

Delaware City Fire Company, No. 1, Inc.
Ladies Auxiliary
815 5th Street
P.O. Box 251
Delaware City, DE 19706
302-834-9336

Membership Application Procedure

1. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Application must be typed or printed clearly in ink.
3. If the prospective member has been affiliated with another Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, a letter of recommendation on company letterhead must be submitted from the Ladies President indicating time of service and current status.
4. Effective November 1, 2009 new applicants are required to obtain a NCI criminal background history in order to be considered as a permanent Ladies Auxiliary Member. This background check can be completed by contacting the Delaware State Police at 1-302-739-2528 to schedule an appointment. A fee is associated with this process and is the responsibility of the prospective member.
5. Prospective members will return the completed application and background check information (enclosed in a sealed envelope issued from the Delaware State Police, SBI) to a member of the Membership Committee.
6. Prospective members will be introduced at the next Ladies Auxiliary Company Meeting and voted on at the same meeting for consideration as a probationary member.
7. Prospective members applying for Active Membership must enclose a \$3.00 membership fee. Prospective members applying for Social or Associate Membership must enclose a \$5.00 membership fee.
8. A probationary membership of 6 months will be required to ensure the prospective member is a good fit for the organization. The member will then be voted in as a permanent member at the completion of the 6 month probationary period.
9. The Delaware City Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary reserves the right to reject any application.
10. To obtain an “**active**” status members must attend 50% of the meetings and 40% of the functions within the first year of joining.
11. All members will be assigned a sponsor during their probationary period and a copy of the bylaws will be provided.

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Applicants Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Telephone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Email Address: _____
(To be used for tax and pension reporting purposes only)

PLEASE SELECT WHICH MEMBERSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR:

ACTIVE _____ SOCIAL _____ ASSOCIATE _____

Please state why you are interested in becoming a member of our organization:

Have you ever been a member of another Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary? If yes, please complete the below information:

Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip

Positions Held: _____

Years of Membership: _____ *Reason for leaving:* _____

Do you have any specific skills that will benefit our Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary? Please list below:

Do you have any medical problems or special needs that our Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary should be aware of? Please list below:

How much time will you be able to donate to our organization?

Signature of Applicant: _____

*******FOR OFFICE USE ONLY*******

Application Received By Membership Committee on _____

Accepted _____ Not Accepted _____ on _____

Probationary Period Begins on _____

Probationary Period Ends on _____

Permanent Member Effective _____

DCFCLA Sponsor: _____

Comments: _____

By: _____

TITLE 16
Health and Safety
CHAPTER 66. FIRE PREVENTION

Subchapter IV. Volunteer Firefighters [Effective Sept. 15, 2007]

§ 6646. Definitions [Effective Sept. 15, 2007]

"Member" means a volunteer firefighter of a Delaware volunteer fire department, as certified by the Delaware State Fire Prevention Commission. (76 Del. Laws, c. 157, § 1.)

§ 6647. Membership requirements for volunteer firefighters [Effective Sept. 15, 2007]

(a) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who has been convicted of or, had that applicant been charged as a juvenile, adjudicated delinquent of any of the following crimes is prohibited from serving as a firefighter in this State:

(1) A felony involving sexual misconduct where the victim's failure to affirmatively consent is an element of the crime, such as forcible rape;

(2) A felony involving the sexual or physical abuse of a child or of an elderly or infirm person, such as sexual misconduct with a child, sexual exploitation of a child, making or distributing child pornography, incest involving a child, or assault on an elderly or infirm person;

(3) A crime in which the victim is an out-of-hospital patient or a patient or resident of a healthcare facility, including abuse, neglect, or theft from or financial exploitation of a person entrusted to the care or protection of the applicant;

(4) Arson in the third, second, or first degree; reckless burning or exploding; cross or religious symbol burning; or any crime in which the applicant intentionally or recklessly started a fire or caused an explosion, or attempted or conspired to do so;

(5) A law of another state, territory, or jurisdiction which is the same or equivalent to the offenses described in paragraphs (a) (1) through (4) of this section.

(b) Membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department must be denied if the applicant has been convicted or, if that applicant was charged as a juvenile, has been adjudicated delinquent of any of the following crimes, except in extraordinary circumstances:

(1) Any crime for which the applicant is currently incarcerated, on work release, on probation, or on parole;

(2) Any crime in the following categories, unless at least 5 years have passed since the applicant's conviction or at least 5 years have passed since the applicant was released from custodial confinement, whichever occurs later:

a. A serious crime of violence against a person, such as assault with a dangerous weapon, aggravated assault, murder or attempted murder, manslaughter (other than involuntary manslaughter), kidnapping, or robbery of any degree;

b. A crime involving a controlled substance or designer drug, including unlawful possession or distribution of, or intent to unlawfully possess or distribute, a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act of Chapter 47 of this title;

c. A serious crime involving property, such as burglary, embezzlement, or insurance fraud;

d. Any crime involving sexual misconduct;

e. A crime of another state, territory, or jurisdiction which is the same or equivalent to the offenses described in paragraphs (b) (2) a. through d. of this section.

(3) In extraordinary circumstances, membership may be granted under subsection (b) of this section only if the applicant establishes by clear and convincing evidence that his or her membership will not jeopardize public health or safety.

(c) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or inaccurate criminal history information, or who otherwise knowingly violates a provision of this subchapter, is guilty of a class G felony. In addition to a term of imprisonment of up to 2 years, the court shall impose a fine of no less than \$1,000 which may not be suspended.

(d) The State Fire Prevention Commission shall adopt regulations to implement the provisions of this subchapter. The regulations must include, as part of the application form for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department, a dated and signed statement by the applicant swearing to or affirming the following, if the following is true. If it is not true, the applicant must explain in writing what is not true and why it is not true. "I have never been convicted of an offense that constitutes any of the crimes set forth in 16 Del. C. § 6647 or any similar offense under any federal, state, or local law. I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I knowingly make any false statement in this application, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law, including denial or revocation of membership in the volunteer fire department and a mandatory fine of at least \$1,000 or a term of imprisonment of up to 2 years, or both."

(e) An applicant for membership in a Delaware volunteer fire department who is denied membership or whose membership is revoked because of the requirements of this subchapter may appeal the denial or revocation to the State Fire Prevention Commission within 15 days of written notification of the denial or revocation by the volunteer fire department. An appeal under this subsection must be held in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 101 of Title 29, and is subject to judicial review under subchapter V of Chapter 101 of Title 29. (76 Del. Laws, c. 157, § 1; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1.)