**2020 FBI Youth Leadership Academy**

The 2020 FBI Youth Leadership Academy for the Kansas City Division will welcome 25-30 high school students, entering their junior or senior year during the 2020 - 2021 school year, to the Kansas City Division field office on Friday, June 26, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 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, community involvement) and an essay to determine which students will be offered a seat in the Academy. None of the above elements will be the sole basis of evaluation of an application (instead we will examine each application as a general picture). 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, April 24, 2020** for a panel review. *Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.* Please mail, or email the completed packet to:

Kansas City FBI

Attn: Public Affairs – Dixon Land

1300 Summit St.

Kansas City, MO 64105

dcland@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;
* One to two pages, single-spaced;
* Essay format with proper capitalization and punctuation;
* Name and email on each page.

Students selected for the program will be notified of their application status via email by close of business on **May 8, 2020**. Students selected to attend the FBI Youth Leadership Academy will be given additional information about the program and will be required to confirm their planned attendance.

Questions regarding the FBI Youth Leadership Academy or the application process can be directed to Public Affairs Specialist Dixon Land at (816) 512-8493 or by email at dcland@fbi.gov.

**Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the FBI Youth Leadership Academy**

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

**A.** Yes, the program has been designed for high school students who will entering their junior or senior year during the upcoming school year 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 only one of the categories a student’s application will be evaluated in 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. A minimum GPA is not required; 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 Youth Leadership 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.

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| **Student Candidate Information** |
| **Name:****(Last, First, Middle)** |  |
| **Grade level (2020-21 school year):** |  |
| **Home Street Address:** |  |
| **City/State:** |  | **Zip Code:** |  |
| **Home Phone:** |  | **Cell Phone:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  | **Referred by:** |  |
| **School Activities (attach page if necessary):** |
| **Community Involvement (attach page if necessary):** |

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| **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** |  |

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| **School Information and Approval** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Street Address** |  |
| **City/State** |  | **Zip Code** |  |
| **Phone** |  | **Email** |  |
| **School Official** |  |
| **Official’s Position** |  |
| **Phone** |  | **Email** |  |
| **Applicant’s GPA (Unweighted)**  |  |
| **Official’s Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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**ESSAY: Please attach an essay indicating why you would like to be part of the program and how this experience will serve your school. The essay should be typed, single-spaced and 1-2 pages in length.**