



## FBI TEEN ACADEMY APPLICATION

### Mobile Division

#### Student Candidate Information

<b>Name:</b> (Last, First, Middle)				<b>Age:</b>		
<b>Grade level</b> (2019-2020 school year):						
<b>Home Street Address:</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>						
<b>Community Involvement (attach page if necessary):</b>						

#### Parent/Guardian Information and Approval

<b>Name</b> (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

<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>					
<b>Official's Signature</b>					
<b>Date</b>					



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION | MOBILE FIELD OFFICE

Submit to: Stacey Jessee via e-mail, [snjessee@fbi.gov](mailto:snjessee@fbi.gov) | (Phone) 251.219.3535

The FBI's Mobile Field Office is now accepting applications for the 2020 Teen Academy. If you are a high school student, between 16-17 years of age, with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and reside in Mobile or Baldwin County, you are welcome to apply to the Teen Academy. Space is limited to 30 students and acceptance is not guaranteed. Application packages are currently available at [www.fbi.gov/mobile](http://www.fbi.gov/mobile), under the Community Outreach tab.

Due to the vast diversity in our workforce, any student with an interest in the FBI is encouraged to apply. All students will be evaluated based on their written essay and application (GPA, school activities and community involvement) 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. The program is not exclusive to students only interested in criminal justice.

The Teen Academy offers insight into a number of topics and specialties including the importance of making good choices when using online communication platforms, what violations of federal law the FBI investigates, what is required of all FBI applicants, and the FBI's domestic and international roles. Students will also enjoy numerous hands-on experiences involving specialized areas of the FBI, such as the Evidence Response Team. The second half of the Academy will include a trip to our firing range (no handling of live firearms), role playing scenarios, and introduction to the FBI SWAT team. After the class, students will be more aware of challenges their communities face, better understand how the FBI serves their area, and be more prepared to mentor their peers.

Punctuality, professional behavior and appropriate dress code will be required of all students attending the program. Students must be available to attend both days of the Academy (June 4 and 5) and are responsible for their own transportation, both to the Mobile Field Office on June 4 and to the Mobile Metro Range on June 5. Lunch will be on your own, on the 4<sup>th</sup>, at a local restaurant within walking distance. Class will conclude on June 5 around lunchtime.

Interested students should complete and submit the required application and materials via email to [snjessee@fbi.gov](mailto:snjessee@fbi.gov) or via U.S. Mail to the FBI Mobile's Field Office. Attention: Stacey Jessee, FBI Mobile, 200 North Royal Street, Mobile, AL 36602. Applications must

be received by **4:00PM, Friday, April 24, 2020** in order to be considered for the academy. *Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.*

### **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 serve the school:
  - 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 by close of business on Friday, May 8, 2020. 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 Stacey Jessee at (251) 219-3535 or [snjessee@fbi.gov](mailto:snjessee@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 for high school students ages 16-17 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 Teen 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.



## RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, in consideration of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) allowing the participation of my child, \_\_\_\_\_, in the **FBI 2020 Teen Academy** and related sanctioned event(s), which I acknowledge is good and valuable consideration, agree to release, discharge, indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the United States, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its employees, contractors, and other personnel from, and to assume full responsibility for and pay or otherwise settle, any claim, action, liability, loss, damage, or suit arising from my participation in said FBI event and/or activity. In the event the undersigned shall fail to honor his or her obligations under this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement (“agreement”), the undersigned further agrees to pay all reasonable attorney’s fees and costs necessary to enforce this agreement or to defend any action brought in default of this agreement. The agreement shall be unlimited as to amount or duration. The agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors, assigns, and personal representatives.

PHOTOGRAPHS CONSENT/RELEASE FORM

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As a participant of the **FBI 2020 Teen Academy** or any **Community Outreach Program activities**, I understand that any and all photographs taken by FBI officials/employees will be used for promotional purposes of the FBI's Community Outreach Program only.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (parent and/or guardian), give permission and agree to release the photographs to be printed for FBI media communications or online, (including fbi.gov and the FBI Community Outreach Facebook page) and other related publications.

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Participant's Name:

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Parent and/or Guardian's Signature:

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Date Signed: