

Maryland Department of State Police



2024 Youth Leadership & Career Development Seminar

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)



Will transportation be provided? Yes, transportation to the MDSP Training Academy will be provided by a trooper escort. Participants are asked to arrive at the local Maryland State Police Barrack on the specified date and time provided by the trooper escort. Participants should make arrangements with their parent/guardian to provide their transportation home upon conclusion of the seminar.

How will I be contacted by the trooper escort? The trooper escort will make contact with the participant and his/her parent/guardian utilizing the information provided in the application submission. The trooper escort will provide the local Maryland State Police Barrack address and arrival time.

Will participants be participating in any strenuous physical activity? Participants will have the option to complete the Functional Fitness Assessment Test (FFAT) which measures the level of fitness and physical preparedness for the Maryland State Police Academy.

What precautions will be taken regarding COVID-19? The Maryland State Police will follow the guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH).

How many chaperones will there be? There are 10-12 core instructors assigned to the program who will have interaction with participants over the course of the program. Participants will be under direct supervision of troopers during the entire stay; classroom instruction, evening activities and overnight.

How will this program benefit participants in furthering their career in public safety? Participants will have the opportunity to explore the many facets of a law enforcement career as well as gain exposure to the various mission critical civilian occupations within the Maryland Department of State Police. Attendees will be involved in training workshops and practical experiences geared toward developing a greater understanding of law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

Will participants receive a certificate of completion at the end of the program to use on their resume? Yes, upon completion of the program each participant will receive a certificate of completion.

Are there any hidden costs to this program? No, this program is free with no hidden costs associated with attending.

Will you have medical staff on site in case of injury or sickness? Yes, the MDSP Medical Director will be onsite to administer medication and a MDSP paramedic is assigned to the program.

Will accommodations be made for food allergies? Yes, accommodations will be made for program attendees with food allergies.

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What items will participants need to bring? The candidates will receive a Participant Packet which will provide a detailed list of items to bring. A separate email will be sent no later than Friday July 5, 2024.

Will participants be able to contact parents/guardians during the seminar? Yes, phone calls will be permitted during “free time” hours in the evening. Participants may bring a cell phone; however, it will be secured during training hours. A seminar Point of Contact will be provided in the Participant Packet for use in case of emergency.

Will participants be allowed to bring their own food and drink? No, there will be no outside food or drinks permitted.

What are the sleeping arrangements and/or accommodations? Each program participant will be assigned a room with a private bathroom. Rooms will be sanitized before participant arrival. Participants may be housed with up to two additional participants (Total 3) of the same gender in each room. Male and Female participants will be housed on separate floors.

What happens if a participant gets homesick? If a participant becomes homesick, we will contact his/her parent or guardian and assist with any necessary accommodations.

What time will participants be going to bed? Mandatory lights out at 10:00 PM.

Will participants be exposed to any weapons? Participants will be exposed to training weapons (simunition/simulation/training replicas) ONLY.

If a participant takes medication, how will that be handled? All medication will be labeled and secured by the MDSP Medical Physician who will be onsite to administer prescription medication.