Firefighter/Paramedic Application Process

Pingree Grove & Countryside Fire Protection District, Pingree Grove, Illinois

The Pingree Grove & Countryside Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is accepting applications for the position of firefighter/paramedic.

Salary: *$61,121 starting, topping out in 5 years at $79,531, longevity pay starts after 5 years, plus excellent benefits package*
Population: *20,000*
Personnel: *6 full-time sworn, 46 part-time in three stations, covering 50 square miles*

All applicants must meet the following minimum requirements established by the Pingree Grove & Countryside Fire Protection District:

- U.S. citizenship;
- No felony convictions;
- High school diploma (or transcripts) -OR- G.E.D. equivalent;
- Valid Illinois driver's license (will be required proof of identification at all phases of testing);
- **At least 21 years of age at time of hire AND must be UNDER 35 years of age on the application deadline date (August 14, 2023)***
    - Unless currently employed by the district as a part-time firefighter or otherwise exempt by State or Federal law; *Such maximum age limitation shall not apply in the case of 1) any person previously employed as a full-time firefighter in a regularly constituted fire department of (i) any municipality or fire protection district whose obligations were assumed by a municipality under Section 21 of the Fire Protection District Act, or (ii) a municipality whose obligations were taken over by a fire protection district, or 2) any person who has served the fire district as a regularly enrolled volunteer, paid-on-call, or part-time firefighter for the 5 years immediately preceding the time that the district begins to use full-time firefighters to provide all or part of its fire protection service. Furthermore, to qualify for either of these exceptions set forth above, the applicant shall have been actively working as a Firefighter within 2 years of the date of his/her application to this District.* Proof of date of birth will be required at the time of application (References: 70 ILCS 705/16.06b; 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6);
- Must be a certified Firefighter II or Basic Operations Firefighter through the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal **at time of application**;
- Must have a valid Paramedic certification in the State of Illinois **at time of appointment**;
- Must present a valid CPAT and Ladder Climb certification **valid within one year at time of appointment;**

- Must successfully test into the Ascension Health St. Joseph Hospital EMS-Elgin **within 2 weeks of appointment;**
- Must successfully complete an on-line written examination **on August 22-23, 2023**;
- Must meet the requirements of a background check and pass a medical and psychological exam;
- **Application deadline is Monday, August 14, 2023 at 4:00 PM.**

Preference Points will be awarded as determined by the Pingree Grove & Countryside Fire Protection District for the following:

- Military Veterans
- Fire Service Experience
- Pingree Grove & Countryside Fire Protection District Experience
- Paramedic Certification
- College Education
- Residency

To apply for this position or obtain additional information, please visit the following website:
http://www.applytoserve.com

The Pingree Grove & Countryside Fire Protection District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.