

Firefighter Certification Course (August 2021-May 2022)

Fire Academy Facts



The structural fire fighting certificate is for students interested in pursuing entry level opportunities as firefighters.

Fire fighters work as part of a coordinated team to alleviate human suffering through prevention and intervention to the harmful forces of fire, natural disaster, and other traumatic events. Firefighting is a career offering significant purpose, belonging, variety, self-mastery, a comfortable wage and benefits. It appeals to those who relish a combination of problem solving and athletic challenge as part of a high performing unit returning chaos to calm.

Having the fire fighter certification coupled with the emergency medical technician certification a person can be employable within a year with starting pay around \$50,000. These two certifications are also half of the Fire Science Associate Degree Program and career fire fighters in Texas receive tuition exemption. Local fire departments have announced increased hiring over the next three years. Lone Star College has a reputation as producing excellent fire fighters.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook – Firefighters

2019 Median Pay \$50,850 per year / \$24.45 per hour

Number of Jobs, 2018 335,500

Job Outlook, 2018-28 6% (As faster than average)

Approximate Costs for Fire Academy



Tuition and Fees (in-district)	\$ 1530 Fall / \$1170 Spring
Tuition and Fees (out-of-district)	\$3417 Fall / \$2613 Spring
Tuition and Fees (out-of-state)	\$4352 Fall / \$3328 Spring
Books and Accessories	\$ 500.00
Uniforms	\$ 600.00
Fire Fighter gear rental	\$ 1200.00
Fire Commission Testing fees	\$ 55.00
Background Check fee	\$ 35.00

LSC-CyFair at Barker Cypress Campus

The Cy-Fair Firefighter Academy starts the last week in **August** and runs for two (2) semesters, with Winter Break, ending the first week in **May**. (approximately nine months)

Typical Schedule

- Day Academy: Monday through Thursday 7:30am-3:30pm (lunch break)
- Night Academy: Monday through Thursday 4:00pm-11:00pm (no lunch break)

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Registration Process

If you are not a current Lone Star College student, apply to the college using the [online application process](#). Once the application is completed and you have a student number, call **Sandra Crockett at (281) 290-5229** to schedule an appointment with a program advisor. Once the advisor has verified your eligibility to enter the program, you will be issued a fire academy packet and allowed to register for the following fall academy classes. Registration for the Cy-Fair fire academy begins in April of each year.

Virtual Information Sessions on the following dates:

- March 10, 2021@ 5pm
- April 14, 2021@ 5pm
- May 12, 2021@ 5pm
- June 9, 2021@ 5pm

To register for this training session go to: <https://www.lonestar.edu/fire-science-dept-cyfair.htm>
Once you are approved by the host, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the session.

The classes within the fire academy core form two semesters of the Associate of Applied Science and Arts Fire Science degree program. <http://www.lonestar.edu/fire-science-aas.htm>

Fall Semester (classes are taken concurrently as a cohort)

Course	Number	Title	Credit Hours
FIRS	1401	Firefighter Certification I	4
FIRS	1407	Firefighter Certification II	4
FIRS	1313	Firefighter Certification III	4
FIRT	1203	Firefighter Agility & Fitness	2
FIRT	1315	Hazardous Materials I	3
Total Semester Hours Credit			17

Spring Semester (classes are taken concurrently as a cohort)

Course	Number	Title	Credit Hours
FIRS	1419	Firefighter Certification IV	4
FIRS	1423	Firefighter Certification V	4
FIRT	1103	Firefighter Agility & Fitness Prep II	1
FIRT	1445	Hazardous Materials II	4
Total Semester Hours Credit			13

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Acceptance to the Lone Star College-Cy-Fair Firefighter Academy requires submission and review of documents issued to students as a fire academy packet (the packet). The packet contains a medical exam form, emergency contact form, background check, media release form, and injury waiver form. The medical form must be signed by a physician indicating that the student is medically cleared for firefighting activities.

Recruits are selected on a first come, first serve basis as established by registration date and contingent upon receipt of the completed packet by fire academy administration. Enrollment is limited to 24 students for the day class and 24 students for the night class.

Mandatory orientation sessions (in person or web based) are scheduled to provide recruits with preparatory instruction about physical training and purchase of uniforms and textbooks, and fire fighting gear rental.

General Entry Physical Fitness Recommendations:

- Ability to run 1.5 miles in under 18 minutes.
- Ability to perform more than 10 push-ups.
- Ability to lift 50 pounds, drag 150 pounds.

Financial Aid

The four most common types of aid are grants, loans, scholarships and work-study. Contact the Lone Star College–Cy-Fair Financial Aid department to learn more.

Contact the Financial Aid Department

Barker Cypress Campus
Center for Academic and Student Affairs Building
Phone: (281) 290-2700
Email: FACC@LoneStar.edu
<http://www.lonestar.edu/financial-aid.htm>

Contact Veteran Financial Services

Barker Cypress Campus
Learning Commons: College and Harris County Public Library
Phone: (281) 290-2922
<http://www.lonestar.edu/veterans.htm>



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Scholarships

Anne McCormick Sullivan Foundation - We hope to give opportunities to women who are pursuing education and training in the firefighting industry. The award will be presented to Cadets who best exemplify integrity, extraordinary responsibility, never-quit attitude and the discipline and commitment to be the best. <http://annesullivanfoundation.org/#scholarship>

Mark Braswell Memorial Scholarship - Must attend LSC-CyFair, minimum full-time student, must be in the Fire Science Academy, must demonstrate financial need and funds to be used for tuition, fees, books and uniforms. <http://www.lonestar.edu/scholarships-cyfair.htm>

The Feldman Family Endowment in Memory of Krysta Rodriguez - Must attend LSC-CyFair, minimum full-time student, enrolled in Fire Science program, must be a student who graduated from one of the LSC in-district high schools, and must demonstrate financial need. <http://www.lonestar.edu/scholarships-cyfair.htm>

Texas Firefighter Exemption

As a volunteer firefighter with 1 year of service you are likely eligible for the [Texas Firefighter Tuition Exemption](#) covering much of the cost of your education.

Other Resources

FastWeb

<https://www.fastweb.com/>

Workforce Solutions

<http://www.wrksolutions.com/for-individuals/financial-aid>



For more, watch a cadet explain [Why Lone Star Fire Academy](#) or you can visit our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/FireCadets2015/>, for photos, videos, and other firefighting posts.

Please note that due to the Coronavirus Campus is currently closed to non-registered visitors.

Information in this brochure is subject to change.

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