

## **TEEX Firefighter Recruit Academies Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

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### **Are there financial aid or loan programs to attend either of the academies?**

There are no financial aid programs, at this time, unless you are enrolled through the [Blinn Fire Science Technology Degree Program](#). Individuals enrolled through Blinn College can apply for student aid/financial assistance with Blinn. TEEX is working getting this in the future.

### **Do I need to be an EMT to enroll in either of the academies?**

No, you do not need EMT to enroll in the course. You will need a TCFP approved emergency medical service course before becoming a certified Firefighter. Please realize, most fire departments in the state of Texas will require, as a minimum, certification as an EMT–Basic to be considered for hiring.

### **Does TEEX have payment plan options?**

No, due to regulations, TEEX cannot extend credit to individuals enrolling into the academies, therefore, the tuition must be paid in full at the time of registration.

### **Does TEEEX assist with job placement?**

Fire departments from across the state come and address our academies on their hiring options. Our graduates are highly sought after by Fire Departments due to the quality of training, job knowledge, and discipline Cadets receive during the academy.

### **Does TEEEX provide student housing?**

No, however, there are apartment complexes close to the fire field that have special rates for Cadets attending either academy. The Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce has a list of available housing in the community.

### **Can I use my military benefits to pay for the Traditional Academy?**

Yes, you may use your VA Benefit to attend the Traditional Firefighter Academy. Please visit [TEEX Veterans Benefits](#) for more information.

### **Can I use my military benefits to pay for the Online Academy?**

TEEX is in partnership with Blinn College and you can use your VA Benefits to enroll in the TEEEX ORT300 Firefighter I & II Online Course. You will need to contact Nate Sivils, Director of Fire Science Technology Degree Program. For complete information please call (979) 691-2436 or visit [www.blinn.edu/twe/fire/](http://www.blinn.edu/twe/fire/).

### **What are the daily hours of the Traditional Firefighter Academy?**

Monday through Friday from 6:45am to 5pm. If class is called off due to weather or a special event, a makeup class could be held on a weekend.

### **What are the daily hours of the Online Firefighter Academy?**

The bootcamp is seven days a week from 6am to 5pm. You can select your own hours for the online computer portion – it is available 24/7.

### **Do you have a dining hall?**

No, but there are several restaurants within driving distance and there is a breakroom near the classroom with a refrigerator and microwave.

### **Is the training facility within walking distance of housing?**

You would not want to walk from housing locations to the facility. Not only is the distance prohibitive, the fire field is located across a busy highway.