

Instructions: Read every question carefully, answer EVERY question, leave no blank spaces, submit a completed application. If the question does not apply to you, so state. An applicant may be rejected who has intentionally made a false statement of a material fact or practiced, or eligibility for appointment. The applicant shall personally prepare this application. All entries, except the signature, MUST be printed legibly in block letters. Entries must be made in black or blue ink. If the space available for any question is insufficient, use a separate sheet of paper, attach it to the corresponding page and precede each answer with the number of the question being answered.

**APPLICANT MUST OBTAIN HIS/HER DRIVER ABSTRACT
BEFORE GOING TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR
BACKGROUND CHECK.**

Requirements for admission to membership

Candidates must meet the following requirements as per the Borough of Rutherford ordinance Section 33-6A.

1. Complete the application process, including revelation of any criminal history within or without the State of New Jersey, authorization to obtain driving record abstract, and fingerprinting by the Borough of Rutherford Police Department.
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. A citizen of the United States or is actively seeking citizenship in the United States and produces evidence of the same.
4. Able to read, write and speak the English language.
5. Holds a valid New Jersey driver's license.
6. Has resided within the Borough of Rutherford for at least 90 continuous days before the date of his or her application.
7. Is physically and able to perform the duties of a firefighter, submits to a medical examination by a physician on behalf of the Borough of Rutherford (to be paid by the borough), and produces evidence in the form of a medical certificate signed by the physician allowing firefighter service.
8. Is of good moral character.
9. Has not been convicted of any crime of the first, second, third or fourth degree or any felony or indictable level charge, regardless of whether or not the conviction has been expunged.
10. Has not been convicted of any criminal or quasi-criminal offense that relates directly to fires, setting of fires, false alarms, false public alarms, or the like, regardless of whether or not the conviction has been expunged.
11. Has not been convicted of any criminal or quasi-criminal offense that is less than 10 years old and that touches upon the applicant's ability to properly and adequately serve as a member of the Fire Department, regardless of whether or not the conviction has been expunged.
12. If application has been approved by membership committee and the fire company, the applicant shall be considered an auxiliary member for 6 months. During that time the auxiliary member shall undertake the appropriate training and begin Firefighter one course and other required mandatory training.
13. At the end of the auxiliary period, if the applicant continues to meet the qualifications for membership and has passed the Firefighter 1 evaluation process, then the applicant shall be considered for election by the fire company. If elected, the auxiliary member would now be considered a probationary Firefighter for one year as set in the Borough of Rutherford ordinance 33-7 c 1,2,3.