

## ENTRY LEVEL FIRE TRAINING CURRICULUM (EL26)

Minor Student Authorization, Consent & Sponsoring Organizational Release Form

**Notice:** This form is mandatory for any student who will be under the age of eighteen (18) at the scheduled start of class. It must be completed in full, signed by all parties, and submitted to the Educational Training Agency (ETA) prior to the first session.

### SECTION I: STUDENT (MINOR) INFORMATION

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|-------------------------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------|
| STUDENT FULL LEGAL NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) |  | DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) |      | AGE AT START OF CLASS |             |
| MAILING ADDRESS (STREET, APT/SUITE)                   |  |                            | CITY |                       | STATE<br>PA |
| STUDENT PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER                          |  | STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS      |      |                       |             |
| ZIP CODE                                              |  |                            |      |                       |             |

### SECTION II: SPONSORING FIRE DEPARTMENT & COURSE DETAILS

|                                                               |  |                     |                        |                   |                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| SPONSORING FIRE COMPANY / EMERGENCY SERVICE ORGANIZATION NAME |  | STATION NUMBER / ID |                        | COUNTY OF STATION |                                 |
| COURSE HOST SITE / REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY                 |  |                     | ANTICIPATED START DATE |                   | LEAD INSTRUCTOR NAME (IF KNOWN) |

### SECTION III: TRAINING CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS & LEGAL POLICIES

The 2026 PSFA Entry Level Fire Training Curriculum (EL26) provides critical foundations for emergency service personnel. Because firefighting training carries inherent risk, participation of minors is heavily governed by state regulations:

#### 1. Curriculum Level Framework & Age Thresholds:

- **Level 1: EL-26 Fireground Support (ELFS):** Minimum age of 14 at the start of class. Includes classroom and non-hazardous exterior support training.
- **Level 2: EL-26 Firefighter I Training (ELEF1):** Minimum Age: 17, Prerequisites: Fireground Support (ELFG) with BEL22\_26-BRIDGE or EL-26 Fireground Support (ELFS). Includes live exterior fire suppression, advanced hose lines, and ladders. In strict compliance with Pennsylvania Act 155 of 2022 (Minors Serving on Volunteer Emergency Service Organizations Act), a 17-year-old junior firefighter may enter a live burn/structural environment only under direct supervision and with explicit, specific written parental and chief officer authorization on this form.

**2. Pennsylvania Child Labor Act Compliance:** All junior firefighters aged 14–17 must abide by restrictions in the Child Labor Act (43 P.S. §§ 40.1-40.14), including limits on hours during the school term, mandatory rest breaks, and absolute prohibitions on operating hazardous machinery (e.g., saws, aerial devices, hydraulic tools, or emergency vehicles).

**3. Protective Gear & Respiratory Safety (Facial Hair Policy):** In accordance with OSHA 1910.134 and PSFA Policy, any minor student participating in modules involving Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) must be completely clean-shaven along all sealing surfaces of the facepiece.

### SECTION IV: MINOR STUDENT CERTIFICATION & AGREEMENT

I certify that I have read and understand the rules, regulations, and behavioral expectations of the PSFA EL26 curriculum. I agree to comply with all safety instructions from certified academy instructors, maintain acceptable academic standing with my school, and abide by the operational limitations placed on junior firefighters by Pennsylvania law.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT (MINOR)

DATE

## SECTION V: PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT & LIABILITY RELEASE

I certify that I am the legal parent/guardian of the student listed in Section I. I grant full permission for my child to enroll and participate in the 2026 PSFA EL26 training curriculum, including all associated classroom instruction, physical drills, and field exercises.

**Assumption of Risk & General Release:** I am aware of the inherent risks associated with emergency services training (extreme heat, toxic smoke, heights, heavy physical exertion). On behalf of myself, my child, and our heirs, I release, waive, and covenant not to sue the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC), the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy (PSFA), the Educational Training Agency, and their respective officers or agents from any liabilities, claims, or demands for injury, illness, or death arising out of participation.

**Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization:** In the event of injury, I authorize PSFA staff or certified instructors to secure emergency medical care. I agree to accept full financial responsibility for all medical costs incurred.

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| PRINTED FULL NAME OF PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN | PRIMARY EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|

SIGNATURE OF PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN

DATE

## SECTION VI: ACT 155 OF 2022 - MANDATORY STRUCTURAL BURN AUTHORIZATION

This subsection applies **ONLY** if the student is 17 years of age and intends to participate in Level 2: EL-26 Firefighter I Training (ELEF1) structural live burn exercises.

☐ I EXPLICITLY AUTHORIZE my 17-year-old minor child to participate in Level 2 (Firefighter I Training - ELEF1) structural live burn exercises under the direct supervision of certified instructors.

☐ I DO NOT AUTHORIZE my child to participate in live structural burn training. (Student will be restricted to non-structural training tracks only).

SIGNATURE OF PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN (SPECIFIC TO ACT 155 SELECTION)

DATE

## SECTION VII: SPONSORING FIRE CHIEF / CHIEF OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I certify that the student applicant is an active junior member in good standing of our department. I officially endorse this applicant and verify the following statements are true and legally binding:

- Workers' Compensation Coverage:** The student is fully covered under our municipality's or department's active Workers' Compensation Insurance policy for all course and travel hours, per the PA Workers' Compensation Act (77 P.S. § 1 et seq.).
- Child Labor Law Enforcement:** Our department accepts primary responsibility for ensuring compliance with the PA Child Labor Act. We guarantee training hours will not conflict with school requirements and that the minor will never operate prohibited hazardous machinery.
- Equipment Standards:** The department has provided PPE and SCBA that comply fully with current NFPA standards and are certified safe for training operations.
- Act 155 Compliance:** If the student is 17 and entering Level 2 (ELEF1), I verify that they have successfully completed all prerequisites, possess the required maturity, and have the full endorsement of command leadership.

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| PRINTED NAME OF CHIEF OFFICER | TITLE / RANK | CHIEF OFFICER PHONE NUMBER |
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SIGNATURE OF SPONSORING CHIEF OFFICER

DATE

## SECTION VIII: EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AGENCY (ETA) VERIFICATION (INTERNAL USE ONLY)

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| DATE AUTHORIZATION FORM RECEIVED | AGE & WORK PERMIT VERIFIED<br><input type="checkbox"/> Verified <input type="checkbox"/> N/A | PREREQUISITES CONFIRMED<br><input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection Issued |
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SIGNATURE OF LEAD INSTRUCTOR / ETA DESIGNEE

DATE