



FBI FUTURE AGENTS IN TRAINING ACADEMY APPLICATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

Student Candidate Information

Name: (Last, First, Middle)			
Grade level (2020-21 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	
GPA			
Official's Signature			
Date			

The Springfield Division's 2021 FBI Future Agents In Training (FAIT) Academy will welcome high school juniors and seniors to Lewis & Clark Community College on Tuesday June 22, 23 and 24, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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 an 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, supporting essay, and letter of recommendation must be received at the following address by 4 p.m. on April 23rd, 2021 for panel review. The original documents must be mailed to the FBI Springfield Division. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted. Questions regarding the application can be sent to Brad Ware at wswire@fbi.gov.

FBI Springfield
Attn: Brad Ware, Community Outreach Specialist
900 East Linton Avenue
Springfield, Illinois. 62703

Application Checklist:

- Student application:
 - Student information complete;
 - Parent/guardian information and Approval complete and signed;
 - School information complete;
 - Endorsing school official information complete;
 - School official notation of student's GPA (checks will be made).

- ONE** letter of recommendation

- Essay describing a situation, that makes you a unique candidate for the FAIT Academy, where you have exhibited **ONE** of the FBI's Core Values, which include:
 - Rigorous obedience to the **Constitution**
 - **Respect** for the dignity of all those we protect
 - **Compassion**, extending care and concern whenever possible
 - **Integrity**, defines us and what we stand of
 - **Fairness**, enforcing the law without fear of favor
 - **Accountability**, responsibility and ownership for our decisions
 - **Leadership**, courage to lead and set the example
 - Our institutional strength lies in our **Diversity**

 - Essays are used to score your application, please take the time to answer the questions thoroughly, and have someone proofread your work;
 - Typed; No more than 500 words.

Students will be notified of their application status via email by close of business on April 30, 2021. Students selected to attend the FAIT Academy will be given additional information about the program at a later date, and will be required to confirm their planned attendance.

Questions regarding the FAIT Academy or the application process can be directed to Public Affairs Specialist Brad Ware at 217-757-3542 or wswire@fbi.gov.

Selections are made by an anonymous reading of your essay. All personal information, including names, school, etc. will be redacted. Applications are reviewed by a panel, and those that score the highest will be invited to attend the FAIT Academy.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the FBI Teen Academy

Q. Where will the program take place?

A. On the campus of Lewis and Clark Community College.

Q. Is the program only for high school juniors and seniors?

A. Yes, the program has been designed for high school juniors and seniors so they have at least the remainder of the year at the school. This enables students to share the information they have learned and serve as peer mentors, when appropriate.

Q. Will social distancing and COVID-19 safety protocols be in place during the program?

A. Yes, in an effort to enhance safety protocols, the program will accept 15 students, half of the normal 30 students taken for the program. We will practice social distancing, sanitizing and cleaning work areas frequently.

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 describe a situation, which makes the student a unique candidate for FAIT Academy, where they have exhibited ONE of the FBI's Core Values. 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 describing a situation, which makes you a unique candidate for FAIT, where you have exhibited ONE of the FBI's Core Values 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 FAIT 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 possibly 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.

Tops for Success When Completing Your Application Package:

- Be certain student meets all of the eligibility criteria
- Essays are used to score your application, answer the question thoroughly and proofread your work
- Submit only one letter of recommendation, accompanying your application
- Be sure your application is complete – applications with missing information will not be considered
- No late submissions will be accepted.