

# Travis County



## Emergency Services District 1 Employment Application

Thank you for your interest in employment with Travis County ESD 1. This application form is an important step in a process that will allow the District to select a qualified individual for employment. It is very important that you complete the form accurately and completely. Print legibly or type your application.

It is the policy of Travis County Emergency Services District #1 to hire and promote the best-qualified individual(s) available. To this end, no person shall be refused employment, denied promotion or assignment, discharged or otherwise discriminated against or given preference in any aspect based on race, gender, religion, age, political affiliation, national origin, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, genetic information, or any other non-job related factor, except when certain physical and mental requirements are a bona-fide occupational disqualifier.

**In an effort to maintain a safe and healthy workplace, all applicants considered for employment will be subject to drug testing.**

The selection process is designed to be fair to all applicants. Applicants for some positions may undergo written testing and/or oral interviews depending on the position. Applicants who are selected to proceed will be notified by telephone as to the date and time of the next step in the process.

Travis County ESD 1 may reject an applicant or terminate an employee for falsifying an employment application at any time after the falsification is discovered. Omission of pertinent information with the intent to conceal a fact is considered a falsification.

Travis County ESD 1 reserves the right to abandon the application process at any time and to re-advertise for new or additional applicants.

If an advertisement for a position includes an return deadline for applications, no application will be accepted after the deadline. Applicants returning an application packet by mail should mail early to insure arrival by the deadline. Travis County ESD 1 assumes no liability for delays in delivery by the U.S. Postal Service or other parcel delivery service.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or require assistance in completing this application, please contact the Office of the Fire Chief at 512-267-3586 between the hours of 0800 - 1700.



## **Application Requirements**

**You must meet the following minimum requirements to apply for this job**

### **Required Education and Experience:**

- High School Diploma or equivalent.
- No previous experience is required.

### **Preferred Certifications and Licenses:**

- Basic Structural Firefighter with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection
- Certified Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS) Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic (EMT-P)
- Valid Texas Class B Driver's License
  - Must acquire within 1 year of employment

### **Other Requirements:**

- Must be at least 18 years old or older.
- Be authorized to work in the United States.
- Must be able to read and write English.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies and to direct the work of subordinates in emergency situations.
- Ability to use, operate and care for fire-fighting equipment.
- Ability to plan, supervise and coordinate the work of others.
- Maintain knowledge of maps and locations of streets, fire hydrants and response routes.
- Maintains knowledge of the mechanical principles involved in the efficient operation of fire apparatus and equipment.
- Ability to gain physical strength and agility sufficient to perform prolonged and arduous work under adverse conditions.
- Is required to attend and successfully perform during the fire department's mandatory physical fitness program.
- Must be able to work a rotating shift schedule with regular and predictable attendance.
- Must refrain from using tobacco for the duration of employment.

Once the application is received by Travis County Emergency Services District #1, the applicant will be contacted and advised of the process for advancement.

### **Written Exam(if applicable)**

The written exam is administered by Travis County ESD 1 staff members or people certified to administer the written exams. Applicants that successfully achieve a passing score of 70% will be eligible to participate in the Physical Agility.

The written exam is comprised of sections that help assess the candidate's ability to solve simple mathematics, reading comprehension, and problem solving. There are also sections that test the candidate's fire and medical knowledge.

### **Physical Agility**

The physical agility will consist of a series of task-oriented events related to the fire service and is designed to assess a candidate's ability to perform the tasks required of a firefighter.

**Any applicant that fails to show up or is late for their scheduled pre-employment testing will be disqualified from the application process.**



# ***Travis County ESD 1 Application***

## ***Application and Personal History Statement***

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Important! Read these Instructions Carefully**

These instructions are provided as a guide to assist you in properly completing your Application and Personal History Statement. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE INFORMATION BE CORRECT AND COMPLETE!

Your Application and Personal History Statement will be used as the basis for a background investigation that will determine your eligibility for the position for which you are applying.

1. Your Application and Personal History Statement should be typewritten if possible. (This is a fillable form)
2. Answer all questions completely. If a question does not apply to you, enter "N/A" in the space provided
3. Avoid errors by reading the directions carefully before making any entries on the form. Be sure your information is correct and in sequence, before you begin
4. You are responsible for obtaining correct addresses (including zip codes). If you are not sure of an address, check it by personal verification. Your local library may have directory service or copies of the required directories. Include the area code on all telephone numbers
5. If there is insufficient space on the Application and Personal History Statement form, attach extra sheets. Be sure your name is on the page and reference the relevant section and question the information which refers to.

Your failure to complete this document accurately and thoroughly may result in the rejection of your application. Any misstatement or misrepresentations, including omitted information, given in the Application and Personal History Statement or interview(s) may result in the rejection of your application and/or immediate termination, without right of appeal, unless subject to an appeal pursuant to the Department's Personnel Rules.

If you have any questions regarding the required information, contact the office prior to returning the document. You may reach the administrative offices from 0800 - 1700 Monday through Thursday by calling (512) 267-3586.

