Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in joining the Pembroke Pines Fire Explorer Post. The next step in the process that you must complete is the application and related documents. The application has been attached to this email for you to print out and mail to the Post. In addition, you will need to provide a life resume', an essay on why you feel you should be considered for membership (200-500 words) and a copy of your most recent report card.

Once your application and related documents have been reviewed and found to be acceptable, we will take the next steps, which will include a background check. This background check will consist mainly of contacting the references listed on your resume' as well your teachers and School Resource Officer. This application process has been designed to be similar to what you would encounter while trying to become a professional firefighter and will help you to prepare for future career opportunities.

Following are some guidelines that you may want to use to help you with the resume' and essay portion of your application.

Resume': We realize that you may not have had much work experience due to your age and status as a student. The purpose of the resume' is to familiarize you with the manner in which a resume' is created. Guides to creating a resume' are available on the Internet. List your experiences in the same way you would list work experiences. Pay particular attention to things that demonstrate your dedication to service or your exposure to leadership roles, i.e. volunteering with community organizations or team captain in a sport you participate in. List your accomplishments and things that you are interested in.
Your resume' should be short, no more than two pages, and should be clear and concise. While the manner in which a resume' is presented is very important, for our purposes we are more interested in content and less interested in whether or not the format is exactly correct.

Essay: While your resume' is a formal tool used to show your qualifications, the essay allows you to be more expressive and will give you the means of representing who you are. This is your opportunity to "sell yourself" to the program. Here you can demonstrate some of your character traits, communicate ideals that are important to you and show that you have taken the time to set goals. Many applicants will state that they want to serve the community or that they like to help people. These desires are commonplace in the fire service. Far too often these are the only reasons applicants will give when asked why they want to join the fire service. Be creative, express yourself in a way that makes us see that you have put some thought into your essay, and demonstrate that you will make a valuable contribution to our organization. Keep in mind that there are a limited number of openings in the Post; this is your chance to set yourself apart from the rest of the applicants.

Thank you for your interest and hard work. *Remember - "We want you to succeed!"*

Once you have compiled the documents listed above, please mail them or drop them off at the address below.

Explorer Post 343
Attn: Battalion Chief Hamel
9500 Pines Boulevard
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025

Explorer Post Information

The purpose of Fire Service Exploring is to provide a positive environment for young people who are interested in learning how the Fire Service functions as well as providing an outlet for those who wish to serve their community. The members will learn valuable life skills such as team work, personal accountability, civic responsibility, how to function as part of an organization, pride and ownership of that organization and self awareness. Members will be afforded the opportunity to perform firefighting skills in a safe and dynamic environment.

Members:

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Age:

14 to 21st birthday
(Must be enrolled prior to 18 or in High School)

Meetings:

Thursday from 1800 to 2100 hours
At Training Facility (1101 SW 208 Ave)

Requirements:

*Application
Resume
Essay
Report card (2.5 minimum GPA)

Application and related documents will be reviewed and a background check will be performed prior to membership. All members will be on probation for a period of ninety days.

This form is read by machine. Please print the numbers and letters as shown on the sample application.

YOUTH PARTICIPANT

Post number:

If applicant has an unexpired participant certificate, participation may be accomplished in this unit by paying $1 for processing the transfer. Mark and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

Transfer application Transfer from council number: Post number:

E-mail:

Name and address information **(Please print one letter in each space—press hard, you are making a copy.)**

First name **(No initials or nicknames)** Middle name Last name Suffix

Country Mailing address City State Zip code

US

Home phone - - Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) / / Grade

Ethnic background:

African American Native American Alaska Native Asian

Caucasian/White Hispanic/Latino Pacific Islander Other

Gender: Male Female

School

Parent/guardian information Mark here if address is same as above.

Mark here if the adult parent/guardian is not living at the same address; complete and attach a Learning for Life adult application.

Select relationship: Parent Guardian Grandparent Other (specify)

First name **(No initials or nicknames)** Middle name Last name Suffix

Country Mailing address City State Zip code

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Home phone - - Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) / / Occupation Employer Gender: M F

Business phone - - X Ext. Previous Exploring experience Cell phone - -

Parent/guardian e-mail address

I have read the attached information sheet and approve the application (signature of parent/guardian required if applicant is under 18 years of age).

Signature of parent/guardian

Signature of Explorer

Signature of post leader Date / /

6001 Registration fee $.

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