

YOUTH MEMBERS

- i) Eligibility for membership
 1. Any person being a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age and residing in the Town of New Castle may submit an application for membership as a Youth member.
 2. The application must be signed and approved by one parent or legal guardian of the applicant, and submitted at a regular meeting of the Corps in such form as may be required by the Board of Directors.
 3. The application must include at least two references, one from the school principal or guidance counselor, and one other person of authority, neither of which is a relative of the applicant.
 4. The number of Youth members shall not exceed sixteen (16) at any one time, except as authorized by the officers.

- ii) Interview Procedure
 1. All prospective Youth members shall be introduced at a regular meeting of the Corps when they make application.
 2. All applicants shall be interviewed by a Corps officer or the youth officer.

The parent or guardian of the applicant must be present during the interview. (This is to clarify the commitment that is being made, the risks to which the applicant may be exposed, and the confidentiality of the personal medical information to which he or she will come in contact.) A majority vote of the officers shall be necessary to recommend the applicant for membership and then a majority vote of the Corps members present and voting at a regular meeting of the Corps shall be required for admission to the Corps as a Youth member.

- iii) Probationary Youth Membership

All Youth members will be considered probationary Youth members until they are CPR certified, have passed the "rig test", and attended house duty at least eight (8) times. A probationary Youth member must attend all monthly training sessions unless excused by an officer.

- iv) A Youth member shall not be entitled to ride in the ambulance in response to a call until they are CPR certified, have passed the "rig test", and attended house duty at least eight (8) times.

2. Rights and responsibilities:

Youth Corps members shall be governed by all the rules and regulations that govern adult members. In addition:

- A. No youth member shall drive the ambulance, fly car, or Medic fly car.
- B. No youth member will be left solely responsible for the direct care of a patient.
- C. No youth member will substitute for a driver, EMT, or adult aider.
- D. All youth members will be available for duty on a regular basis unless excused with permission of the captain or youth officer.
- E. Youth members will not ride overnight shifts unless:
 - i) They are 18 years old and a parent or legal guardian has given written permission.
 - ii) They are accompanying their own Corps parent on their regularly-assigned shift.
- F. Youth members will not respond to a call from school during regular school hours.
- G. Youth members will NOT respond directly to the scene unless:
 - i) They are instructed to do so via the paging system or direct contact with the crew chief.
 - ii) The ambulance has left the building by the time they arrive.
- H. Should a youth member arrive at the scene before the ambulance or another adult member of the Corps, the youth member will remove their green light and wait a safe distance from the scene until arrival of the ambulance, an adult member of the Corps, or the paramedic.
- I. No youth member with a junior license is permitted to drive after 9:00 pm to respond to call.
- J. All youth members using a green light when responding to a call MUST abide by all New York State motor vehicle regulations, including:
 - i) Full stop at red lights
 - ii) Full stop at stop signs
 - iii) Yield right-of-way to other vehicles
 - iv) Yield at yield signs
 - v) Obey posted speed limits

3. Suspension or removal:

All youth members are subject to the same procedures as adult members and enjoy the same due process.

4. Termination of Youth Status:

The following is excerpted from the By-Laws of the Chappaqua Volunteer Ambulance Corps:

i) A Youth member shall, upon the later of: a) attaining the age of eighteen (18), or b) graduating from high school (but in this event no later than attaining the age of twenty), be admitted to Probationary membership upon: 1) recommendation of the officers and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting, or 2) in the absence of a favorable recommendation of the officers, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the meeting. Failure to be admitted as a Probationary member will result in separation from the Corps.

ii) Notwithstanding the above paragraph, a Youth member who has attained the age of eighteen (18), who has been certified as an EMT, and who has the consent of one parent or legal guardian to become an Active member, may apply at a regular meeting of the Corps to become an Active member. At the next regular monthly meeting, such member shall become an Active member of the Corps upon: 1) recommendation of the officers and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting, or 2) in the absence of a favorable recommendation of the officers, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the meeting. Failure to be admitted as an Active member will result in separation from the Corps.

(a) In the event that the parent or legal guardian does not consent that the Youth member be eligible to become an Active member or in the event that the Youth member does not seek the consent of the his/her parent or legal guardian, the status of such Youth member shall be governed by paragraph (c) (i) above.

iii) Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws or rules, regulations, requirements or policies of the Corp, an Active member of the Corps who is still attending high school may not sign up to ride the ambulance during a scheduled high school day, nor sign up to ride the ambulance during any 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift, or any part of such shift, preceding a scheduled high school day. An Active member who is still attending high school shall not cover another member's assigned duty during any such periods. The preceding sentence shall not apply to an Active member who is not attending summer school, during summer school sessions.