

Chapter 2

Section 7. Age Requirements

Applicants for a position in either the Fire or Police Department shall be not less than 20 years of age nor shall have attained 35 years of age; provided, however, that an applicant satisfying any of the exceptions from the maximum age limit as set forth in the Act or other applicable law may be considered for an appointment to active duty of the Fire or Police Department, as applicable.

Applicants must be at least 20 years of age at the time of application and have successfully completed sixty hours of study at an accredited college or university prior to appointment to be considered for appointment to active duty in the Police Department. Applicants that meet the criteria as a certified officer are not required to have completed hours of study at an accredited college or university. Applicants must be at least 20 years of age at the time of application if they are seeking employment with the Fire Department, provided they are participating in the City of Sycamore's college internship program, are in good standing and possess certification as Basic Operations Firefighter with the State of Illinois Fire Marshal's Office, are currently enrolled in Paramedic school or are presently licensed as a paramedic in the State of Illinois at the time of application may participate in testing with regard to a firefighter position. No applicant may be extended a conditional offer of employment unless the applicant has reached 21 years of age.

If a person placed on an Eligibility List becomes over age before he or she is appointed to the Police or Fire Department, the person remains eligible for appointment until the list is abolished pursuant to authorized procedures. Otherwise, no person who has attained the age of 36 years except as otherwise permitted by the Act or other applicable law shall be inducted as a member of the Police Department and no person who has attained the age of 35 years except as otherwise permitted by the Act or other applicable law shall be inducted as a member of the Fire Department.

A certified copy of the applicant's birth certificate will be required at time of application.

Section 8. Additional Application Requirements.

- A. Police Applicants. Applicants for entry level police officer position shall show proof of a high school diploma or GED, a verified college transcript (listing college courses or experience), and a valid driver's license at the time of application. In addition, an applicant for entry level police officer may shall be required to show proof of successful completion of the Peace Officer Wellness Evaluation Report (POWER test) with an attainment date no more than 6 months prior to the closing date of application period in which they have applied. Additionally, an applicant for the Police Department may be required to deliver to the Secretary of the Board an executed physician's certificate signed not earlier than six months prior to the date of the application stating that the applicant is physically capable of participating in a strenuous physical agility test.