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The **City of Abbotsford Secondary Fire Academy** (SFA) is a program designed to meet the requirements of the Secondary School Graduation Program where students are required to volunteer and explore career related work.

Several students have expressed an interest in firefighting as a career; however, they may have little knowledge of the skills and training required for this career choice.

The Secondary Fire Academy will allow the students to learn about, and practice some of the skills and training firefighters must undertake. In addition, the students will learn information that will enhance their current skills and knowledge, particularly in physical training, teamwork and mechanical aptitude.

The students selected for the Secondary Fire Academy will have the opportunity to learn basic firefighting knowledge and skills while training with firefighters. The participants will be screened by the school Career Education Program Advisor and then selected by Fire Rescue personnel.

## SELECTION PROCESS:

To be eligible to participate in this program students must complete the application form, including the Statements of Interest and Intent. Once completed, submit the application package to the sponsor teacher.

The sponsor teacher will do the initial screening and then submit the supported applications to the School District Career Education Program Advisor.

## CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS:

- Current Grade 11 or 12 students in Abbotsford
- Minimum 16 years of age
- An active student in the City of Abbotsford
- Minimum C+ grade average
- Good homework ethic
- Reference from a teacher or the school
- Physically and medically fit (doctor's certificate to be provided)
- Signed Abbotsford Career Programs Informed Consent
- Interest in firefighting as a career choice

## SCREENING PROCESS:

All applicants will be screened at their school for suitability for this program.

## ACCEPTANCE PROCESS:

1. Screening of the applicants by the school
2. Support for applicants through School District
3. Interview with the Fire Rescue Service Selection Committee

The Fire Chief will have the final approval of all selected participants.

Failure to meet **all** of the criteria listed below will result in the disqualification of any application.

**Applications must be submitted to sponsor teachers and any questions about this program should be forwarded to the School District Career Education Program Advisor.**

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