



# FBI TEEN ACADEMY APPLICATION

## Pittsburgh Division

### Student Candidate Information

<b>Name:</b> (Last, First, Middle)			
<b>Grade level (2018-19 school year):</b>			
<b>Home Street Address:</b>		<b>(Optional)</b>	<b>Male</b> <b>Female</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>			

The Pittsburgh FBI Teen Academy will welcome high school juniors to the Monroeville Public Safety Training Center, 2465 Johnston Rd, Monroeville, PA 15146 on **Thursday, March 11, 2021** and **Thursday, March 18, 2021** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In concurrence with the COVID-19 CDC and PA state guidelines, each cohort of students will be smaller in size, and each student will be assigned to attend one full-day program. All applicants must prepare to be available on both dates, in the event unforeseen circumstances would cause the program to be rescheduled. Punctuality, professional behavior and appropriate dress 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 at the following address by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021 for panel review. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

Pittsburgh FBI  
Attn: Community Outreach Specialist- Wesolosky  
3311 E. Carson St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

[Kwesolosky@fbi.gov](mailto:Kwesolosky@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 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 February 12, 2021. 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 Kelly Wesolosky at (412)-432-4488 or via email to [kwesolosky@fbi.gov](mailto:kwesolosky@fbi.gov).

## **Privacy Act Statement**

The collection of information on this form is authorized by Title 28, United States Code, section 533; Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, section 0.85; and Department of Justice Order 2600.2D, Security Programs and Responsibilities (June 16, 2011). The information is collected to assist the FBI in evaluating your application for the Teen Academy program and to maintain the security of FBI personnel, facilities, and information systems. Providing the requested information is voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may result in you not being selected to attend the Pittsburgh Field Office Teen Academy. The information you provide will be maintained in the FBI's Central Records System (Justice/FBI-002), notice of which was published in the Federal Register and may be viewed at <https://www.fbi.gov/services/records-management/foipa/fbi-privacy-act-systems>. The information you provide may be used in accordance with the routine uses contained in that notice or as otherwise authorized by law.

## **Notice**

Knowingly falsifying or concealing information required on this form will result in your application being rejected. In addition, Title 18 Section 1001 of the U.S. Code provides that knowingly falsifying or concealing a material fact may under certain circumstances constitute a felony resulting in fines and/or imprisonment. I certify that all information provided as part of this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give my consent to use this information provided herein for the purpose of consideration into the Pittsburgh FBI Teen Academy.

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

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

**A.** Yes, the program has been designed for high school juniors 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.