

District Career Programs - Secondary Fire Academy Application Process



SECONDARY FIRE ACADEMY

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

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

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)

Also, ensure you have reviewed the dates and requirements on the reverse of this form if you are a short-listed candidate.

Return your completed application to your **sponsor teacher** on or before

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th at 15:00 hrs.

ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED

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2026 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 19th (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 27th (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 3rd (18:30-21:00 hrs.)

First training session commences

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

- Skills show case, families welcome at Riverside Training Centre 1544 Riverside Drive

NOTE: There will be no Secondary Fire Academy activities scheduled during Spring Break (March 17-24, 2026)

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (please complete all fields)

Legal Last Name:

Legal First Name:

Usual Last Name (*if different from Legal*):

Preferred First Name

Birth Date (Day/Month/Year)

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

Home Phone:

Student Cell Phone:

Student email (please print clearly)

Home School:

Grade:

Year of Graduation:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Phone:

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:

Legal First Name:

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):

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

☐ Other (briefly explain):

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:

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

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

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

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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?
 - B) Is your family supportive of you pursuing this opportunity?
 - C) Do you have reliable transportation to get to training every Wednesday evening?
7. What are your interests outside of school (for example, hobbies, sports, volunteering, etc.):
8. Is there anything else that you feel is important to share about you?