

FWFD Firefighter Qualifications

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Fort Wayne Fire Department Applicant Qualifications

- **Applicant must:**
 - Be a US Citizen or have attained citizenship prior to application date;
 - Be 21-35 years old - must be 21 prior to application date and must be sworn in prior to 36th birthday;
 - Be able to speak clearly in English and be understood;
 - *Possess a valid Indiana Driver's License at the start of the Academy;
 - Be a high school graduate or equivalent of;
 - Be free of a felony conviction record.

- **Applicant must be physically capable of:**
 - Bending and stretching in order to accomplish tasks of pulling, pushing, grasping and carrying objects having a weight of 50 pounds or more;
 - Donning and wearing approximately 50 pounds of protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus;
 - Engaging in crawling, walking, climbing, prying, chopping and carrying scenarios;
 - Occasionally dragging weights up to 200 pounds;
 - Climbing ladders varying in length from 14' to 110';
 - Withstanding periods of overheating and chilling often times in wet clothing.

- **Applicant must be mentally capable of:**
 - Demonstrating knowledge of elementary physics, chemistry, mechanics, math and reading comprehension;
 - Functioning as part of a team at all times.

- **Applicant must be able to meet the following vision standards:**
 - Uncorrected – binocular vision no worse than 20/100 (with exception for long term successful users of soft contact lenses);
 - Corrected – binocular vision no worse than 20/30 with worst eye no worse than 20/50;
 - Color – ability to identify red, green and yellow;
 - Peripheral – uncorrected field of vision no worse than 140 degrees in the horizontal meridian in each eye.