

# **NEW JERSEY FIREMEN'S HOME**

## **ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY**

A. Eligibility for admission to the New Jersey Firemen's Home (Home) is established by the Board of Managers of the New Jersey Firemen's Home. The following individuals are eligible for admission consideration:

1. A fireman who meets the requirements as described in *N.J.S.A. 30:7-6* and the Admissions Application.

B. Admission eligibility is contingent upon the Home's ability to meet the applicant's individual health care needs, which will be reviewed and determined by the Applications Committee. The applicant shall also sign an Admission Agreement that he or she will accept placement in the Home, that he or she understands all sources of income to include Social Security shall be considered when determining the ability to pay the monthly fee, that he or she will abide by the rules, regulations, and discipline of the Home. The obligation of such an Admission Agreement shall remain in effect as long as the resident remains in the Home.

C. The following shall be denied admission into the Home:

1. Applicants who require treatment beyond the Home's ability to meet the applicant's individual health care and psychological needs;
2. Applicants who are active substance abusers, exhibit active psychiatric problems, or exhibit behaviors that may pose a danger to self or others;
3. Applicants who refuse to sign the required Admission Agreement under B. above.

D. An approved applicant shall be subject to reevaluation in the following circumstances:

1. Prior to admission;
2. A change in medical or psychological status; or
3. An omission or misrepresentation of significant medical or financial information.

E. Significant changes in the information required under D. 2 or 3 above may result in denial of admission by the Applications Committee.

F. Criteria for admitting applicants who are incapable of making decisions for themselves are as follows:

1. Any applicant who is adjudicated legally incompetent is required to have a legal guardian.
  - a. A copy of the guardianship document shall be submitted with the application prior to admission being scheduled.
2. Any applicant who has a conservatorship shall submit a copy of the document prior to admission being scheduled.
3. Any applicant who has a durable power of attorney for both medical and financial matters shall submit a copy of the document for guardianship criteria to be waived. The document shall be notarized, witnessed and signed by the applicant while competent.
4. In the absence of a durable advance directive or other legal documents, or the next of kin, the Home and its personnel shall act to preserve life when a resident is incapable of making decisions for themselves.

G. If an applicant, after applying in writing, is denied admission to the Home, the applicant and/or his or her family, guardian, or responsible person shall, upon written request, be given the reason for such denial in writing, signed by the Superintendent, within fifteen (15) days of the receipt of the written request.

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