

## Resident Student Firefighter Program Information

Klamath Community College (KCC) is pleased to announce an exciting opportunity for people who want a career as a professional firefighter or EMT. KCC along with fire districts in Klamath County are offering a comprehensive training and support package for selected candidates to become resident student firefighters. Resident student firefighters live at an assigned district firehouse, where they participate in daily operations while they concurrently attend classes toward an Associate of Applied Science degree at KCC. The arrangement provides a coordinated training program that blends academic instruction with hands on emergency response experience.

### Benefits

- Tuition and expense reimbursement up to \$4,500 per academic year\*
- Rent free housing at a district firehouse
- Use of firehouse kitchen and physical fitness facilities, and common areas
- Training toward completion of professional certifications including DPSST Structural Firefighter I and II, NWCG Wildland Firefighter II and State and National EMT
- Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Emergency Response and Operations (Structural Fire Science) at Klamath Community College
- Opportunities for paid part time fire service employment during academic breaks
- Mentoring by fire service professionals

\* Fire districts will reimburse students for qualifying expenses (tuition, fees, books, uniforms, required equipment, etc.) incurred while pursuing their AAS degree at KCC. Students must be prepared to pay up front for these costs, seeking reimbursement once they have successfully completed their coursework each term. Students may qualify for loans and other federal and state student aid. KCC can also set up payment plans to help with up front costs.

### Student Commitment

- Candidates must enroll at KCC full time and pursue an AAS degree in Emergency Response and Operations (Structural Fire Science emphasis).
- Candidates must maintain an academic standing sufficient to remain enrolled as a full time student and demonstrate positive progress toward their degree.
- Candidates are required to work one 16-24 hour shift per week at their assigned fire district.
- During assigned shifts, candidates will participate in district operations, responding to emergency and non-emergency calls subject to the limitations of their training and certifications.
- Candidates will assist with the maintenance of firefighting apparatus and equipment.
- Candidates will assist with maintenance of their district's facilities including their assigned firehouse and grounds.
- Candidates will participate in classroom and practical training and drills.
- Candidates will participate in public education and outreach for their district and KCC.
- Candidates will conduct themselves in a manner acceptable to district and college standards.

### Applicant Qualifications

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the beginning of their training.
- Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED.

- Applicants must have a valid state driver’s license.

**Application process**

- Applicants complete the KCC enrollment application (attached) and KCC Resident Student Firefighter Special Program Application (attached) and submit them by the application deadline.
- Those applicants notified to participate in the testing phase will be required to submit a release from a medical professional showing that they are physically fit to participate in physical agility and fit testing.
- If selected for the program, candidates will be required to:
  - fill out a FAFSA at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) listing “Klamath Community College” as your school.
  - have official transcripts sent from their high school and any previous college(s) to KCC.
  - be required to submit fingerprints and submit to a criminal background check.
  - provide copies of records of the following immunizations.
    - Tetanus (within last ten years)
    - Tuberculosis (TB, within last six months)
    - Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR, proof given 2x)
    - Varicella (Chicken Pox)
      - Provide proof of one:
        - 1) 2x vaccinations
        - 2) Positive Antibody Titer (lab report required)
        - 3) Medically-documented proof of past infection
    - Hepatitis B
      - Provide proof of one:
        - 1) 1x immunization
        - 2) Hepatitis B Titer

Completed applications are sent to [admissions@klamathcc.edu](mailto:admissions@klamathcc.edu), or dropped off at: Admissions (Building 3, 7390 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603) by close of business May 4, 2018.

**Selection process**

A joint selection committee will review all applications and determine a list of best-qualified candidates. Best-qualified candidates will be invited to participate in the testing phase of the selection process, which includes a written test, physical agility test and interview. Final selections will be made by the selection committee after the testing phase.

**Timeline**

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| Completed application packets due:            | May 4, 2018        |
| Selection process begin:                      | April 30, 2018     |
| Notifications sent to Phase II candidates:    | May 11, 2018       |
| Phase 2 Testing:                              | May 19/20, 2018    |
| Final selection notifications:                | May 25, 2018       |
| Student firefighter orientation:              | June 15, 2018      |
| Wildland firefighter training (Guard School): | June 18-22, 2018   |
| Firefighter I Training Academy start:         | June 26, 2018      |
| KCC Fall Term start:                          | September 24, 2018 |