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High School Students Invited to Apply for Summer Youth Leadership Academy

Applications for the 24th San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office Youth Leadership Academy are now open. The program, which runs from June 10 – June 28, will provide students with the opportunity to experience the justice system in action while developing personal and professional skills.

The San Joaquin County Youth Leadership Academy is an exciting and engaging three-week summer program. Leadership skills are developed through a highly interactive curriculum that typically includes: classroom instruction by justice system professionals; career and leadership development resources; field trips and hands-on learning experiences that will appeal to students of all academic backgrounds and interest. Students will also have the opportunity to observe live court.

Every year, we strive to build a diverse cohort of students representing every school and every cross-section of the San Joaquin County community. This program is designed to motivate and inspire the next generation of San Joaquin County leaders - young adults who are thoughtful, ethical, service-oriented, and ready to make a positive impact on their peers and our community.

All high school students are invited to apply by May 13, 2024; regardless of their academic background and experience. Please return completed applications and recommendation letters by email to yla@sjcda.org; or by mail: District Attorney's Office Youth Leadership Academy at 222 E. Weber Avenue, Suite 202, Stockton, CA 95202. Incoming freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to apply however, due to limited space, preference will be given to juniors and seniors.

If you have any questions, please call the District Attorney's Office at (209) 468-2400 or email yla@sjcda.org.

Sincerely,

Ron Freitas
District Attorney
San Joaquin County



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2024 Participant Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THAT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION HAS BEEN ENTERED CORRECTLY.

Name: (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M. Initial) _____

Address: _____ (City) _____ (Zip) _____

Home Phone (incl. area code): _____ Cell: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Email Address: _____

Name of School: _____ (City) _____ (Zip) _____

School District: _____ Present Grade: _____

ATTENDANCE CLAUSE:

Students who attend the Youth Leadership Academy receive community service hours upon completion of the three-week Summer Program. Unexcused absences will not be tolerated and may result in the dismissal of the student from the program. Seats are limited and the vacancy will be promptly filled by a waitlisted student.

DRESS CODE:

Please note, students must come appropriately dressed for sessions. Due to the nature of the content of the course, the potential field trips, and exposure to high-ranking law enforcement and government officials, no pajamas, spaghetti straps, shorts, or crop-tops will be allowed. Closed-toed shoes are preferred, but not required. Youth Leadership Academy students are a reflection of the District Attorney's Office to other collaborating agencies and government organizations.

_____ Date: _____ Cell Phone: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE

Because this event can contain graphic information, the signature of a parent or guardian will be required.

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN:

I understand that my child will be viewing and hearing content that may be of a graphic nature. The content may include profanity and photos depicting crime scenes, accident scenes, and similar content.

I agree that my child will be available to attend Monday through Friday, 8:30 am -Noon, June 10 - June 28, 2024. If my child is selected for the program, I agree to complete the necessary permission forms and return to YLA.

_____ Date: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

Please fill out and email this fully completed application to YLA@sjcda.org or send via mail to San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office, ATTN: YLA, 222 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, CA 95202 no later than May 13, 2024.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

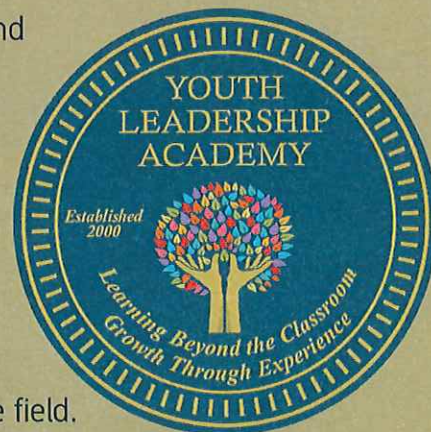


CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION by justice system professionals and community leaders, including criminal law and procedure, cyberbullying and social media, law enforcement careers, college prep, and other topics of interest to today's youth.

MENTORSHIP: Learn from professionals across the justice system and receive personal guidance into career pathways.

COURT OBSERVATION: Observe actual court proceedings on a variety of topics, along with justice system mentors.

FIELD TRIPS: Experience the justice system in action with hands-on experiences to apply to first-hand experiences with professionals out in the field.



JUNE 10 - JUNE 28
2024

IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION DEPENDENT ON COVID-19 REGULATIONS
AND MANDATES. VIRTUAL SESSION ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

VISIT [SJGOV.ORG/DA/YLA](https://www.sjgov.org/da/yla)
APPLICATIONS DUE 5/13



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



WHAT IS YLA?

Open to all high school students, this one-of-a-kind program provides students with the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning opportunities to develop both personal and professional leadership development skills. This program is designed to motivate and inspire the next generation of San Joaquin County leaders - young adults who are thoughtful, ethical, service-oriented and ready to make a positive impact on our community.

FIELD TRIPS

MENTORSHIP

**CLASSROOM
INSTRUCTION**

JUNE 10TH - JUNE 28TH 2024

APPLY TODAY:

[https://www.sjgov.org/
da/yla](https://www.sjgov.org/da/yla)

CONTACT US:

YLA@sjcda.org

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**COURT
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