

# Fire Eligibility Requirements

## SOMERVELL COUNTY FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

**QUALIFICATIONS:** As prescribed by Chapter 143 Local Government Code

**APPLICATIONS:** Applications for full time and part time may be obtained at Somervell County Fire Department, 111 Shepard St, Glen Rose, TX, or from the county website. Submit applications to Somervell County Fire Department, or by email to [maci.sowders@co.somervell.tx.us](mailto:maci.sowders@co.somervell.tx.us) Call (254) 897-2135 with any questions.



**FIREFIGHTER EXAM AND PHYSICAL AGILITY TEST:** Applicants will be contacted directly to schedule testing.

- Must be a citizen of the United States and be able to read, write and fluently speak English.
- Age 18 or above.
- Possess a valid Texas Class B driver's license, or be able to obtain one within ninety (90) days of employment, that is not in jeopardy of suspension or revocation.
- Preferably possess certification as a basic Firefighter, or be able to become certifiable at time of appointment, as established by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. At or before the time of entrance exam, applicant shall provide either (1) evidence of certification issued by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, or (2) evidence of current enrollment in a basic recruit fire training academy approved by the Texas Commission of Fire Protection.
- Must possess certification as a (1) Paramedic (more preferable) or (2) an EMT-B by the Texas Department of State Health Services at time of appointment. At or before the time of entrance exam, applicant shall provide either (1) a Paramedic or (2) EMT Certificate issued by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- Must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an equivalency certificate.
- Official transcripts or other competent evidence of completion of the aforementioned academic requirements must be submitted with application.
- Applicants convicted of a felony under State, Federal, or Military Law will not be considered for employment. Applicants will not be considered while charges are pending for any offense.
- Candidates must complete a written exam, physical agility test, and oral review board.
- Candidates will be subject to a driver analysis; background investigation; medical exam; drug testing; and any other relevant investigations deemed necessary.

Annual salary for applicants, including FLSA overtime and holiday pay:

**Firefighter/Paramedic** certifications starts at \$57,293.

**Firefighter/EMT Basic** certifications starts at \$50,293.

**Paramedic** only certification starts at \$51,660.

**EMT** only certification starts at \$44,772.

\*Lateral pay available depending on experience.\*

### **BENEFITS:**

TCDRS Retirement Plan- 7% 2.35:1 county match.

100% county paid health insurance.

Life/Dental/Vision Insurance available.

Paid vacation, sick time, and holidays.