

Minocqua Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad

PO Box 465 • Minocqua, WI 54548

Junior Membership Application

Thank you for your interest in the Minocqua Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD). This is an opportunity for you to become a junior member of the MVFD and learn the job of becoming a Volunteer Firefighter in Minocqua. There are a number of reasons why this would be a great opportunity for you; camaraderie, friends and family may be involved, to support your community, and sometimes just for the challenge of a new experience or opportunity. The MVFD would like to provide you with a brief overview of the hiring process for junior members, what the Department will expect from you, and what you can expect from us.

The MVFD requires your participation at in house training, vehicle maintenance and at business meetings on Monday evenings. There may occasionally be training on other days which can include mutual aid fire training or special seasonal training events. The first and second Monday of each month is firefighter training which normally starts at 7:00 pm. All members are required to attend training, it is important that we train together and keep our skills and knowledge sharp. This is where you will learn the most from your experience as a junior member with the MVFD. The last Monday of each month is the department business meeting. Business meetings are important and all members are encouraged to attend. These meetings also start at 7:00 pm.

Although members of the MVFD are volunteers, there is a small stipend for your service and all members become employees of the town. The town of Minocqua and the MVFD invest a great deal of time and money into new firefighters for your training and equipment. The average cost to outfit a member with turnout gear and to provide the minimum required training is over \$4,000 per person. Any additional training you may wish to take in the future is normally provided at no cost to you. The Department keeps all members active in various firefighting organizations/associations as well as Workers Compensation Insurance.

The Department has minimum attendance requirements which will be outlined for you when we meet with you and your parents to discuss the program. We encourage you to make sure you can commit enough time to cover these requirements as well as training. All new members will be required to serve a one year probationary period. The probationary period will be used to evaluate your performance and commitment to the mandated requirements of the department as well as allow for you to be sure this commitment aligns with your school and work schedules. All Junior members will be required to maintain a minimum C average in school, you will be required to provide a copy of your grades to the department each semester.

Not all applications received are acted upon. Many contributing factors go into the hiring process and it is important that junior members are able to commit to the requirements set forth by the MVFD as well as your school priorities. Any person applying to the MVFD will be subject to a background check. The Town of Minocqua is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on gender, religion, or race.

You will sit through an informal interview process prior to the business meeting with the Executive Committee. This Committee will ultimately decide if your application should be brought before the membership for acceptance. If your application is selected and acted upon, you will be asked to attend a business meeting to meet the members and answer any questions.

We thank you for your interest in the MVFD. This is a very rewarding opportunity and an excellent way to serve your community and help your neighbors. We look forward to meeting with you and learning more about your interest in the MVFD.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Employer: _____

Current Grade: _____ Current GPA: _____

Do you have a valid Wisconsin driver's license?: _____

Do you have any disability or health problems? _____

Why do you want to be a member of the Minocqua Fire Department? _____

Parent or guardian name, phone # and signature: _____

Please list at least 2 references with phone # (not related) _____

Please return to: PO Box 465, Minocqua, WI 54548

or send to: joinmfd@gmail.com

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Interviewed by: _____ Mentor: _____