



**NORTH SNOHOMISH  
COUNTY FIRE EXPLORER  
POST 697  
*APPLICATION  
INFORMATION***

**Purpose:**

The North Snohomish County Fire Explorer Program provides the opportunity for high school and college students to become familiar with career opportunities available in the fire service and related fields.

Through classroom instruction, hands on training, and volunteer work, Explorers are provided a base of knowledge and experiences that will benefit them not only in fire service careers, but also in all future endeavors.

The program is designed to encourage teamwork, cooperation, effective communication, the development of leadership skills, and to provide knowledge of fire protection safety.

**Objectives:**

1. Identify career fields that are related to the fire service.
2. Provide career path advisement and information.
3. Teach fire safety education
4. Assist the community through volunteer work in fire safety education and related community service work
5. Identify and discuss the organizational components of a fire department.
6. Identify and discuss the departments and organizations that interface with the fire department.
7. Identify and perform the basic duties required of an entry-level firefighter.

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**Program:**

The Fire Explorer Program is managed by fire officials from North County Fire/EMS and Marysville Fire District.

It is the intent of North County Fire/EMS and Marysville Fire to organize the Explorer Program to operate in an environment that promotes maximum internal management. Explorers are offered the opportunity to advance to leadership positions where they will be allowed to develop interpersonal effectiveness and management skills.

Candidates must be between the ages of 14 and 21 years old, and must have competitive social, physical, and academic skills. Candidates must possess the potential to be hired by a fire department or an organization similar to the fire department in function.

Meetings will consist of classroom instruction and practical applications allowing exposure to fire and rescue equipment and techniques. Meetings must also manage a business portion as needed.

**Requirements:**

Candidates must be between 14 and 21 years of age.

Candidates shall pass a criminal background check.

Candidates must possess/maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or equivalent in school course work.

**Application:**

The hopeful young adult must initiate application to the Explorer Program by contacting the Program Manager/Senior Advisor. Matt Fleischbein North County Fire/EMS ([mfleischbein@northcountyfireems.com](mailto:mfleischbein@northcountyfireems.com))

The candidate will compose a "Letter of Intent" describing their interest in the fire service, or related field, and their goals of what they hope to earn/contribute to the Explorer Post.

The candidate then will have an interview with the Program Leader, and Senior Explorer Advisor. The successful candidate will enter the post and receive full privileges of membership as outlined in this policy.

Members will be accepted as openings become available.

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**Acceptance:**

Upon acceptance into the program, the explorer must:

1. Attend meetings on a regular basis. Two unexcused absences will be grounds for dismissal from the program.
2. Be available to assist in Volunteer Work Experience Program.
3. Work proficiently and cooperatively at all assigned duties.



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**APPLICATION FOR  
MEMBERSHIP**

*Congratulations* on your decision to embark on a future career in emergency services. North County Fire/EMS and Marysville Fire District are excited about your interest in joining the Fire Explorer Program. Follow the directions on this application carefully, print or type all information, then return the application as directed on this form. Applications received that are not legible, not completely filled out, or contain false information will be discarded without further consideration.

*Note: All information on this form must be completed in its entirety in order to be considered.*

**Part I-Background Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Apt.

City \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II-Letter of Intent:**

Draft a formal letter, addressed to the members of North Snohomish County Fire Explorer Post 697 expressing your interest in being a Fire Explorer. Your acceptance into the Fire Explorer Program is based on how you present yourself in your letter. The letter should be a minimum of two paragraphs in length, but may exceed that according to your discretion. Describe your current and future goals as they relate to emergency services. Also include some background on your interest and personality.

The Fire Explorer Program is design for those focused on a future career in emergency services and entrance into the program is highly competitive. Attach your letter to this form and return it in person or via US Mail to:

North County Fire/EMS

Attn: Matt Fleischbein

19727 Marine Dr.

Stanwood, WA 98292

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PRINT NAME OF PARTICIPANT

**PARTICIPANT'S WAIVER, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS**

**(EXPLORER PROGRAM)**

1. I, the undersigned, have voluntarily requested to participate in the North County Regional Fire Authority (the "District") Explorer Program (the "Program"). As a participant, I will be allowed to ride along with District personnel on District apparatus during training and emergency responses and participate in those training exercises and emergency repossesses.
2. I, represent that participation in the Program will allow me to gain valuable experience by training with and responding with District personnel to emergency incidents and is therefore of personal value to me.
3. I am aware of the inherent risks of training and responding as a fire fighter, including the risk of serious bodily injury or death. I understand that observing the operations and functions of the District may subject me to unpredictable and/or dangerous situations. During my observations, I may have the opportunity to ride in a car, ladder apparatus, engine apparatus, aid/medic unit, fireboat or other equipment operated by District Personal. I assume full responsibility for all injuries, death and/or damages I may suffer as a result of my participation in the Program, regardless of whether the injuries, death and /or damages may be caused by the sole or concurrent negligence of the North County Fire Authority.
4. For and in part consideration of the Fire Authority allowing me to participate in the program and as an inducement to the Fire Authority, I hereby waive any claim that I may hereinafter have against the Fire Authority, it's commissioners, employees or volunteers arising from or related to my participation in the program.
5. For and in part consideration of the District allowing me to participate in the Program and as an inducement to the District, I hereby release the District, its commissioners, employees or volunteers from any<sup>7</sup> and all liability whatsoever for any injuries, death, claims, demands, damages and/or cause of action, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, arising from or related to my participation in the Program.
6. For and in part consideration of the District allowing me to participate in the Program and as an inducement to the District, I hereby agree to save, defend and hold the District, its commissioners, employees or volunteers harmless from

any claim, demand, damage or cause of action, whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, brought by myself or on my behalf or derived from my injury or death during participation in the Program.

7. This waiver, release and hold harmless shall be binding on my heirs, successors and assigns.

**THE UNDERSIGNED REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT HE/SHE HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS HERIN. IN PARTICULAR THE UNDERSIGNED REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT HE/SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS DOCUMENT IS A WAIVER AND RELESE OF ALL RIGHTS TO MAKE A CLAIM AGAINST NORTH COUNTY FIRE & EMS, ITS COMMISSIONERS, EMPLOYEES OR VOLUNTEERS.**

Participate:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**If Participate is under 18**

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant named above; that I have read and understood the foregoing release; and that I join in the release without reservation, granting full consent and authorization for the above-name person to participate in the activity.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_