



FBI TEEN ACADEMY APPLICATION – Martinsburg, WV Pittsburgh Division

Student Candidate Information			
Name: (Last, First, Middle)			
Grade level (2021-2022 school year):			
Home Street Address:		(Optional)	Male Female
City/State:		Zip Code	
Home Phone:		Cell Phone	
Email Address:		Referred by	
School Activities (attach page if necessary):			
Community Involvement (attach page if necessary):			

Parent/Guardian Information and Approval			
Name (Last, First, Middle)			
Street Address			
City/State		Zip Code	
Home Phone		Cell Phone	
Business Phone		Email	
Emergency, please call:			
Signature			
Date			

School Information and Approval			
Name			
Street Address			
City/State		Zip Code	
Phone		Email	
School Official			
Official's Position			
Phone		Email	
Applicant's GPA			
Official's Signature			
Date			

The Pittsburgh FBI Teen Academy will welcome high school seniors on **Tuesday, October 26, 2021** at the Martinsburg Police Department, 125 W. Race Street, Martinsburg WV from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. In concurrence with the COVID-19 CDC and WV state guidelines, the program will be prepared to transition to a virtual/hybrid setting, if necessary. 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 via e-mail to wnbarnhart@fbi.gov by 4 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2021** for panel review. 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 **September 24, 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 Whitney Barnhart via email at: wnbarnhart@fbi.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the FBI Teen Academy

Q. Is the program only for high school seniors?

A. Yes, the program this fall is only for high school seniors. However, the Pittsburgh Division will host a Teen Academy designed for high school juniors in the spring of 2022. This ensures that students have at least one year remaining in their academic career at the school 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.