



# FBI TEEN ACADEMY APPLICATION

## Chicago Division

### Student Candidate Information

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| <b>Name:</b><br>(Last, First, Middle)                    |  |                    |             |
| <b>Grade level</b><br>(2020-21 school year):             |  |                    |             |
| <b>Home Street Address:</b>                              |  | <b>(Optional)</b>  | <b>Male</b> |
| <b>City/State:</b>                                       |  | <b>Zip Code</b>    |             |
| <b>Home Phone:</b>                                       |  | <b>Cell Phone</b>  |             |
| <b>Email Address:</b>                                    |  | <b>Referred by</b> |             |
| <b>School Activities (attach page if necessary):</b>     |  |                    |             |
| <br><br>   |  |                    |             |
| <b>Community Involvement (attach page if necessary):</b> |  |                    |             |
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### Parent/Guardian Information and Approval

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|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| <b>Name</b><br>(Last, First, Middle) |  |                   |  |
| <b>Street Address</b>                |  |                   |  |
| <b>City/State</b>                    |  | <b>Zip Code</b>   |  |
| <b>Home Phone</b>                    |  | <b>Cell Phone</b> |  |
| <b>Business Phone</b>                |  | <b>Email</b>      |  |
| <b>Emergency, please call:</b>       |  |                   |  |
| <b>Signature</b>                     |  |                   |  |
| <b>Date</b>                          |  |                   |  |

### School Information and Approval

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|----------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| <b>Name</b>                |  |                 |  |
| <b>Street Address</b>      |  |                 |  |
| <b>City/State</b>          |  | <b>Zip Code</b> |  |
| <b>Phone</b>               |  | <b>Email</b>    |  |
| <b>School Official</b>     |  |                 |  |
| <b>Official's Position</b> |  |                 |  |
| <b>Phone</b>               |  | <b>Email</b>    |  |
| <b>Applicant's GPA</b>     |  |                 |  |

The Fall 2020 Chicago Division FBI Virtual Teen Academy will welcome high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors to this event on **Thursday, October 29, 2020** from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Punctuality and professional behavior will be required of all students attending this program.

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 e-mail or traditional mail at one of the following addresses by 4 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020 for panel review. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

FBI - Chicago Division  
Attn: Community Outreach  
2111 W. Roosevelt Road  
Chicago, IL 60608  
chicagooutreach@fbi.gov

**Application Checklist:**

- Student application:
  - Student information complete;
  - Parent/guardian information complete and signed;
  - School information complete;
  - Endorsing school official information complete;
  - School official notation of student's GPA (checks will be made).
  
- Essay indicating why the student wants to be part of the program and how the experience will benefit the student:
  - Typed;
  - No more than two pages, single-spaced;
  - Essay format with proper capitalization and punctuation;
  - Name and email on each page.
  
- Release/indemnity form signed by parent/guardian indicated on the application form.

Students will be notified of their application status via email. Students selected to attend the FBI Teen Academy will be given additional information about the program and will be required to confirm their planned attendance.

Questions regarding the FBI Teen Academy or the application process can be directed to Community Outreach Specialist/Public Affairs Specialist Susan Zylstra at (312)829-8825 or [chicagooutreach@fbi.gov](mailto:chicagooutreach@fbi.gov).

## **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the FBI Teen Academy**

### **Q. Is the program only for high school students?**

**A.** Yes. The program has been designed to ensure that students have time 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 learning what the FBI does.