

FIREFIGHTER APPLICANT INFORMATION
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Thank you for your interest in applying for a position with the 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 of the position of entry-level Firefighter are described below. ***Please note that the information provided below is subject to change prior to the next examination.***

Age Requirement: In accordance with Section 124.42 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Section 33.09 of the City's Codified Ordinances, 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 exceeded the age of thirty-six (36). (This age maximum is permitted by the Public Safety Exemption to the Age Discrimination in Employment 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 forces 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 on the written examination 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 will be given if proof is submitted after the application has been submitted.**

A new Firefighter must serve a one-year probationary period. The City's Civil Service Commission has also established a residency requirement whereby a new Firefighter must, within 90-days of the completion of his/her one-year probationary period, reside within Wood County.

It will not be 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 future testing. Additionally any notice of an examination will be placed on the City's web page. The web address is: <http://www.bgohio.org> .

If you have any questions regarding this information do not hesitate to contact the Personnel Department at (419) 354-6200 or use the following e-mail address: BGPersonnel@bgohio.org.



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