



Welcome

County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Explorer Program

Virtual Recruitment/Open House





Meeting Agenda



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- Explorer Program Overview
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Learning for Life Partnership

- The County of Los Angeles Fire Department partners with Learning for Life to offer participants the opportunity to explore the career of a firefighter.
- Participants are given the opportunity to train and work side by side with fire service professionals while being mentored.
- Participants are consistently supervised by firefighters who are trained mentors according to Learning for Life's policies and procedures.

Explorer Posts

- Explorer Posts:

- ❖ Fire Station 28 (Whittier)
- ❖ Fire Station 32 (Azusa)
- ❖ Fire Station 54 (South Gate)
- ❖ Fire Station 58 (Fairfax)
- ❖ Fire Station 82 (La Cañada)
- ❖ Fire Station 89 (Agoura Hills)
- ❖ Fire Station 116 (Carson)
- ❖ Fire Station 118 (Industry)
- ❖ Fire Station 150 (Santa Clarita)
- ❖ Fire Station 166 (El Monte)
- ❖ Fire Station 187 (Pomona)



Explorer Program Basic Requirements

- 15-20 years of age
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA in school
- In good health and able to participate as determined by a doctor's physical
- Willingness to be a team player
- Participants 18-20 years of age will be subject to a background investigation (Livescan) conducted by Learning for Life



Explorer Program Overview

- Explorers are required to invest in their development by meeting certain milestones.
- Not a hangout spot.
- We do not babysit.
- Not for the lazy.



Explorer Program Overview

- Get a head start on a life-saving career.
- Gain life-enhancing skills.
- Be mentored by professionals.
- Learn about the various career pathways available in the Fire Department and County.
- Get involved in community events by serving at approved functions.
- Develop and maintain physical fitness.



Life as an Explorer

Commitment



Life as an Explorer

Participation Requirements:

- Attend bi-monthly meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month (6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) at your post location.
- Attend mandatory CERT training, CPR training, Disaster Drill, and Muster; attend banquet.
- Be an active member of your post and participate in community events, as needed.
- Monthly ride-along requirement: 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (note: no overnight ride-alongs)
- Sign and agree to the Code of Conduct.
- Actively work to complete Task Book.
- Please note excessive tardiness and absences are grounds for dismissal from the Explorer Program.



Training Requirements

Mandatory Two-Day Orientation

Mandatory Orientation Weekend for New Explorers

- Two days of training (Saturday & Sunday)
 - ❖ 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Held at a designated LACoFD Training Center.
- Explorers shall be hydrated, eat a nutritious breakfast, and bring healthy snacks and a lunch.
- Upon completion of the Orientation Weekend, Explorers will receive a helmet, gloves, brush coat, and a Task Book will be issued.



Training Requirements

Mandatory Two-Day Orientation Training Topics

- Station demeanor, attitude, behavior
- Rank structure
- Department organization
- Equipment location
- Emergency Operations: “Where you are during the emergency”
- Breathing apparatus
- Orientation to making a hydrant
- Orientation to pulling hose line
- Orientation to ladders
- Proper cleaning



Training Requirements Explorer Task Book

Explorer Task Book

- The Task Book provides Explorers direction on the training they need to complete.
 - ❖ Explorers are provided with supplementary reading materials.
- Training topics are covered and practiced at post meetings and on ride-alongs.

Explorer Task Book Completion

- Upon completion of the Task Book, the Explorer will undergo a skills evaluation and a written test.
- Successful completion of final evaluation:
 - ❖ Issued certified Explorer patch and belt buckle
 - ❖ Issued Turnouts
- Earn the position of “Certified Explorer”

Financial Commitment

- Financial Commitment is \$400 (uniform cost \$315; Learning For Life Exploring Fees \$85)
- \$85 paid *annually* and directly to “Learning for Life”
- Basic one-time uniform cost:
 - \$56 Physical Fitness Gear
 - \$25 Uniform Pants
 - \$29 Uniform Shirt
 - \$22 Uniform Belt
 - \$155 Steel toe boots
 - Local sales tax
- Financial aid may be available to assist with a portion of the uniform cost.
- Additional costs may apply for banquet participation.
- LACoFD will cover the cost of the following: academy patches and belt buckle (certified explorers only).
- *All costs and fees are approximate.*



Application Process

- Meet all program requirements.
- Commit to participating in two-day Orientation, bi-monthly meetings, monthly ride-alongs, mandatory training, annual disaster drill and muster, and banquet.
- Application link will be posted on the Department's social media platforms and on the website (applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis).
- If accepted:
 - ❖ Attend uniform fitting sessions and order uniforms by the specified deadline.
 - ❖ Complete Department paperwork and Learning for Life application.
 - ❖ Complete medical/physical form and have it signed by a physician.
 - ❖ Complete Youth Protection training (if over 18).
 - ❖ Attend Family Meeting (Explorer and one family/legal guardian member).



Application Process Continued

- **Application Dates:**

- ❖ Application Dates: Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. through June 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ We anticipate the application process will be very competitive (approximate spots - 150).

- **Notification Emails (Selections and Regrets):**

- ❖ Friday, June 14, 2024

- **If selected, important dates include:**

- ❖ Uniform Fitting Sessions (June 30th and July 7th)
- ❖ Uniform Ordering Deadline (July 8th)
- ❖ In-Person Family Meeting (August 4th)
- ❖ In-Person Orientation Weekend (August 10th and 11th)
- ❖ Explorer Post Meetings begin September 4th
- ❖ Family Meeting and Orientation Weekend are **MANDATORY**



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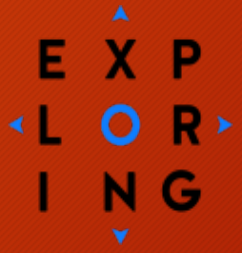
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Q&A Session





Thank you for joining!

