

## **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 for any full-time college student regardless of school or major. 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 positions per semester. Precedence is given to Fire Science or Emergency Medical students but any major is eligible. All participants must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age by start of semester
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Be able to obtain State of Maine Emergency Medical Technician License by the start of 3rd semester
- Pass all department entry process procedures and follow department SOP/SOG
- Maintain Full Time status at a college/university (12.0 credit hours)
- Maintain a 2.0 gpa while attending college and fail no classes.

Students accepted into the Live-In Student Internship Program live at area fire houses rent free in exchange for being "on call" during specific hours. 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.

All Live in students will complete a Firefighter I & II Academy in October 2021 with Online work needing to be completed prior. All Live-In Students will complete EMS-123 (EMT Basic) in their first semester. Students have the benefit of utilizing the knowledge and skills they are obtaining and apply them in a real world setting. They will complete projects that will benefit their education and the department. Live-in students have a greater success in obtaining jobs immediately after graduating because they are job ready. They have the degree, necessary certifications, and hands on experience!

If selected you must complete a criminal background check and driving 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. Most are private dorm rooms but some may be double rooms or bunks. 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 will be paid an hourly rate to respond on emergency calls and for some trainings.

The process of becoming a Live-In Student Firefighter starts with submitting an application (see attached). You will be scheduled an Interview in front of a panel of Chiefs and Live-In Coordinators. Three (3) letters of recommendations are required. 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.

For more information on the student live-in internship please contact Craig Russll, EMCC Live-In Coordinator, at <u>crussell@emcc.edu</u> or (207)-852-7988.

## Applications for placement in Fall 2021 are due Friday, May 14th, 2021 at 5pm.

Interviews will be conducted in May 2021.

Send completed applications and all supporting documents to:

Crussell@emcc.edu (preferred method) or Craig Russell 906 Main Rd Eddington, ME 04428



## LIVE-IN APPLICATION



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

- Copy of your high school transcript
- Copy of your college transcript (if previously attended)
- Copy of a valid driver's license
- Current SAT and ACCUPLACER scores
- Personal essay
- (3) Letters of Recommendation

Name:			_	
Address:				
Town:		State:	Zip:	
Phone: (cell)	(	home)		
Email:				
Have you ever be	een convicted of a crime? [	] no [] yes, pleas attac	ched detailed explanation	
What ce	rtifications do you currer	ntly possess? (Please p	provide copies of certificates	5)
Firefighter _				
EMS				
Haz-Mat				
NIMS _				
Driver/Operator_				
Other _				

What are your current career goals?

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

Did you attend a Tech Center public safety program?

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 topes: Who are you? What are your hobbies (other than firefighting/EMS)? What interests you about this career? 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?