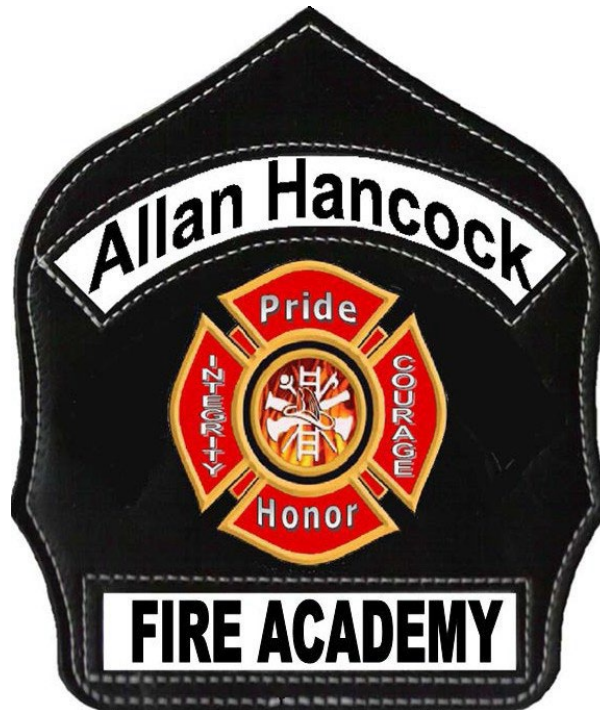




# Firefighter Academy Fall 2023 Application



**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.**

**NOTE: PLEASE READ THE ENTIRETY OF  
THE APPLICATION. KEEP PAGES 4 AND  
5 FOR YOUR REFERENCE AND SUBMIT  
PAGES 6-9.**

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# APPLICATION GUIDELINES

## COURSE INFORMATION

We are accepting applications for the Allan Hancock College - State of California Accredited Firefighter Academy as follows:

### ◆ **Full-time Fire Academy**

A 17 1/2 - week course tentatively scheduled for August 4th through December 7, 2023. (exact dates will be available with acceptance packets). This course meets daily (Monday through Friday), class hours are normally 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with one 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. night operations. There is also a mandatory Fitness Confirmation Orientation session (described below) on August 4th, and a mandatory FT 310 Firefighter Fitness class Tuesday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

### ◆ **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course covers more than 600 hours and provides manipulative and technical training in basic concepts of fire department organization, ropes, knots and hitches, hose and hose handling, ladder evolutions, wildland fires, fire investigation, fire prevention, loss prevention/overhaul operations, fire department apparatus, fire service tools and equipment, breathing apparatus, hazardous materials first responder operations, weapons of mass destruction, hazardous materials decontamination, how to get a job in the fire service, fire service tools, portable extinguishers, protective equipment, communications and liquid petroleum gas fire training is provided as part of our program.

The cost of the academy including uniforms, registration, books and equipment will be approximately \$2,800 – \$3,000 (this does not include cost of living/travel/room rental). Scholarship opportunities are available and presented in class.

### ◆ **APPLICANT ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA – Acceptance is selective, application based, and very competitive** Applicants are considered for acceptance based on the following criteria:

- **Current** NREMT-B or NREMT-P certification (First Aid/CPR Certificates are a minimum to apply)
- Education / Academic Preparation - College coursework and/or Fire Technology education are favorable
- Fire Service or EMS related training and work experience
- Fire Department affiliation or sponsorship
- Military Service
- Application – content, grammar, spelling, following directions

Applicants without any of these criteria may still be considered based on personal information and responses on the application.

### ◆ **PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIREMENTS**

**You must demonstrate the following *minimum* physical fitness levels before you are allowed to attend the Academy: 1.5 mile run in 15 minutes or less, 25 push-ups, 35 sit-ups, and ladder climb. Failure to demonstrate this minimum level of fitness will result in your dismissal from the program.**

If your application is accepted, you will be invited to attend a mandatory 1 Day - 2-part Orientation on August 4th. The morning session, (part 1) requires you to demonstrate that you meet the physical fitness standards stated above by completing each requirement. The afternoon Orientation (part 2) may only be attended by those successfully completing part 1. It is suggested that you prepare yourself to meet and exceed this requirement. If you do not meet the minimum requirement, you will not qualify, and your spot will be awarded to someone from the wait list.

### ◆ **Firefighter Physical Fitness Training (FT 310)**

This mandatory fitness course is part of the full-time academy curriculum. The class will meet from **7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday thru Friday** with emphasis on your cardiovascular, muscle endurance, and overall conditioning for Firefighters. Failure to maintain attendance or failure to meet performance expectations as described by staff, will result in a cadet's dismissal from the Fire Academy.

### ◆ **Respirator Fit Test (MANDATORY)**

Upon acceptance into the academy, you will be required to obtain documentation from a physician or licensed health care professional (PLHCP) confirming your fitness to wear respiratory protection devices, specifically **self-contained breathing apparatus**.

- The PLHCP's evaluation shall, at a minimum, be based upon Title 8 of California Code of Regulation section 5144, Appendix C medical questionnaire and a pulmonary function test. The form to provide to your physician will be included in the acceptance packet. **If you do not have a primary physician, Industrial Medical Group (IMG), in Santa Maria, has agreed to provide this service for \$100.00 on a walk-in basis, no appointment necessary.**

**You must provide the written certification from a PLHCP confirming you are cleared for full unrestricted respirator use before the start of the Academy, or you will not be permitted to participate in the Fire Academy program.**

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

**Only typed applications will be accepted.** Fill out the attached application *completely*, and return to our office by hand-delivery or mail on or before **Friday, April 28th, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents arrive with your application packet. Your placement in the academy will be determined upon review of your application and supporting documents. **Emailed applications will not be accepted. All supporting documents and verifications must be included with your application package. No documentation = no credit.**

Historically, numerous applications are submitted for the limited Academy spaces available. Applicants will be selected based on evaluation of the acceptance criteria mentioned above.

