

# WESTBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership shall be presented in writing on a form provided for such purpose by the Board of Fire Commissioners and filed in accordance with the by-laws of the Company to which application is made.

An applicant must be a **person not under the age of 18 years, not** over the age of 40 years; must be a resident for at least six months of the Westbury Fire District, a resident of any fire district or territory protected by the Westbury Fire Department under contract, or be in compliance with the terms of SECTION 176 (b) of the New York State Town Law regarding those applicants who do not reside in the Fire District or a protected area; must be a citizen of the United States; must have a valid New York State Driver's License, Class 5 or higher, and must provide proof thereof at the time of application; must have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma and must provide proof thereof at the time of application; must not have been expelled by any other Company or Department nor have been convicted of any offense involving moral turpitude. His or her character must be such that it will not bring the Department into disrepute. Each applicant for membership must have a doctor's certificate proving the applicant is physically capable of performing firematic duties, expense of the certificate to be paid for by the Fire District. If and in the event an applicant for membership shall, after his physical examination, be found to be physically unacceptable to perform firematic duties, said applicant shall not be eligible to reapply for membership for six (6) months from the date of said medical determination. The election of an applicant to membership in any Company shall be in accordance with the by-laws of the respective Company. **Rev. 9/29/99 BOC**

An applicant for membership who has served five years in another Department, either volunteer or paid, shall not be required to serve a probationary period with the exception of the policy covering probationary drills which must be adhered to.

Any person who was previously a member of the Westbury Fire Department shall be eligible to reapply to the Department of the following terms and conditions:

- a. That he/she has resigned from the Westbury Fire Department in good standing.
- b. If he/she did not resign from the Westbury Fire Department but was dropped from its rolls, that the reason for his/her being dropped from the rolls did not include any of the following:
  1. Results of a Departmental or Fire District Disciplinary Hearing. (A Disciplinary Hearing for failure to meet Department quotas shall not be considered grounds to exclude an applicant from reapplying under this section.)
  2. Outstanding Departmental charges involving matters of moral turpitude, illegal or quasi-illegal conduct which the applicant refused to defend.

In the event a person is over the age of forty (40) years, but under the age of forty-five (45) years, he shall be eligible to reapply to the Department subject to the following additional terms and conditions:

- a. That he/she has previously completed five (5) years of continuous service in the Westbury Fire Department.
- b. That he/she not have been out of the Department for more than ten (10) years at the time of his/her reapplication.