

District Career Programs - Secondary Fire Academy Application Process



2026/2027 APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Secondary Fire Academy (SFA) is a **16-week commitment held during Semester 2 of the school year on Wednesday evenings from 18:30 to 21:00 hrs.** Successful candidates will train alongside Paid On-Call Firefighters at a City of Abbotsford fire station.

Candidates will receive training manuals and be fitted with appropriate safety equipment for the duration of the program. They must also purchase a kit that includes appropriate boots, pants, and a T-shirt, at an approximate cost of \$250. Only City of Abbotsford residents may apply.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Ensure that the following are attached to this application form:

- Statements of Interest and Intent
- Teacher Reference Form
- A copy of your most recent report card
- A passport-sized colour headshot
- A driver's abstract printed within the past 30 days (if applicant has a license)

Please review the training schedule and requirements outlined on the second page if you are selected as a short-listed candidate

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed applications must be submitted to your sponsor teacher by:

- **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026, AT 15:00 HRS**
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

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2026/2027 TRAINING SCHEDULE

Please note that if you are a short-listed candidate, you are expected to be available to fulfill these requirements as the next steps in your application process:

Thursday, November 19, 2026 (1600-1830 hrs.)

- Participate in a skills assessment and panel interview with Abbotsford Fire Rescue Services at AFRS Riverside Training Centre - 1544 Riverside Dr.
- Obtain a signed doctor confirmation of physical fitness (applicants may be ineligible if they have pulmonary conditions, hereditary conditions, including some types of colour-blindness, are diabetic, have visual impairments that cannot be corrected with contact lenses) – there may be a fee for this service, which will not be reimbursed.

Wednesday, January 27, 2027 (1700-1800 hrs.)

- Orientation with the successful candidates and their parents or guardians will take place at AFRS Riverside Training Centre - 1544 Riverside Dr. The **Waiver of Informed Consent form** from Abbotsford School District and AFRS will be completed at this orientation.

Wednesday, February 3, 2027 (18:30-21:00 hrs.)

- First training session commences

Wednesday, May 26, 2027 (18:00-21:00 hrs.) FINAL DAY OF SECONDARY FIRE ACADEMY

- Skills showcase, families welcome at Riverside Training Centre, 1544 Riverside Drive

NOTE: There will be **NO** Secondary Fire Academy activities scheduled during Spring Break (March 15 - 25, 2027).

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (please complete all fields)

Legal Last Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Legal First Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Usual Last Name *(if different from Legal)*: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Preferred First Name [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Birth Date (Day/Month/Year) [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

Home Address *(Applicants must live in the City of Abbotsford)*

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Home Phone: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Student Cell Phone: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Student email (please print clearly) [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Home School: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Grade: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Year of Graduation: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Parent/Guardian Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Parent/Guardian Phone: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Gender Identity: [Choose an item.](#)

Indigenous Ancestry Information: [Choose an item.](#) If yes, [Choose an item.](#)

Citizenship Status: [Choose an item.](#)

T-shirt size: *Select the appropriate size* [Choose an item.](#)

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Statement of Interest and Intent



STATEMENTS OF INTEREST AND INTENT (please complete all fields)

Application to this program is a very competitive process. Please give complete and detailed responses below.

Legal Last Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#) Legal First Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

1. Indicate your plans immediately following secondary school graduation (select all that apply):

- ☐ I intend to apply to a university college program (if known, indicate intended program & institution):

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- ☐ I intend to enter the workforce full-time or part-time (if known, indicate intended employer/position):

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

- ☐ Other (briefly explain):

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

2. Explain your medium-term (2-5 years) and long-term (5-10 years) career plans and goals, and how Secondary Fire Academy supports those goals:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

3. Explain your interest in firefighting, the knowledge you have of this career field, and why you feel suited to this career:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

4. Explain what your strengths are as a student and as a person:

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

5. What makes you a good team member? Share a time when you have demonstrated those skills.

[Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

District Career Programs - Secondary Fire Academy Statement of Interest and Intent



6. Secondary Fire Academy is a 16-week commitment on Wednesday evenings, 18:30 - 21:30.

A) Will you be able to reschedule any potentially conflicting activities (work, sports) to ensure you will be in attendance every week throughout the program?

Click or tap here to enter text.

B) Is your family supportive of you pursuing this opportunity?

Click or tap here to enter text.

C) Do you have reliable transportation to get to training every Wednesday evening?

Click or tap here to enter text.

7. What are your interests outside of school (for example, hobbies, sports, volunteering, etc.):

Click or tap here to enter text.

8. Is there anything else that you feel is important to share about you?

Click or tap here to enter text.