All applicants will be notified via email two-three weeks after the application deadline. Please provide an email address that you use frequently on the application.

**YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET SHALL INCLUDE:**

- Application form (**return only pages 6 - 9**) (**Stapled, no folders or covers**)
- Signed Fire Academy Standards and AHC Learning Assistance Program Information Page
- Supplemental Questionnaire
- Copy of College Transcripts (unofficial is acceptable)
- Letters of recommendation (if applicable)
- Copies of any supporting certifications and/or EMT/Paramedic cards
- Verification of related work experience on department letterhead

Deliver or mail application packet to:

Public Safety Training  
Complex Fire Academy  
Attn: Azhane' Griggs 5-108  
One Hancock Drive  
Lompoc, CA 93436

## Financial Aid – You Can Afford College!

**Types of Aid:** Apply for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG) application, FAFSA, Hancock Promise, or Promise Plus programs online. For more information visit <https://www.hancockcollege.edu/finaid/index.php>

CCPG: California residents may be eligible to have enrollment fees waived. The California College Promise Grant assists eligible students with the enrollment fees by waiving the student's tuition.

FAFSA: Is the form you need to fill out to get financial assistance from the federal government. It's the gateway to more than \$150 billion college grants, work-study funds, and federal student loans.

Hancock Promise: Local high school students receive a year free of tuition. Students who are home schooled or completed their GED through a local adult education program within the district are eligible.

Promise Plus Program: Is available to any first-time, continuing, returning, transfer, and international students – regardless of residency. Qualified students can attend Hancock tuition and fee free over the course of the 2022-2023 academic year (Summer 2022- Spring 2023).

## Locations & Hours

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| Santa Maria Campus: Building A-101, 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Floor Student Services<br>(805)922-6966 ext. 3200 | Lompoc Valley Center: Building 1,<br>Administration<br>(805)922-6966 ext. 5251 |
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## Normal Business Hours (phone/in person):

Monday & Tuesday: 8 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fridays: 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Email:** [finaid@hancockcollege.edu](mailto:finaid@hancockcollege.edu)

Allan Hancock College  
Fall 2023  
Fire Academy Application

**PLEASE TYPE ONLY**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AHC STUDENT ID #: H** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle*

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip Code*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of Birth - M/D/YY* **PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION:**

Total College Units \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative High School GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
(Completed units only)

Degree **Completed:**  AA  AS  BA/BS  Masters  Other

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRE EXPERIENCE:**

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CURRENT:**

**NREMT**  **NREMT-P**  Certification Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR EMT In Progress**  Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. MILITARY EXPERIENCE** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER APPLICABLE** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRE/EMS EXPERIENCE** \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to, or attended, this Fire Academy before? Yes  No  When? \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST FIELD RELATED CERTIFICATES: (only those attached will be considered)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any medical condition or existing injury, or are you taking any medications for a chronic health problem that might be aggravated through, or that will affect total participation in the Academy ? Yes  No

If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that falsification of this application or any submitted materials can result in disqualification to attend this Academy and I understand that this application will not be returned.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**READ THIS PAGE and RETURN A SIGNED COPY WITH YOUR APPLICATION**

**Fire Academy Standards  
and  
Allan Hancock College Learning Assistance Program Information**

**SET YOURSELF UP TO SUCCEED!**

**Academy Standards**

Our Fire Academy program is both academically and physically challenging. The standards for passing scores are high (80% on written tests and 100% on manipulative tests) and we adhere **strictly** to those standards.

If your study habits and testing skills are not excellent, (college level), you will likely have difficulty achieving and maintaining passing scores throughout the Academy, which would result in your dismissal from the program.

If you believe that you have a learning disability that might inhibit your chances for success in the Fire Academy, it is **STRONGLY ADVISED** that you take advantage of the program below.

**Learning Assistance Program**

The Fire Academy strongly supports the use of the college's **Learning Assistance Program (LAP)** for all Academy students who are eligible for disability services. This includes students who received resource assistance in high school or any student who has a identified disability that effects reading, writing or test taking. The LAP provides educational support through accommodations, instruction, assessment, counseling, and advocacy. ***It is very important that students who may need this service contact Learning Assistance before the Fire Academy program begins.*** The pace of our program is extremely fast and if support services are not in place right from the beginning, the chances of success are much lower.

We expect, students who can benefit from this service to contact the Learning Assistance office to arrange support well before the Fire Academy begins. The LAP can be reached at (805)922-6966 ext. 3274 or lap@hancockcollege.edu. LAP records are completely confidential.

I have read, and I understand, the Allan Hancock Fire Academy Standards and the Learning Assistance Program information.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE - TELL US ABOUT YOU**

These questions are for our information only. This will give us some insight into you prior to the academy. Additional pages may be attached to complete these questions, if necessary.

1. Why should we select you for the Allan Hancock College Fire Academy?

2. Describe your personal fitness level and what you do to stay fit.

Are you *prepared* to meet our fitness requirements as described on page 3? Yes  No

3. How have you prepared yourself for this program?

4. What are your 2 most outstanding strengths?



5. What are your 2 greatest weaknesses?

6. What 2 accomplishments make you the proudest, thus far in life?

7. If selected, what will you do to prove that the slot was given to the right person?

I understand that the Fire Academy program is both academically and physically challenging, requiring maximum effort and attendance, and that I may be dismissed from the program for poor performance or excessive hours missed.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to complete this, and for your interest in our Fire Academy program.

Sincerely,

Leonard Champion  
Coordinator, Fire Academy