

City of Beaver Falls Fire Department

Entry Level Firefighter

The Civil Service Commission for the City of Beaver Falls will be administering an **entry level** examination for the position of **Firefighter/EMT**. See below for details.

The City of Beaver Falls is located in Southwestern Pennsylvania and has a population of nearly 10,000 people. The Beaver Falls Fire Department (BFFD) is a highly progressive and motivated combination fire department having 10 full-time firefighters and 15 paid-on call volunteer firefighters. The BFFD is responsible for fire suppression, fire prevention, rescue (vehicle, water, high angle and general) and emergency medical first responder service (ALS & BLS). **All firefighters hired will also function as code enforcement officers for the City of Beaver Falls.** Firefighters work a 24 on and 48 hours off schedule. Starting salary in 2024 is \$46,367 which increases to \$61,370 after two years. Full-time firefighters are eligible for an excellent benefits package, paid holidays and scheduled longevity increases.

- A physical agility test will be administered on **December 11, 2023 at 10:00AM** (applicants must arrive by 9:45AM) at the **Allegheny County Police & Fire Academy, 700 West Ridge Drive, Allison Park, PA**. Candidates who pass the physical agility test will be given a written examination at 2:00pm, same date (December 11, 2023) at the City of Beaver Falls City Building, Second Floor, 715 15th Street, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Other mandatory components of the test are an oral examination, a background investigation, a medical examination and a psychological examination.
- Completed applications with copies of all required, up-to-date certifications must be returned to the Office of the City Clerk, 715 15th Street, Second Floor, Beaver Falls, PA 15010 no later than **3:30 p.m. on November 22, 2023**. Applications must be received in person or mail only; no applications will be accepted online. Applications received after that time will be rejected.
- **Test Administration Fee:** No Fee
- **Age & Residency Requirements.** All applicants must have reached their 18th birthday before the deadline for submitting completed applications. Individuals hired to fill positions in the fire department must meet the 5-air mile residency requirement within six months of hire, as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement.
- **General Qualifications - All Applicants.** Each applicant for a position in the fire department shall be a citizen of the United States and shall possess a diploma from an accredited high school **or** a graduate equivalency diploma (GED). In addition, each applicant must be physically and mentally fit to perform the full duties of a firefighter, and possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

- Applicants for the **fire department** must present proof, with application, of Pennsylvania State Fire Academy Firefighter 1 Certification or Pro Board Firefighter I Certification and Pennsylvania Department of Health Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B).
- Qualified veterans who receive a passing score on both the written and oral examination will receive an additional ten (10) points added to their total score in recognition of their military service. A photocopy of service discharge DD Form 214, or other military document(s) showing date of entry, successful completion of basic training, character of service, and completion of military service commitment must be provided at the time of application. **Failure to provide this documentation will result in loss of Veterans' Preference Points.**
- Applicants must complete the Waiver & Release for Background Information on the job application form (Appendix B) and it must be notarized. As a part of the background check, the applicant's motor vehicle records will be reviewed.
- **Overall Scoring:**

Element	Passing Score	Weight
➤ Written Examination	70%	70%
➤ Oral Examination	70%	30%
➤ Physical Agility	Pass/Fail	
➤ Background Investigation	Pass/Fail	
➤ Medical Examination	Pass/Fail	
➤ Drug Screening	Pass/Fail	
➤ Psychological Examination	Pass/Fail	

• **PHYSICAL AGILITY REQUIREMENTS – FIREFIGHTER (INITIAL)**

An applicant for the initial position of casual firefighter and full-time firefighter with the City of Beaver Falls Fire Department must meet the following physical agility requirements:

- A. **Stretcher Carry**: Applicants will be paired off and required to carry a stretcher with a simulated patient weighing at least 200 pounds over a distance of 100 feet without setting the stretcher down or stopping to rest. Those applicants failing on the first attempt will be permitted to retake the exercise a second and third time after being paired with another partner. If the applicant fails on the third attempt, an additional attempt may be permitted at the sole discretion of the examiner or official in charge of the testing.

- B. **Body Drag**: An applicant will be required to drag a weight, simulating a person, weighing at least 200 pounds, at least fifty (50) feet in a period of fifteen (15) seconds.
- C. **Quarter Mile Run**: An applicant is required to run a distance of one quarter of a mile, over a pre-measured course, in less than one hundred and ten (110) seconds.
- D. **Window Climb**: An applicant is required to climb through a six (6) foot high level window without assistance onto a three (3) foot level platform on this side of the window, and then to the ground. They must then return up onto the three (3) foot high level platform, through the window and onto the ground below. A second opportunity will be given to any applicant who fails during the first attempt. One (1) additional attempt may be permitted at the sole discretion of the examiner or official in charge of the testing.
- E. **Hose Carry**: An applicant must carry a 50-foot section of rolled 2.5" hose to the top of the tower building and return to the bottom