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New Jersey State Fire Chief's Association

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Who can join the Association?

- Active membership is open to Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs and Battalion Chiefs of any Fire Department, Company, or Brigade, whether paid, volunteer, or industrial.
- Associate membership is open to Captains and Lieutenants of any Fire Department, Company, or Brigade, whether paid, volunteer, or industrial.

Who Can Join the Benefit Fund?

- Active members can join the Benefit Fund when they apply for membership or within five (5) years of joining the association. An applicant shall join the said Fund before reaching the age of fifty-six (56) years.
- Details about the Benefit Fund can be found in the [Constitution and By-laws](#).

[Membership Application Form](#)

For more information, please review our [Frequently Asked Questions](#)



For Secretary's use only Date Received _____ Appliance No _____
Date Mailed _____ Fee Rec'd _____

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New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association

I wish to apply for _____ admission to the following classification(s):
_____ transfer

- _____ Active Membership (Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs; current and former; of any Fire Department, Company, Brigade, paid, volunteer or industrial)
_____ Associate Membership (Captains and Lieutenants who take an active part in administration and fire fighting operations)
_____ Benefit Fund (Must be applying for Active Member before age 56 or within five years of becoming an Active Member and before age 56)

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Are you a former member of the N J State Fire Chiefs' Association? _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Sec No _____ Phone () _____

Highest Rank Held _____ from _____, 19____ to _____, 19____

Name of Company, Dept, or Brigade _____

Municipality _____

Applicant's Signature _____

Recommended by _____ Member Number _____

Signature

Application Fee for Active and Associate Membership is **\$20.00**
which includes the dues for the remainder of the calendar year of \$17.50

APPLICATION FOR BENEFIT FUND ONLY

NOTE: Only fill out this portion of the Application if you are applying for the Benefit Fund
Applicants for the Benefit Fund must apply (1) at the time of becoming an Active Member and before the age of 56 or within 5 years of becoming an Active Member and before age 56.
Associate members are not eligible for the Benefit Fund

Full Name of Beneficiary _____ Relationship _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Entrance Fee to the Benefit Fund is **\$1.35**

Make checks in the full amount due, payable to "N. J. State Fire Chiefs' Association" and mail with application to:

Jere E. Cole, Jr., Secretary, N. J. State Fire Chiefs' Association (973) 366 8613
P. O. Box 1309, West Caldwell, NJ 07007-1309

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What is the Association?

The New Jersey State Fire Chiefs' Association is an organization of Chief Fire Officers.

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What are its Objectives?

The objectives and purposes of the Association are:

- To provide a forum for the discussion and dissemination of information on the methods of prevention and suppression of fires.
- To give attention to matters that may be referred to it by the fire service.
- To act as a referring agency for questions referred to it regarding fire laws, suppression, prevention, training, and equipment.
- To provide for the beneficiaries of deceased members by the establishment of a Benefit Fund.
- To promote social and fraternal fellowship.

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What does the Association Do?

The Association meets once a year at our Annual Conference in Wildwood, New Jersey, when officers are elected and the memorial service is held. The meeting include reports from the officers and committees and a technical program.

The Association publishes a newsletter, *The Five Trumpet Journal* five times each year. News of the meetings, committee reports, firematic information, and announcements are printed. A subscription is included as part of the membership.

The Association sponsors a bi-weekly e-mail newsletter, The RELAY, for any member who provides an e-mail address.

The State Chiefs' was a founding member of the New Jersey Fire and Emergency Medical Services Institute and actively participates in its work. The Association participates in the Fire Chiefs Alliance

By law, the Association has a member on

- (1) the Fire Safety Commission
- (2) the 9-1-1 Advisory Commission, and
- (3) the New Jersey Domestic Security Planning Group.

Eagle Scouts who are Junlor Firefighters or relatives of Association members are recognized at their Court of Honor.

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How are the objectives met if the Association only meets once a year?

The Board of Directors meets regularly to transact the business of the Association. *From the information in the Journal and the RELAY, members have an opportunity to provide information to the Board.*

Much of the work is done by Committees. Special Committees are appointed as required.

- The Legislative Committee considers proposed legislation, particularly on the State level, confers with other firematic organizations, and makes the Association's opinions known to the Legislature.
- The Valor Awards Committee screens and selects the applicants most worthy to receive the valor awards for volunteer firefighters. The presentations are made at the Spring Meeting. The award consists of a framed certificate, a lapel pin, and a savings bond.

- The Scholarship Committee screens and selects recipients for college level scholarships. The value of the awards is based on the amount of funds made available to the Committee by private sources and the Association. Presentations are made at the Annual Meeting.

Members are appointed to participate in work groups that have a mission that relates to the objectives of the Association.

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What is the Benefit Fund?

The beneficiaries of members who join the Benefit Fund are entitled to a benefit at the time of the death of the member. The amount of the benefit is set from time to time by the Board of Directors based on the number of members in the Benefit Fund. At the present time, the benefit is \$1,800.00.

A member must be a member of the Benefit Fund for one year to qualify for the death benefit, except in the case of a line of duty death when the benefit is paid.

An applicant can join the Benefit Fund within five years of joining the Association or before her/his 56th birthday, whichever is earlier.

Upon the death of a member, an assessment is made against all members of the Benefit Fund. The total amount of the assessment depends on the frequency of the assessment notices and the number of deaths reported.

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