



## **Live-In Student Internship Program**

Various area fire departments, in cooperation with Eastern Maine Community College, are pleased to offer the live-in student internship program Eastern Maine Community College students. Because space is limited, admission to the live-in student internship program is not guaranteed and depends upon a successful job interview and satisfactory completion of pre-service training. Early application is strongly encouraged due to the limited number of open position per semester. Precedence is given to Fire Science or Emergency Medical students. All participants must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Be able to obtain State of Maine Emergency Medical Technician certification within their first two semesters
- Pass all department entry process procedures and follow department SOP/SOG
- Students in the live-in program are required to take FIR-127 for their first three semesters of the program.
- Maintain Full Time status at Eastern Maine Community College (12.0 credit hours)
- Maintain a 2.0 gpa while attending Eastern Maine Community College

Students accepted into the Live-In Student Internship Program live at area fire houses and EMS stations in exchange for being "on call" during specific hours. They use what they are learning. They will complete projects that will benefit their education and the department. Live-in students have a greater persistence rate, with 85% reaching graduation within three years. Live-in students have a greater success rate in classes because they have access to members of their host departments who have been through the program and can tutor them on topics and skills.

All Live in students will complete FFI/II during the summer before school and shall complete EMS-123 (EMTBasic) in their first semester. Student's "on call status" typically averages about 40-60 hours per week. Students are expected to meet the expectations of their host department, and follow all department SOP/SOG. Failure to follow these standards of behavior will result in dismissal from the Live-In program.

If selected you must complete a criminal background check and traffic record check. Certain offenses will make it impossible for you to complete your EMS clinical, will prevent you from becoming a driver for the fire trucks, or may make it otherwise impossible for you to be hired as a full-time firefighter. Students selected must also pass a departmental physical exam and respiratory evaluation.

Student accommodations vary by department. Some are essentially dorm rooms. Others may be bunks placed in the ready room of the fire station. All stations have appropriate bathroom and kitchen facilities. All students must provide their own meals and transportation to and from school. A valid driver's license and reliable transporting are required for the duration of the program. Live-in students are making a commitment for an entire academic year, with the opportunity to continue that commitment for a second year with satisfactory performance. Each student could be paid a small stipend for calls and trainings depending on department policy.

The process of becoming a Live-In Student Firefighter starts with submitting an application (see attached). Based on the information provided, you may be called for a personal interview in front of a panel of Chiefs and Live-In Coordinators. Letter of recommendations are encourage. If you present yourself well, you may be chosen for one of the Live-In slots. If you are not chosen, you may be placed on an alternates list to be reconsidered in case one of the other students cannot continue or an additional slot becomes available. You may be called for an additional interview with one or more chiefs.



## LIVE-IN APPLICATION

Please read the program description before completing this form. Applications will not be considered to be complete unless they are accompanied by the following documentation:

- Copy of your high school transcript
- Copy of a valid Maine driver's license (contact FS Dept. Chair if you have an out of state driver's license)
- Current SAT and ACCUPLACER scores
- Personal essay

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone where you can be reached: (cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email where you can be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License: State: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**What certifications do you currently possess? (Please provided copies of certificates)**

Firefighter \_\_\_\_\_

EMS \_\_\_\_\_

Haz-Mat \_\_\_\_\_

Forestry \_\_\_\_\_

NIMS \_\_\_\_\_

Driver/Operator \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

What are your current career goals?

What high school did you graduate from? (Did you graduate with honors?)

What tech center and program did you attend? (or list any other fire/EMS schools you have attended)

What jobs have you held or currently hold? (List the skills used in these jobs)

List any other course you have attended or classes you have completed.

Any additional information you would like to provide.

**Personal Essay:** Please tell us about yourself, provided a one page typed essay covering the following topics: Who are you? What are your hobbies (other than firefighting/EMS)? Why do you want to go into emergency services? Why do you want to do the live-in program? How do you think it will benefit you? How will you benefit the department you serve with?