

FIREFIGHTER APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Thank you for your interest in applying for a position with the City of Bowling Green Fire Division. You may already know that you will have to undertake and pass a Civil Service examination that includes both a physical agility test and a written examination in order to be considered for hire. Both portions of the examination must be passed. Some current information about the requirements for the position of Entry-Level Firefighter is described below. ***Please note that the information provided below is the subject to change prior to the next examination.***

Age Requirement: In accordance with Section 124.42 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and City Ordinance, no person shall be eligible to receive an original appointment to a fire department as a firefighter unless the person has reached the age of eighteen (18) and has not reached the age of thirty-six (36.) This age maximum is permitted by the Public Safety Exemption to the Age Discrimination Act restored in the Omnibus Appropriations Act. (P.L. 104-208.)

Credit for Military Service: (ORC 124.23) Applicants who are current Ohio residents and who have been honorably discharged from active duty in the armed services of the United States or transferred to the reserve with evidence of satisfactory service are eligible to receive an additional credit of 20% of the score of their written examination; however, a passing score must first be obtained. Proof (copy of the DD-214, which must show the type of discharge or a certificate of service) must be submitted with the application. **No credit is given if proof is submitted after the application has been submitted.**

A new firefighter must serve a one-year probationary period and must, within three (3) months after completion of the probationary period, reside within Wood County. However, as a result of action taken by the legislature of the State of Ohio in 2006, the City's Residency Rule is currently being held in abeyance.

It is not necessary for you to complete an application at this time. However, you are advised to review the local newspaper for announcements of any future testing dates. Such announcements will include information regarding the application process. The City also notifies the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services of any testing dates. Additionally, notice of future examination will be placed on the City's webpage at www.bgohio.org.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact the Personnel Department at (419) 354-6200 or inquire by email at bgpersonnel@bgohio.org.