

Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Foundation's

2026 Alan D. Anderson
Summer Youth Fire Academy

This free, two-week course provides hands-on and classroom experience in the skills it takes to pursue a career in firefighting or emergency medicine.

June 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Headquarters
9450 E. Columbus Dr., Tampa, FL 33619

FREE

Must be a high school student or graduating senior between the ages of 14 and 18

Activities:

- Fire Behavior
- Aerial Ladder Climb
- Search & Rescue
- Forcible entry
- Hands-only CPR
- First aid
- Rappelling & Knots
- Water Safety

Applications are available online at HCFL.gov

All applications are due by 5 p.m., Friday, March 27, 2026.
All applications must be completed online at HCFL.gov/SYFA
Class size is limited; apply today!

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Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Foundation's 2026 Alan D. Anderson Summer Youth Fire Academy offers students in Hillsborough County an opportunity to learn what it takes to be a first responder. Over two weeks, students will be exposed to careers in firefighting and emergency medicine. For more information on the program and curriculum, visit HCFL.gov/SYFA.

Program Dates & Location

Orientation
Saturday, May 23, 2026
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
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**Mandatory for parent/guardian and applicant*

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Eligibility

Applicants must be high school students or graduating seniors between the ages of 14 and 18. Applicants must provide proof of a current school physical completed within the last year (sports physical will be accepted). Proof of physical will be required at orientation. A panel will review applications and make final selections based on class size.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received by Friday, March 27, 2026. **Any applications received after the date will not be accepted.** Only complete applications will be considered. To be complete, the application must include these supplemental items:

- Completed and signed application form
- A personal essay including educational goals, career goals, your support system (academic, family, and/or community), and why you would be a good candidate for the Summer Youth Fire Academy. **Essays must be typed and a maximum of 500 words.**
- Two typed recommendation letters from a school counselor, teacher, or community member such as coach, clergy, program advisor, volunteer coordinator, or neighbor.

Cost

The academy and materials including uniforms, lunches, snacks, water, and sports drinks will be provided each day and are free for all students courtesy of the Hillsborough County Fire Rescue Foundation and sponsors.

Uniforms

Students will be provided uniform shirt, pants, boots, belt, and a hat.
Uniforms are expected to be clean each day.

Transportation

Transportation will not be provided. Students are required to secure their own transportation.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for orientation, all class days, and graduation.

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