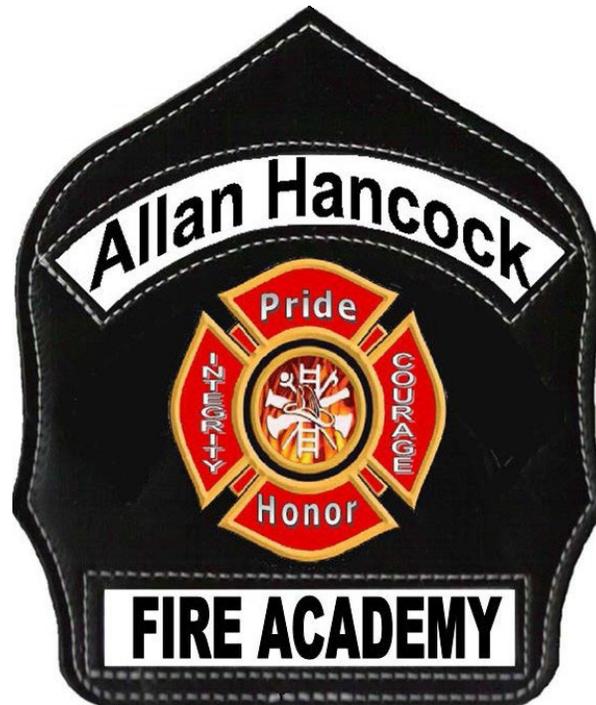




Firefighter Academy Fall 2026 Application



APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 30 @ 4 P.M.

Note: Please read the entirety of the application. Keep pages 4 and 5 for your reference and submit pages 6-9.

Applications must be in our possession by the date listed above.

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

COURSE INFORMATION

We are accepting applications for the Allan Hancock College - State of California Accredited Firefighter Academy as follows:

◆ **Full-time Fire Academy**

A 17 1/2 - week course tentatively scheduled for **August 6th through December 10, 2026**. (exact dates will be available with acceptance packets). This course meets daily (Monday through Friday), class hours are normally 7 am. to 6 pm., with one 1 pm. to 10 pm. night operations. There is also a mandatory Fitness Confirmation Orientation session (described below) **on August 6, 2026**.

◆ **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course covers more than 700 hours and provides manipulative and technical training in basic concepts of fire department organization, ropes, knots and hitches, hose and hose handling, ladder evolutions, wildland fires, fire investigation, fire prevention, loss prevention/overhaul operations, fire department apparatus, fire service tools and equipment, breathing apparatus, hazardous materials first responder operations, weapons of mass destruction, hazardous materials decontamination, how to get a job in the fire service, fire service tools, portable extinguishers, protective equipment, communications and liquid petroleum gas fire training is provided as part of our program.

The cost of the academy including uniforms, registration, books and equipment will be approximately \$3,000 – \$3,500 (this does not include cost of living/travel/room rental). Scholarship opportunities are available and presented in class.

◆ **APPLICANT ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA – Acceptance is selective, application based, and very competitive** Applicants are considered for acceptance based on meeting as many of the following criteria as possible.

- First Aid/CPR Certificates are a minimum to apply
- EMT certification
- Education / Academic Preparation - College coursework and/or Fire Technology education are favorable
- Fire Service or EMS related training and work experience
- Fire Department affiliation or sponsorship
- Military Service
- FT 306- Fire Fighter I Pre-Academy
- FT 379A- Public Safety Fitness Course
- Application – content, grammar, spelling, following directions

Applicants without any of these criteria may still be considered based on personal information and responses on the application.

◆ **PHYSICAL FITNESS REQUIREMENTS**

You must demonstrate the following *minimum* physical fitness levels before you are allowed to attend the Academy: 1.5 mile run in 15 minutes or less, 25 push-ups, 35 sit-ups, and ladder climb. Failure to demonstrate this minimum level of fitness will result in your dismissal from the program.

