



THE AMERICAN LEGION LAW CADET TRAINING PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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JUNE 18 THROUGH JUNE 23, 2017

This program is limited to twenty-six (26) applicants/cadets. Positions are filled on a first come, first serve basis based on totally completed applications and the receipt of funds. Ensure the application is complete and accurate with the required information and signatures prior to having it endorsed by your local American Legion Post.

PURPOSE

The purpose of The Cadet Training Program is to help young people gain knowledge regarding training and responsibilities of Law Enforcement Officers. Hopefully, they will better understand and have greater respect and appreciation of law enforcement officials at all levels.

INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING

Qualified instructors will be used in all areas of training. The instructors are from Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Agencies, as well as State Elected Officials. Every Cadet will receive training in firearms, history of law enforcement, emergency first aid, and safety, and the responsibilities of a citizen at college level.

2017 PROGRAM DURATION

CHECK-IN: SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2017 @ 5PM at the Vermont Police Academy, Pittsford, VT. PIZZA WILL BE SERVED. (See attached map for directions to the Academy.)

GRADUATION: FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017 @ 1:30 PM: Family & Friends of the Cadets are invited to attend a short Graduation exercise in the gymnasium. See Attached "Sample Training Schedule" for what to expect during the week.

TYPE OF YOUNG PERSON DESIRED

The purpose of this program is to expose young people to all facets of the criminal justice system. It is hoped that the Districts and Posts will select persons who have shown some leadership ability. Scholastic standing and/or academic achievements are not criteria for selection. Previous unacceptable conduct may be grounds for denial. Interest in Law Enforcement or a career in policing is not a requirement.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Applicant must be a minimum of SIXTEEN (16) years of AGE and currently a JUNIOR or SENIOR in HIGH SCHOOL (prior to attending cadet class).

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The applicant will follow the guidelines of the Americans' with Disabilities Act. Applicants must complete an application that includes a medical certificate with the provider's signature to their physical condition.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS

Each cadet will bring his/her own personal toilet articles (please include deodorant and razors if required): towels for the week, a supply of underwear, gym shoes, gym clothing (three (3) white t-shirts), shower shoes (flip flops), socks, handkerchiefs, pajamas, belt, blue jeans, and a light jacket or sweatshirt. You must also bring black dress slacks with a black belt, and a pair of black street shoes and black socks for graduation. The American Legion will supply a polo shirt for the graduation, a pair of utility pants and two uniform t-shirts for day to day wear. No laundry facility is available, so a week's supply of clothing is necessary. All other recreational equipment will be provided. Bedding for the week will be furnished by the Police Academy as well as a water bottle and rain poncho. A detailed list will be sent to the candidate upon acceptance.

VALUABLES

DO NOT BRING VALUABLES WITH YOU. There are no facilities for storing of valuables. We cannot be responsible for any lost valuables. This includes rings, watches, cell phones, ipads, ipods, laptop computers, etc.

FOODS & SNACKS

FOODS & SNACKS ARE NOT PERMITTED. Do not bring any food items of any kind with you. This includes candies, gum, cookies, etc.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE- GROOMING CODE

The Vermont American Legion sponsors a number of Americanism Programs for the Youth of Vermont. These programs are: Green Mountain Boys State, American Legion Baseball, American Legion High School Oratorical Contests and The Cadet Law Academy, co-sponsored by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. The principle reason for sponsoring these youth programs is to help the home, school, and church to teach the youth of today to become better citizens for tomorrow.

Since The American Legion Department of Vermont and the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council sponsor the program, and all participation is strictly voluntary, we insist upon certain dress attire and hair grooming regulations. The Grooming Code calls for Boys to have a neat haircut with hair trimmed and tapered, as well as being clean shaven and for the girls - that the hair be neat and not so long as to create a safety hazard.

APPLICATION

For more information or an application, please contact your nearest American Legion Post or your High School Guidance Office. (An application is attached for your convenience)