

Hotshot Firefighter

Owen C. River Ridge School District

Since third grade, I have been interested in becoming a hotshot fireman. In the United States, a hotshot fireman is part of an elite team of 20 wildland firefighters. The most highly trained firefighters in the country, that are prepared to battle the most serious fires nationwide. They are part of an interagency hotshot crew (IHC) or simply hotshot crew.

The reason I want to be a hotshot fireman is because the job seems important to me. I love to work with my hands and help the environment. It's not just for the money it's for the universe and to help it stay healthy and grow strong and beautiful.

I have the traits to make me a good hotshot firefighter. I am a hard-worker, responsible, motivated, willing, strong, and brave. More reasons why I would be a good hotshot is I am good with my hands, and I know how to use power tools like a chainsaw and a drill etc., also, I know a lot about forest firefighters and how prevent or stop them.

Here are the tools they carry to help stop wildfires:

- Chainsaws are the most beloved tool the hotshots carry they call them cheeseburgers
- Mystery Ranch Hot 3 is a backpack made specifically for hotshots it is made from 500 and 1,000 denier cordura
- Water is their most important piece of gear that they all have because they are often out in 100 plus degree weather
- Black Diamond Icon headlamp is important because hotshots often work 16 hour shifts they are 320 lumens so they allow them to see the top of 100 foot trees
- Garmin GpsMap G4s is important because knowing your precise location is key in a wild fire

Hotshots carry a lot more gear than what I listed but there is so many more things that they carry I can't list them all that's how many tools and supplies they carry.

Hotshots get paid \$48,440 on average annually, but you need to be at least 18 years old to be a hotshot and have a high school diploma or an equivalent degree. Aspiring wildlife

firefighters may find that fire departments or other potential employers prefer to hire people with previous firefighting experience. This has been my dream career 3 years of my life and from that I will do anything to help prevent any type of forest fires anywhere in the country.

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