If your application is accepted, you will be invited to attend a mandatory 1 Day - 2-part Orientation on **August 6th**. The morning session, (part 1) requires you to demonstrate that you meet the physical fitness standards stated above by completing each requirement. The afternoon Orientation (part 2) may only be attended by those successfully completing part 1. It is suggested that you prepare yourself to **meet and exceed this requirement**. If you do not meet the minimum requirement, you will not qualify, and your spot will be awarded to someone from the wait list.

◆ **Respirator Fit Test (MANDATORY)**

Upon acceptance into the academy, you will be required to obtain documentation from a physician or licensed health care professional (PLHCP) confirming your fitness to wear respiratory protection devices, specifically **self-contained breathing apparatus**.

- The PLHCP's evaluation shall, at a minimum, be based upon Title 8 of California Code of Regulation section 5144, Appendix C medical questionnaire and a pulmonary function test. The form to provide to your physician will be included in the acceptance packet. **If you do not have a primary physician, Akeso Occupational Health in Santa Maria, has agreed to provide this service for \$170.00 on a walk-in basis, no appointment necessary.**

You must provide the written certification from a PLHCP confirming you are cleared for full unrestricted respirator use before the start of the Academy, or you will not be permitted to participate in the Fire Academy program.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Only typed applications will be accepted. Fill out the attached application *completely*, and return to our office by hand-delivery or mail on or before **April 30, 2026 @ 4 p.m.** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all supporting documents arrive with your application packet. Your placement in the academy will be determined upon review of your application and supporting documents. **Emailed applications will not be accepted. All supporting documents and verifications must be included with your application package. No documentation = no credit.**

Historically, numerous applications are submitted for the limited Academy spaces available. Applicants will be selected based on evaluation of the acceptance criteria mentioned above.

All applicants will be notified via email two-three weeks after the application deadline. Please provide an email address that you use frequently on the application.

YOUR COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET SHALL INCLUDE:

- Application form (**return only pages 6 - 9**) (**Stapled, no folders or covers**)
- Signed Fire Academy Standards and AHC Learning Assistance Program Information Page
- Supplemental Questionnaire
- Copy of College Transcripts (unofficial is acceptable)
- Letters of recommendation (if applicable)
- Copies of any supporting certifications and/or EMT/Paramedic cards
- Verification of related work experience on department letterhead (if applicable)

Deliver or mail application packet to:

Public Safety Training
Complex Fire Academy Attn:
Tiffany J. Alexander 5-108
One Hancock Drive
Lompoc, CA 93436

Financial Aid – As easy as 1-2-3!

1. Apply for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG) application online. Visit www.hancockcollege.edu, select “Financial Aid” and under “Financial Assistance”, select “California College Promise Grant (CCPG).” Then click on “APPLY NOW!”
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at fafsa.gov and add Allan Hancock College as one of the schools of your choice; this will allow our office to receive your information once your financial aid application has been processed.
3. Follow up with the Financial Aid Office at Allan Hancock College for more information regarding your eligibility for student aid and/or additional documentation required to receive your aid as well as scholarship information. The Financial Aid Office can be contacted by phone at 805.922.6966 ext. 3200 or by email at finaid@hancockcollege.edu.

CCC Apply

Your application process is not complete until you have registered with Hancock College for a student ID number through the CCC Apply process. This is a no-cost process and when complete, you will receive an Allan Hancock College student ID number beginning with the letter H followed by eight numbers. **You must complete this process for your application for the fire academy to be considered.** Follow the directions below.

<https://www.opencccapply.net/gateway/apply?cccMisCode=611>

Step 1: Navigate to the above website.

