



FBI Kansas City Youth Leadership Academy

**Friday June 25, 2021
Application Deadline: April 16, 2021**

Application Packet



2021 FBI Youth Leadership Academy

The 2021 Kansas City Division FBI Youth Leadership Academy will welcome 30 high school students, entering their junior or senior year during the 2021 - 2022 school year on Friday, June 25, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Punctuality, professional behavior and appropriate dress will be required of all students attending this program. This program will be **conducted virtually through Microsoft Teams** and selected individuals will be extended an invitation virtually for attendance in the program.

The program will focus on various areas related to the FBI and its functions. Selected students will learn about a number of FBI functions and responsibilities, as well as receive briefings on online safety, the FBI's Evidence Response Team, and the Heart of America Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory.

The program is not exclusive to students interested in criminal justice. Due to the vast diversity in our workforce, any student with an interest in the FBI, what we do and how a relationship with the FBI can help their school is encouraged to apply. All students will be evaluated based on their application (GPA, school activities and community involvement) and essay to determine which students will be offered a seat in the class. None of the above elements will be the sole basis of evaluation of an application and the application process should be taken seriously by all applicants.

This application and supporting essay must be received via email or by mail at the following address by 4 p.m. on April 16, 2021 for a panel review. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted. Please mail, or email the completed packet to:

Kansas City FBI
Attn: Public Affairs – Dixon Land
1300 Summit St.
Kansas City, MO 64105
dcland@fbi.gov

Applicants will be notified of their application status via email by close of business on **Friday, April 30, 2021**. Students selected to attend the FBI Youth Leadership Academy will be given additional information about the program and will be required to confirm their planned attendance.

Questions regarding the FBI Youth Leadership Academy or the application process can be directed to Public Affairs Specialist Dixon Land at (816) 512-8493 or email dcland@fbi.gov.



Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the FBI Youth Leadership Academy

Q. Is the program only for high school juniors and seniors?

A. Yes, the program has been designed for high school students who will be entering their junior or senior year during the upcoming school year to ensure that they have at least one year remaining in their academic career at the school. This enables students to share the information they have learned and serve as peer mentors, when appropriate.

Q. Is the essay important?

A. Yes, the essay is important as it is often the first element of the application package that is reviewed by our panelists. This is an opportunity for the student to explain why they should attend and what benefit of the class will be beyond the student's own experience. In other words, a high GPA in absence of a well-written essay and vice versa can be problematic.

Q. Do 4.0 students get a guaranteed seat in the class?

A. GPA is not the only method of student evaluation and no student will be assured a seat by GPA alone. All students must submit a well-written essay detailing why they want to attend the academy and how the experience will benefit their school as well as have school activities and community involvement that demonstrate that he or she is a well-rounded student.

Q. Is a particular GPA required?

A. GPA is not the only method of student evaluation and a minimum GPA is not stated; however, given the competitive nature of the application process, it is advantageous for a student to have a combination of a good GPA, well-written essay, school activities and community involvement.

Q. Does a student have to have specific experience or interest in law enforcement to be a successful candidate?

A. No, a student does not need to be in a criminal justice program, explorers program, ROTC, etc. The primary objective is to identify students who are capable of leadership and have an interest in what the FBI does.

Q. Is this experience similar to an internship?

A. The FBI Youth Leadership Academy is not an internship and while students may be offered case studies drawn from adjudicated cases, students will not be exposed to active cases or day-to-day investigations.

Q. I love forensic science! Will I get to learn techniques?

A. While students will be exposed to some basic evidence collection techniques during one of the many sessions, the day covers a wide variety of topics from a classroom and experiential perspective as well as concepts that are designed to enhance student awareness of issues such as cybercrime, cyber bullying and more.



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Candidate Information

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Grade Level (2021 – 2020 School Year): _____

Home Street Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Street Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Student Emergency Contact #1:

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student Emergency Contact #2:

Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Approval:

I, _____ a legal parent/guardian of the above-named student, give permission for the student to participate in the 2021 Youth Leadership Program, if accepted.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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School Information

Name of School: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

To be filled out by School Official:

Official Name: _____ Phone: _____

Position: _____

Applicant GPA (Unweighted) _____

School Official Signature _____ Date: _____

Endorsement Checks will be made.

Additional Information and Essay:

1. Provide an attached bulleted list of any current or previous participation in any student programs or activities.
2. Provide an attached bulleted list of any current or previous participation in any community programs or activities.
3. ESSAY – Please include an essay on why you would like to be part of this year's program and how this program will ultimately benefit you and your school. This essay should be typed and double spaced. The essay should be not less than 1 full page and not more than 3 pages in length.