administrative_______ Both_______

Applicant Name: ____________________________________________________________

                      LAST                        FIRST                        MIDDLE INITIAL

LOSAP Number: (If Applicable) ____________________________

Current Address: ____________________________________________________________

                      Street Address                        City                        State                        Zip

Home Telephone: (____) _______ _______ Work/ Cell: ( ) (____) _______ _______

E-mail Address ____________________________________________________________

SS #: _______-- _______-- _______ Date of Birth _____/_____/______ Age_______

Place of Birth ____________________________________ Sex: M ___ F ___

Martial Status: Married ____ Single ____ Divorced _____

Widow / Widower: ______________

Current US Citizen?: Yes ____/ No____ If no, what country? _____________________________

Drivers License Number & Class: ___________________________________________________

State of Issue: ______________ Current Points ______________ Date of Exp _____/_____/______

Has your driver’s license ever been suspended or revoked?: Yes ____/ No____

If Yes, When? ______________________ If Yes, Explain _____________________________________________________________________________

Highest Education Attained: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Name of last educational institute: ________________________________

Date of Graduation: _____/_____/______

If still attending school (up thru grade 12) provide a copy of you most recent transcripts.

Have you ever served in the Armed Forces?: ______________________ If Yes, What Branch? __________

Type of discharge: ______________ Date of discharge: _____/_____/______
Current Occupation: ________________________________

Employers Name: ________________________________ (____) __________________

Address  City  State  Zip  Telephone

Current Employment Dates: From: ____/____/______ to: ____/____/______

Employment information for the past five (5) years:

Name  Address  From  To

__________________________________________________________________________

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In Case of Emergency Notify:
Name __________________________ Relationship ________________

Address  City  State  Zip  Telephone Numbe

Were you ever arrested or in the custody of any law enforcement agency in connection with the charging of a crime or delinquent act? Yes ____/ No____

If so, please provide pertinent information. ________________________________________________________________

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal act or have criminal charges pending? Yes ____/ No____

If so, please provide pertinent information. ________________________________________________________________

References: Please provide five (5) persons not related to you whom you have known for at least 3 years, Only one which currently belongs to HVFC.

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Do you belong to any other organizations? Yes ____/ No____ (Do not include other fire companies)

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Are you a member of any Fire, EMS or Rescue Department? Yes ____/ No____

(If Yes in Baltimore County insert LOSAP Number) ____________

Have you previously belonged to any other Fire Department of Fire Company? Yes ____/ No____

Career _____ Volunteer _____

Reason for leaving ___________________________________________________________
Have you ever been rejected, suspended or expelled from this or any other volunteer Fire, EMS or Rescue Company or Department? Yes ____/ No____. If yes, please explain ___________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

Did you hold any offices? Yes ____/ No____. If yes, where and what offices ________________________

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Fire __________________________________________________________________________________

EMS __________________________________________________________________________________

Administrative ____________________________ Other Helpful Information ____________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

Previous Training Completed (include expiration dates) ____________________________________________

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Read the following statement carefully before signing.

I hereby authorize the Hereford Volunteer Fire Company to investigate all statements contained in this application. To the best of my knowledge, all statements and answers which I have given are true, accurate and correct. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts may result in nullification of this application or subsequent membership based on its content. Based upon the severity of infractions discovered during routine background check and drug testing, the BOD may ask applicant to withdraw his/her application. If applicant does not wish to do so he/she must give BOD permission to present any infractions at the company level so that all voting members have knowledge necessary to make a decision in the best interest of the company.

Signature _____________________________________________

Date ____/____/______

If applicant is under 18 years of age, must have consent of parents or legal guardian.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian ____________________________

Date____/____/______