

YOUTH CADET LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (2016)

The Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program is an American Legion sponsored program designed to present the opportunity for boys and girls to learn about law enforcement responsibilities and training from representatives of various city, county, state and federal agencies. The annual session in Virginia will take place July 17-22, 2016.

Eleventh grade students from each of the 17 Districts of the American Legion, Department of Virginia will be selected to attend the Virginia Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program at the Virginia State Police Academy in Richmond. The session is scheduled for five days, beginning on Sunday, July 17, 2016; the participants will remain in residence until the closing ceremonies on Friday afternoon July 22, 2016. During that period, they will participate in daily classroom sessions, and learn about the operation of radar, VASCAR and other State Police equipment. The class will select an outstanding Youth Cadet to speak on behalf of the class during the concluding ceremonies, when appropriate certificates will be awarded to all participants.

SELECTION GUIDELINES:

Participants will be selected by competitive and objective evaluation of interested applicants, based on worthy character, interest, and evidence of self-discipline whose attitude and demeanor would benefit significantly by association and contact with officers of the law. They should also have the ability to share the knowledge gained with others. Applicants do not have to be an "a" student. We are looking for well-rounded, out-going, hard working students with reasonable grades who can communicate and lead their peers. The student must have a valid learner's permit or operator's license, and a copy of it must be attached to the application. As an option, the applicant may attach a copy of his division of motor vehicle transcript. Students must be available to attend the complete Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program.

Completed applications, with Biography and DMV documentation attached, shall be submitted to the local Post Commander by April 22, 2016, who shall rank boys and girls according to preference and submit all applications (white copies to the District Chairmen) (yellow copy to American Legion Headquarters) by May 6, 2016. The \$200.00 registration fee for each of the preferred applicants **MUST** be sent with the applications to Department Headquarters. The application will not be considered until it is filled out completely and includes \$200 fee and a copy of the drivers permit/license. **NOTE: Do not send registration fees for alternates.** The sponsoring Post will be notified if an alternate is selected to attend. Department Headquarters will then communicate with the applicants regarding the schedule and details of the program. It is expected that District Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Chairmen, District Commanders, and Post Commanders sponsoring Youth Cadets will maintain contact with the prospective Cadets and arrange transportation to and from Richmond. Participants should be provided with opportunities to make reports of their experiences to the sponsoring Post and/or other interested organizations.

Cost of training, **\$200.00** per student, is provided by the sponsoring Post to cover the cost of food, billeting, T-shirts, linens, pin and administrative expenses. The Virginia State Police training counselors, instructional facilities and equipment are provided as a public service.