



BARREN HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



Fill out all applicable portions of this form as completely as possible. At any time, you may save this form on your system using the “Save As” icon; retrieve it later to add more information, and, when you are ready to submit it, print it using the “Print” icon.

You must submit the following certifications with this application:

- **Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance** available from <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>.
- **Pennsylvanian Access to Criminal History (PATCH) Criminal Background Check** available from <https://epatch.pa.gov/home>.
- **If you have lived outside of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at any time in the last ten (10) years**, you must submit: **FBI Criminal History Clearance** available from <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/KeepKidsSafe/Clearances/Pages/FBI-Fingerprinting.aspx>
- **If you are under 18 years of age**, you must submit your “working papers” available from your local School District and fill out “Junior Member” and “Parental Authorization” sections of this application.

If you already have any of these certifications, you may submit them. However, all have expiration dates and no certificate over five years old will be accepted. Most of these agencies waive or reduce fees for volunteers but any charges are the responsibility of the applicant.

Please make sure that you have signed all required sections of the form.

What to Expect as an Applicant

This completed form and all the other required documents must be submitted for review by the Membership Committee. Deliver them to the firehouse (647 Germantown Pike) or mail them to P.O. Box 60, Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania, 19444. We **DO NOT** recommend emailing documents containing personally identifiable information.

After the Committee has reviewed your application, they will contact you with any questions or concerns and, when it is complete, request that you attend a General Membership Meeting.

General Membership meetings are held at the firehouse on the first Wednesday of each month. You will be asked to arrive at 7:00PM to be interviewed by the Membership Committee and then attend the general meeting at 7:30PM to be approved as a Probationary Member by the membership.

As a Probationary Member, you will be expected to attend general training on Monday nights and participate other Company functions to the level of your training and ability. After six months of probation, you will be confirmed as a Full Member at a General Membership Meeting.

If you have questions, please email BHFC@BarrenHill.com.



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Name: First: _____ Nickname: _____
Middle: _____
Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Address: Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Are you a U.S. Citizen (Yes/No)?** _____

Telephone: Mobile: _____ Accepts Text Messages (Yes/No)? _____
Home: _____
Work: _____ Extn.: _____
Other: _____ Type: _____

Email: #1: _____
#2: _____

Driver's License: State: _____ Number: _____ Class: _____
Do you have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) (Yes/No)? _____



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MEDICAL INFORMATION

Do you have any medical conditions which would prevent you from performing any type of fire / rescue activities (Yes/No)? _____ If Yes, Explain:

Do you have any physical limitations which would prevent you from performing any type of fire / rescue activities (Yes/No)? _____ If Yes, Explain:

Blood Type: _____

Allergies: _____

Preferred Hospitals in Case of Emergency:

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone: _____ Address: _____



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EMERGENCY SERVICE AFFILIATIONS

List any other Emergency Service Organizations that you are currently or have been a member of in the past:

Organization: _____

Member from: _____ thru: _____

Chief Officer: _____

Telephone or Email: _____

Organization: _____

Member from: _____ thru: _____

Chief Officer: _____

Telephone or Email: _____

Organization: _____

Member from: _____ thru: _____

Chief Officer: _____

Telephone or Email: _____

Have you ever been discharged from or refused membership in any other emergency services organizations (Yes/No)? _____ If Yes, Explain:



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EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Latest Employer: _____

Address: _____

Telephone or Email: _____

Supervisor: _____

Description of Job Duties: _____

Date Hired: _____ Date Left: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Previous Employer: _____

Address: _____

Telephone or Email: _____

Supervisor: _____

Description of Job Duties: _____

Date Hired: _____ Date Left: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

Previous Employer: _____

Address: _____

Telephone or Email: _____

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Reason for leaving: _____



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PERSONAL REFERENCES

(Please list three references who are not related to you)

Name: _____ Years Known: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

How do you know this person? _____

Name: _____ Years Known: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

How do you know this person? _____

Name: _____ Years Known: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

How do you know this person? _____



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JUNIOR MEMBER INFORMATION

{This section applies ONLY if the applicant is less than 18 years of age}

The Pennsylvania Child Labor Law regulates what that minor can do as part of any employment – including volunteer fire companies. You must submit a copy of your working papers with this application. If you do not have them, you may apply through the Guidance Office of your school.

If accepted into the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company as a Junior Member, you MUST maintain a “C” average to continue as a member. You are required to submit a copy of your most recent report card with this application and, each marking period, submit your current report card to the Office of the Fire Chief.

School: _____ Grade: _____

PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION

{This section applies ONLY if the applicant is less than 18 years of age}

Parent / Guardian’s Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

By signing below, I am authorizing my minor child to participate as a volunteer with the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company. I have reviewed the Junior Membership Rules and Regulations and understand the requirements of membership and the parameters of participation that they will be held to.

Parent’s Signature

Date



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CRIMINAL HISTORY

Have you ever been arrested for any Felony, Misdemeanor or Summary violation or the equivalent (Yes/No)? _____ If Yes, Explain:

Have you ever been incarcerated for any Felony, Misdemeanor or Summary violations for the equivalent (Yes/No)? _____ If Yes, Explain:

Have you lived outside of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at any time in the last ten (10) years (Yes/No)? _____ If Yes, **you must submit an FBI Criminal History Clearance with this application.**

AUTHORITY TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I hereby authorize any criminal justice officer or other authorized representative of the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company bearing this release, to obtain all information available from my past and present employers, credit references, criminal records and medical records. I request that the custodian of records, in each case, permit my records to be examined, copied, or otherwise reviewed.

I hereby release any such authority, including its employees or related personnel, both individually and collectively from all liability, from damages of whatever kind which may at any time, result to me, my heirs, my family or any associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information.

All information obtained will be held in strictest confidence.

Applicant Signature

Date



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COMMITMENT AGREEMENT TO VOLUNTEERING

By agreeing to membership with the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company, I agree to commit to a minimum of three years of active membership to the Company. For the purpose of this Membership Application ONLY, the standard of active membership shall be as follows:

- 10% of dispatched emergency calls; OR
- 10% of scheduled training sessions; OR
- 10% of scheduled special services; OR
- 4 Company Meetings

In the event of non-compliance with this agreement, the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company may seek restitution from the member for costs of equipment, gear, training, and any other associated costs with being a member.

Applicant Signature

Date