# Required Documentation

- ☐ Complete and Signed Application
- ☐ High school Diploma or GED, If Applicable
- ☐ College Transcripts, If Applicable
- ☐ Copies of all Certifications, If Applicable
- ☐ Copy of Front & Back of Valid Driver's License
- ☐ DPS Criminal History & Driving Records

## Instructions for Obtaining DPS Records

To obtain your Texas DPS criminal and driving records, follow these steps using the provided links:

- To access your criminal record visit:  
<https://publicsite.dps.texas.gov/ConvictionNameSearch/>
- Create an account and search the database for your name
- Search credits cost \$3.00 each with a 2.25% fee per credit plus a \$0.25 transaction fee for each order.
- To access your driving records visit: <https://order.dpsrecords.com>
- Order a Type 3A (Certified Complete Driving History) record
- You may choose your type of delivery method
- Pay the necessary fees: \$29.95 for Type 3A record plus delivery fees
- Submit both your criminal history and driving history documents in a sealed envelope marked on the front with your name and "Criminal and DPS Record"

Please select the position in which you are applying for:

- ☐ **Full Time Firefighter / EMT Basic** (Currently holds both TCFP Basic Structural Firefighter and TSDHS EMT certifications)
- ☐ **Full Time Firefighter / Paramedic** (Currently holds both TCFP Basic Structural Firefighter and TSDHS Paramedic certifications)
- ☐ **Fire Cadet** (Currently does not hold TCFP Basic Structural Firefighter and/or TSDHS EMT / Paramedic)
- ☐ **CERT** (Community Emergency Response Team) \*If applying for CERT, fill out all sections of the application that are applicable. You may omit any portions related to Firefighter / EMT / Paramedic.)

Information provided in this section is used for identification purposes only and will not be used against you in the employment process.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Other Names Used: Maiden, Adoption, Etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Name City State Zip

Home Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you legal to work in the U.S.? Yes No

Driver's License: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number State of Issue Expiration Date

Telephone Number where you can be reached between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. M - F:

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

High School

School Name	Location (City and State)	Dates Attended	Diploma

College

Name of College	Dates Attended	Credit Hours	Degree Type

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Full Time

Part Time

Temporary

Seasonal

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment began on \_\_\_\_\_ Ended on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Date

Name of Co-Worker \_\_\_\_\_

Position held with company / duties and responsibilities:

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Duties / Responsibilities:

Time in position(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive job performance evaluations while at this company? Yes No

Name of final supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you eligible for rehire? Yes No

Reason for leaving this position:



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## **MILITARY SERVICE**

Have you registered with selective service? ☐ Yes ☐ No When? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been a member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Induction date: \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

A dishonorable discharge is not an absolute bar to employment and other factors will affect the decision to hire or not to hire a civilian candidate. Officer candidates must have an honorable discharge or serve under honorable conditions to be considered for employment.

Awards: (Type and Date)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Special Schools / Training:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Have you ever been reduced in rank? ☐ Yes ☐ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

While in the military service, were you ever arrested for an offense, which resulted in a trial by captain's mast, or by summary, special or general court-martial?

If yes, give date, place, law enforcing authority or type of court or court martial, charge and action taken for each incident.

Charge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Results: \_\_\_\_\_

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Results: \_\_\_\_\_

Last duty station and name of commanding officer:

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Are you currently a member of a U.S. Reserve or National or State Guard organization? Yes No

Branch of service: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade and Service # \_\_\_\_\_

Are you: Inactive Standby

Organization / Station / Unit and Location: \_\_\_\_\_



**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

List your professional work-related memberships in groups, associations, or clubs:

Official Name of Organization	TYPE: (E.g. Trade, Business or job-related)	Office(s) Held	Dates of Membership	
			FROM	TO

**Community Activities****Awards, Commendations or Items of Special Recognition:**

Are there any incidents in your life not mentioned herein which may reflect upon your suitability to perform the duties which you may be called upon to do or which require further explanation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain

**MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION (Continued)**

If you are fluent in a foreign language, indicate, in each area, your degree of fluency (excellent, good, and fair).

Language	Reading	Speaking	Understanding	Writing

List any other special skills or qualifications you may possess.

**Special Qualifications and Skills**

List any special licenses you hold (such as pilot, radio operator, scuba, etc.) showing licensing authority original date of issue, and date of expiration.

List any specialized machinery or equipment which you can operate.

Is there anything that would prevent you from fully performing the duties of a firefighter, including working weekends, holidays, evenings, or at night?

**PERSONAL REFERENCES**

List four (4) persons who know you well enough to provide current information about you. **Do not list relatives or past/present employers.**

<b>Name</b>		Occupation
Home Address		
Home phone #		
Work Phone#		
Years known	Briefly describe your relationship with this person	
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ACCURACY OF INFORMATION:

I have reviewed each page to make sure all parts are correct and complete. I understand that my eligibility will be based on the information contained on this application. I also understand that the Travis County ESD 1 is an at-will employer and that this document is not an offer of employment nor does it constitute an employment contract.

I hereby certify that there are no willful misrepresentations, omissions, or falsifications in the foregoing statements and answers to questions.

I am fully aware that any such misrepresentations, omissions, or falsifications will be grounds for immediate rejection of my application, or if hired, termination of my employment.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date