



## FBI Omaha Teen Academy 2019

### West Des Moines | Omaha

The FBI's Omaha Field Office is holding **two** Teen Academies in 2019:

- West Des Moines, Iowa – July 1, 2019
- Omaha, Nebraska – July 24-25, 2019

If you are a high school student entering their junior or senior year in Fall 2019 with a GPA of 3.0 or higher you are welcome to apply to one of these Teen Academies. Space is limited and acceptance is not guaranteed.

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 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. **This 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 and more.

Punctuality, professional behavior and appropriate dress code will be required of all students attending the program. Students must be available to attend the whole of the Teen Academy and are responsible for their own transportation. Class will go from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This application, essay, and release form must be attached and submitted by May 24, 2019. Interested students should complete and submit the required application and materials via mail to:

FBI Omaha  
ATTN: Teen Academy  
4411 S. 121<sup>st</sup> Ct.  
Omaha, NE 68137

**Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.**

## **Application Checklist:**

- Student application:
  - Student information complete
  - Parent/guardian information complete and signed
  - School information complete
  - School official signature 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 their school and community:
  - Typed in 12-point font (Arial or Times New Roman)
  - No more than 500 word essay
  - Essay format (at least three paragraphs) with proper grammar, capitalization, and punctuation
  - Name and email at the top right corner of each page. Also indicate which Teen Academy location you would prefer to attend (West Des Moines or Omaha)
  
- 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 June 15, 2019. 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 Operational Support Technician Katherine Downey at (402) 530-1101 or [kdowney@fbi.gov](mailto:kdowney@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 incoming high school juniors and seniors to ensure that they have at least one year remaining in their academic career at their high school. This enables students to share the information they have learned with their peers, when appropriate.

### **Q. Is the essay important?**

A. Yes, the essay is important, as it is the first element of the application package that is reviewed by our panelists. This essay offers the review panel insight into the student's expectations, reasons for attending, and how the student intends to use the information to benefit their school and community. A high GPA in absence of a well-written essay and vice versa can be problematic.

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

A. 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 and/or community. Students should list all school activities and community involvement that demonstrate that they are a well-rounded student.

### **Q. Is a particular GPA required?**

A. Yes, a 3.0 GPA is required.

### **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 the students may be offered case studies drawn from adjudicated cases and may be given hands on experiences in a simulated scenario, students will not be exposed to active cases, day-to-day investigations, or sensitive information. The FBI Honors Internship Program is open to college undergraduate and graduate students. To learn more about the FBI Honors Internship Program, go to:

<http://fbijobs.gov/students/undergrad>

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

A. While students will be exposed to some basic evidence collection techniques during the session, the Teen Academy covers a wide variety of topics from a classroom and experimental perspective as well as concepts that are designed to enhance student awareness of issues such as cybercrime, terrorism, and more.



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## Photograph Consent/Release & Indemnity Agreement

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As  (child's full name, please print) is a participant of the FBI Omaha Community Outreach Program, I understand that any and all photographs taken by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)-designated photographer may be used by the FBI for promotional purposes.

I,  (parent and/or guardian's name, please print), consent to 's (child's name) photograph being taken and authorize the use of said photograph(s) in print, online post, or any other manner in which the FBI deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the FBI website, the FBI Community Outreach Facebook page, and other related publications.

I,  (parent and/guardian's name, please print) the undersigned, in consideration of the FBI allowing my child's participation in this event, which I acknowledge is good and valuable consideration, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the United States and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its employees, contractors, and other personnel from any claim, action, liability, loss, damage, or suit arising from my child's participation in the event. In the event the undersigned shall fail to indemnify and hold harmless, 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 and duration. The agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors, assigns, and personal representatives.

Authorization for Emergency Medical Care. In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize Federal employees to use their discretion to apply any and all measures they deem necessary to stabilize my child's condition until medical assistance is available.

Due to these being Law Enforcement presentations, some material may be mature in nature.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date



**FBI OMAHA DIVISION 2019 TEEN ACADEMY APPLICATION**  
**Application Due May 24, 2019**

**Student Candidate Information**

<b>Name</b> (Last, First, Middle):			
<b>Grade Level</b> (2019 20 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>	

**School Activities (attach page if necessary):**

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**Community Involvement (attach page if necessary):**

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**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 GPA Check**

<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>			

**Which Teen Academy would you prefer to attend? (Check one)**

**West Des Moines (July 1, 2019)**

**Omaha (July 24-25, 2019)**

**Essay: Describe your interest in attending the FBI Omaha Teen Academy and explain how your participation will benefit your school or community (500 words).**