

513-7-1-.05 Application for Membership.

- (1) A person applying for membership in the Fund must file a completed application in the form prescribed by the Board, together with proof of date of birth, and a specified payment which will be applied to dues payable for the first month of membership in the event the application is granted.
- (2) As noted in the application, the applicant must select a beneficiary. A beneficiary is any person designated before or after the approval of an application for retirement, by the applicant or member to receive benefits which may continue to be payable upon the death of the member. See also 513-7-1-.12.
- (3) The applicant shall furnish such additional information as may be requested by the Board or the Executive Director.
- (4) Upon receipt of a completed application and upon Board approval, a letter of acceptance will be mailed to the applicant and a copy to the applicant's fire department. For member's convenience, a copy of our "rules and regulations" is available on our website.
- (5) Upon acceptance to the Fund, new members will be assigned a "Member Identification Number" (Member ID) to be used on all correspondence with the Pension Fund office and for access to member records in the "Member's Area" of the website.
- (6) Upon the determination by the Executive Director that an applicant does not satisfy the objective standards of the Fund relating to membership, the Executive Director shall have authority to give notice to the applicant that the application has been rejected.
- (7) Membership in the Fund will be deemed to have commenced on the date the Pension Fund receives a completed application. The Executive Director shall report such action to the Board.
- (8) Incomplete applications received by the Pension Fund shall be returned to the applicant and deemed not received by the pension office.

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