

# ANNOUNCEMENT

FIREFIGHTER  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO FIRE DEPARTMENT

EXAMINATION DATE  
JUNE 3, 2000

ANNUAL WAGE  
\$21,370.00

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FROM  
WAY 15, 2000 THROUGH WAY 31, 2000  
(CITY BALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, WAY 29, 2000)

**GENERAL DUTIES:** A firefighter performs hazardous work for the protection of life and property through firefighting, rescue work., medical and/or ambulance service and related duties. Firefighting work requires strenuous exertion under difficult and dangerous conditions, such as smoke, heat, and heights; firefighters are also required to **participate** in various training and study programs.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Must be at least 18 years old to be appointed and must have a valid Ohio Driver's License. A firefighter must obtain EMT certification within one (1) year of appointment, and must thereafter retain certification. Must be a resident of Youngstown **when** appointed, or must become-a resident within 30 days following completion of the 1-year probationary period.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS/AGILITY TEST:** Applicants who pass the written examination will be required to pass a comprehensive, job-related fitness/agility test. This test will be comprised of a variety of strenuous activities, including climbing a **100-foot** high ladder, and crawling through a maze in the dark. Full details regarding the fitness/agility test will be provided by **mail** to applicants after the written exam is completed.

Each applicant considered for appointment will be subject to a complete background investigation, which will include drug testing.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION BONUS POINTS:** Bonus points will be added to passing scores (70%) for the following:

- (1) 240-hour firefighting course certification -- 20%
- (2) paramedic or EMT certifications ----- 10%
- (3) military veterans ----- 20%

20% is the maximum bonus credit that an applicant may receive.

All bonus point documentation (DD-214, EMT certificate, etc..) must be submitted at the Civil Service Commission office when the examination application is filed.

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST SHOW SOME FORM OF PHOTO-IDENTIFICATION**  
(driver's license, for example) **AT EXAMINATION CHECK-IN.**

**APPLICATION PERIOD:** Applications will be accepted at the Youngstown Civil Service Commission Office, 7th Floor, City Hall, Youngstown, Ohio, from May 15, 2000, through May 31, 2000.

**BUSINESS HOURS:** Monday through Friday **from** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**YOUNGSTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**PHYSICAL ABILITY TEST**

Three separate parts will comprise the Physical Ability Test which must be passed to meet the requirements for employment with the Youngstown Fire Department. Full details regarding the date and time of the test, and instructions for the required medical exam--at your expense--will be provided by mail to applicants after the written exam process is completed. The following information explains briefly the three separate test parts of the Physical Ability Test.

**TEST #1** is made up of seven consecutive steps that must be completed in seven minutes. The timer will stop with the completion of the seventh step.

**TEST #2** and **TEST #3** will not be timed, but will consist of two job-related tasks.

The Physical Ability Test is a series of physical activities designed to determine if the candidate possesses the minimum traits of strength, endurance, balance, and minimal dexterity for the position of firefighter with the Youngstown Fire Department.

The Physical Ability Test is graded on a **PASS or Fail** basis. Failure of any one part is considered failure of the entire test. You do not receive a score for **PASSING** the test, and cannot improve your standing on the eligibility list. If you **FAIL** the test, your name will be removed from the eligibility list.

It is recommended that you wear clothing and shoes for such tasks as climbing, lifting, pulling and running.

**TEST #1**

**STEP-1** 1/2 Mile run.  
**JOB RELATEDNESS:** Check cardiovascular capability

**STEP-2** Applicants will don self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), excluding face piece. All the following steps will be performed while wearing SCBA.

**STEP-3** Carry 50 ft. section of 2-1/2 inch fire hose hose 180 ft.  
**JOB RELATEDNESS:** Firefighters must be able to carry equipment to upper floors of building. This job task often requires firefighters to make several trips to and from the fire trucks.

**STEP-4** Drag 165 lb. dummy 70 ft.  
**JOB RELATEDNESS:** A firefighter must have the strength and ability to single-handedly rescue a victim in an emergency. This test measures your ability to drag an unconscious victim by utilizing your lower back and leg strength.

**STEP-5** Drive a cross tie weighing approximately 230 lbs. at least five feet with a sledge hammer.  
**JOB RELATEDNESS:** Firefighters must have the ability to swing an axe and penetrate the roofing materials of a structure. This test is designed to determine your arm strength.

**STEP-6** Advance a charged 2-1/2 inch hose 50 ft.  
**JOB RELATEDNESS:** During fire ground operations, firefighters must be able to extend hose lines to reach homes or buildings which are usually far from the fire pumps.

**STEP-7**

Using a rope and pulley system, hoist one section of 2-1/2 inch hose from ground level up to 70 ft.

**JOB RELATEDNESS:** This event demonstrates the applicant's ability, agility and upper body strength to hoist needed equipment to upper floors of buildings as required.

**TEST #2**

Climb a 100-foot high ladder.

**TEST #3**

Maneuver a darkened room or trailer in an acceptable amount of time.

**JOB RELATEDNESS:** Checks for possible claustrophobia, and the ability to find way in a darkened, smoke-filled room.

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