



Niles Fire Department – Minimum Requirements

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 13, 2016 at 4:00 P.M.

Below are the requirements for the NILES FIRE DEPARTMENT:

- \$55 non-refundable application fee (one \$55 fee will allow you to apply to one or all of the departments);
- High School Diploma or equivalent (GED);
- 21 to under 35 years of age by date of written exam (October 15, 2016), unless otherwise exempt by state statute;
- U.S. Citizen OR applied for citizenship, contemplating residing the in U.S.;
- Valid driver’s license;
- Must have successfully completed the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) and Aerial Ladder Climb Exercise within a **ONE YEAR PERIOD** prior to the date of the written exam (October 15, 2016)
 - Applicants who have not taken the CPAT test and Aerial Ladder Climb Exercise between 10.15.15 and 10.15.16 must obtain certificate of completion from one of the following licensed agencies:
 - NIPSTA – www.nipsta.org - 2300 Patriot Blvd. Glenview, IL 60026 - (847) 998.8090
 - SUFD – www.sufd.org - 7550 Lyman Darien, IL 60561 – (630) 910.2087
- Vision correctable to 20/20 and free from color blindness
- Residency: required within six months after completing one-year probation - boundary limits: Wisconsin state line on the north, the shoreline of Lake Michigan and the Indiana state line on the east, state highway 30 on the south and route 47 on the west.

PREFERENCE POINTS INFORMATION:

Based on the rules of the Niles Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, the following preference points will be awarded:

Category	Criteria for Award	Max. Pts.
Veteran Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one year of active service in the military service of the United States (i.e. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard). • Honorable discharge or current active/inactive reserve status. • Verified DD 214 or proof of current reserve status. 	5 pts.
Educational Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate’s Degree from an accredited college/university in the field of Fire Science or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) = (5 points) • Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited college/university in any field of study = (2 points) • Verified by a copy of the diploma and certified copy of transcripts 	5 pts. max. (not cumulative)
Certifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois State Fire Marshall certified Basic Firefighter = (2 points) • Illinois State Certified EMT-Paramedic = (5 points) 	5 pts.
Niles Explorer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Niles Explorer for a minimum of two years and be approved for preference points by the Niles Fire Chief and the Niles Explorer Director (approval based on attendance and performance). = (2 points) 	2 pts.
Background/Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Min. of 2 years of employment in an occupation considered to be “trade-related” and have practical application to the fire service (i.e. carpenter, electrician, plumber, laborer, automotive/vehicle technician (mechanic), etc.) = (2 points) - Demonstrated by verifiable and applicable work history. • Demonstrated fluency in verbal communication of a foreign language. = (2 points) - Demonstrated by verified demonstration. 	2 pts.