Step 2: Log on to your OpenCCC account (or create an account) and "start a new application" for Allan Hancock College, be sure to choose "Spring 2024 semester" and "Credit Level" (if this option comes up). Once you submit your application, you should receive an automated e-mail from Allan Hancock College Admissions containing your "H" number and username (24-48 business hours)

List you Allan Hancock College student number below:

H _____

**Allan Hancock College
Spring 2026
Fire Academy Application**

PLEASE TYPE ONLY

NAME: _____ **AHC STUDENT ID #: H** _____
Last First Middle

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Code

_____ **PHONE NUMBER:** _____ **CELL NUMBER:** _____
Date of Birth - M/D/YY

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EDUCATION:

Total College Units _____ Cumulative High School GPA _____
(Completed units only)

Degree **Completed:** AA AS BA/BS Masters Other

Date Completed: _____ Major: _____ School: _____

FIRE EXPERIENCE:

Department: _____ Rank: _____
Department: _____ Rank: _____

CURRENT:

EMT In Progress Certification Expires: _____
Completion Date: _____

U.S. MILITARY EXPERIENCE _____

OTHER APPLICABLE _____

FIRE/EMS EXPERIENCE _____

Have you applied to, or attended, this Fire Academy before? Yes No When? _____

LIST FIELD RELATED CERTIFICATES: (only those attached will be considered)

Do you have any medical condition or existing injury, or are you taking any medications for a chronic health problem that might be aggravated through, or that will affect total participation in the Academy ? Yes No

If YES, please explain: _____

Have you attended FT 306 before or registered? Yes No When?

Have you attended FT 379A before? Yes No When?

I understand that falsification of this application or any submitted materials can result in disqualification to attend this Academy and I understand that this application will not be returned.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

READ THIS PAGE and RETURN A SIGNED COPY WITH YOUR APPLICATION

**Fire Academy Standards
and
Allan Hancock College Learning Assistance Program Information**

SET YOURSELF UP TO SUCCEED!

Academy Standards

Our Fire Academy program is both academically and physically challenging. The standards for passing scores are high (80% on written tests and 100% on manipulative tests) and we adhere **strictly** to those standards.

If your study habits and testing skills are not excellent, (college level), you will likely have difficulty achieving and maintaining passing scores throughout the Academy, which would result in your dismissal from the program.

If you believe that you have a learning disability that might inhibit your chances for success in the Fire Academy, it is **STRONGLY ADVISED** that you take advantage of the program below.

Learning Assistance Program

The Fire Academy strongly supports the use of the college's **Learning Assistance Program (LAP)** for all Academy students who are eligible for disability services. This includes students who received resource assistance in high school or any student who has a identified disability that effects reading, writing or test taking. The LAP provides educational support through accommodations, instruction, assessment, counseling, and advocacy. ***It is very important that students who may need this service contact Learning Assistance before the Fire Academy program begins.*** The pace of our program is extremely fast and if support services are not in place right from the beginning, the chances of success are much lower.

We expect, students who can benefit from this service to contact the Learning Assistance office to arrange support well before the Fire Academy begins. The LAP can be reached at (805)922-6966 ext. 3274 or lap@hancockcollege.edu. LAP records are completely confidential.

I have read, and I understand, the Allan Hancock Fire Academy Standards and the Learning Assistance Program information.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE - TELL US ABOUT YOU

These questions are for our information only. This will give us some insight into you prior to the academy. Additional pages may be attached to complete these questions, if necessary.

1. Why should we select you for the Allan Hancock College Fire Academy?

2. Describe your personal fitness level and what you do to stay fit.

Are you *prepared* to meet our fitness requirements as described on page 3? Yes No

3. How have you prepared yourself for this program?

4. What are your 2 most outstanding strengths?

5. What are your 2 greatest weaknesses?

6. What 2 accomplishments make you the proudest, thus far in life?

7. If selected, what will you do to prove that the slot was given to the right person?

I understand that the Fire Academy program is both academically and physically challenging, requiring maximum effort and attendance, and that I may be dismissed from the program for poor performance or excessive hours missed.

Applicant Signature: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this, and for your interest in our Fire Academy program.

Sincerely,

Leonard Champion
Coordinator, Fire Academy