

Bellegrove Fire Company – Membership Application

Date: _____
Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Init. _____
Maiden Name, Alias or other Names: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____
Date of Birth : Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____
Social Security #: _____ Drivers Lic. # _____ State: _____
EMS Certification # _____ Level _____

I am applying for membership to Bellegrove Fire Company as described in Article II – Section 6 of the Bylaws : Firefighter _____ Junior : _____ Fire Police : _____ EMS: _____

If currently an active member with another fire company, please indicate the following:

<u>Fire Company</u>	<u>Position:</u>	<u>Contact name & phone number:</u>
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-If applicant has any training certificates, qualifications – Copies of such shall accompany application.

I hereby pledge to uphold all By-Laws, Rules and Standard Operating Guidelines of the Bellegrove Fire Company.

(Signature of Applicant & Date)

(Parent Signature if applicant under 18)

Proposed by : _____

(Presidents Signature)

(Secretary Signature)

(Approval Date)

Investigating Committee : Accepted _____ Rejected _____

Reason(s) for rejection:

Investigating Committee Signatures & Date:

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1 – Any person desiring to become a member of this Company shall have their name proposed in writing on a Fire Company membership application and presented verbally before the membership at a regular meeting.

A. Membership application must be accompanied by a one time fee of \$ 5.00, along with all background checks for Volunteers, required by the State of Pennsylvania.

B. State law prohibits the Fire Company from accepting anyone who has been convicted of any Child Abuse or Arson charges. Any other charges of violence, crimes of a sexual nature or crimes which are of a “moral turpitude” in nature may also be grounds for not accepting the applicant. All other charges which may appear will be evaluated on a case by case nature.

C. Persons under the age of 18 must present working papers along with a guardians signature of approval.

Section 2 – Any applicant, by signing their signature to the application, hereby gives consent for their application to be given to an investigating committee. This committee can perform additional background checks, using a third party. They will also investigate character, reputation and any qualifications.

Section 3 – The prospective member shall not be permitted to attend neither the meeting in which the applicant is proposed nor the meeting in which the vote is cast for membership. The prospective member must be sixteen years of age as of the date of the meeting in which the vote is cast for membership.

Section 4 – The prospective member must be a U.S. Citizen or legally reside in the United States

Section 5 – If a prospective member is denied membership, their application fee is non-refundable. They will be notified in writing of the reasons of their denial.

Section 6 – Member Classifications:

Active Member – Any person who attends or participates in one fire company function (Example: Training, emergency call, work detail, fund raiser, administrative duty, or any non emergency function of the fire department) during a 30 day period. This member abides and follows all rules and policies set forth in the Constitution, By Laws and Standard Operating Guidelines.

A. Firefighter – Any person 18 years of age or older, who is actively participating in fire company activities & training. Also meets any local, county, state or federal requirements.

B. Junior – Any person under the age of 18, who is actively participating in fire company activities & training. Also meets any local, county, state or federal requirements. This person has a voice at meetings, but can not vote, 2nd a motion, or hold an office.

C. Fire police - Any person 18 years of age or older, who is actively participating in fire company activities & training. Also meets any local, county, state or federal requirements. This person must be approved for fire police duty at a regular monthly meeting and sworn in at a meeting of the North Annville Township Supervisors.

Section 7 – Any member who is collecting Workman's Compensation from any source or who can not perform employment duties due to being under a physicians care, may only participate in activities of this department , If said person has approval in writing, to place on fire company file, from the attending physician and or the Workman's Compensation company.

Section 8 – Any member who becomes inactive for a period of 3 months will be subject to new membership criteria, unless this member has submitted a letter, stating the reason for inactivity, and a expected date of return to active status (Family Emergency, Military Service, Health Issues, Etc.) The letter shall be submitted to the Fire Chief.

Section 9 – Background Checks

A. The Fire Company reserves the right to perform random background checks of all active members at any time. They will use information members previously provided , including, but not limited to, members drivers license and social security information. The background check can include, but may not be limited to, members driving record, criminal history, sex offender registry & social websites.

B. The Investigating committee will be in charge of performing these background checks on all active members at the required time frame, set by the State of Pennsylvania. They will keep all results in the members personnel file. Any negative findings will be reported to the President, who will convene a Board of Directors meeting, to discuss these findings. Each case will be evaluated on a case to case basis. If any action (suspension pending outcome, termination, etc.) is determined, the member will be notified within 3 days of the meeting by a letter. The Fire Company reserves the right to handle all cases at their discretion.

C. The Belle Grove Fire Company expects all members to be free of misdemeanors or felonies which may include but are not limited to : Arson, Theft, Violence, Sexual Nature (especially those involving minors), and any and all actions of “conduct unbecoming of a member”.

D. The Board of Directors reserves the right to handle any and all charges or allegations on a case to case basis and may determine to suspend terminate or do nothing, based on the information presented to them.