



**APPLY NOW!!!**

**July 20 - July 25  
2008**

**WV SHERIFFS'  
Youth Leadership Academy  
Camp Virgil Tate  
Sissonville, WV**

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY  
CADET  
APPLICATION PACKET**

*The West Virginia Sheriffs'  
Youth Leadership Academy  
is sponsored by:*

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## **Application Submission**

Students who will graduate from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year and enter the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2008 are eligible to apply for a cadet position at the WV Sheriffs' Youth Leadership Academy. The attached application must be completed and postmarked to the WV Sheriffs' Association by **Friday, May 23, 2008**.

Applications are reviewed and cadets are selected by the WV Sheriffs' Youth Leadership Academy staff. No more than 125 students will be selected to attend the Academy. Students not chosen to attend the Academy may be selected as alternates. The selection of Academy participants is made on an equal opportunity basis without regard to race, creed, religion, color, gender or national origin. Applicants will be notified by mail regarding their Academy selection by June 13, 2008.

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To apply for the 2008 WV Sheriffs' Youth Leadership Academy, please complete the information below and mail by **Friday, May 23, 2008** to:

West Virginia Sheriffs' Association  
Attn. Melissa Garretson  
P.O. Box 3031  
Charleston, WV 25331

If you have any questions about the WV Sheriffs' Youth Leadership Academy, please call Melissa at the WV Sheriffs' Association, (304) 345-2232 or email: [melissa@wvsheriff.org](mailto:melissa@wvsheriff.org).

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# CADET APPLICATION

## 2008 WEST VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Name You Prefer to be Called: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

What grade are you in? \_\_\_\_\_ What grade will you go into this Fall 2008? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended an overnight camp in the past? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Special Interests or Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

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In the space below, **please write a short story** based upon the following sentence:

Sgt. Butch Holloway had been a Kanawha County deputy sheriff for the better part of his life. One evening, while out on road patrol in the rural part of the county near Camp Virgil Tate, he came upon...

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Adult T-Shirt Size: (Circle one) Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-L

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter to make application to be considered as a participant in the 2008 WV Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby proclaim that everything on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I would like to be considered as a participant in the 2008 WV Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Academy.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications must include:

- A passport size photo of your face taken within the past three months
- A photocopy of your most current report/grade card.
- One letter of recommendation from your current school counselor or teacher.

**Mail your application by Friday, May 23, 2008 to:**

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P.O. Box 3031  
Charleston, WV 25331**

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

## About the Academy

The West Virginia Sheriffs' Youth Leadership Academy is an annual, 6-day residential summer program for teenage citizens from throughout the state. The Academy seeks to deter risk-taking behavior patterns by introducing the participants to recreation alternatives and educating them on the negative consequences of drugs, alcohol, and violence. The Academy provides our youth with the leadership skills necessary for them to go back to their home communities and help others deal with these challenges. The Academy also encourages participation in citizenship activities and teaches responsibility.

**The Academy is for mainstream youth and is NOT a juvenile "boot camp".**

### Academy Schedule

A typical Academy schedule includes the following educational topics:

Mock Crime Scenes	Mock Criminal Trial	Investigation Techniques
Internet Crimes	Drug & Alcohol Awareness	Cultural Sensitivity
Domestic Violence	Violence Prevention	Firearms Safety
Canine Demonstrations	Bomb Squad Demo	Search & Seizure

A typical Academy schedule includes the following recreation activities:

Swimming	Skits	Volleyball
Running	Dancing	Karaoke
Basketball	Team Games	Camp Fires
Scuba Diving	Mock Elections	Peer Group Discussions

The Academy offers a challenging, educational, and fun summer camp experience!!

### Academy Staff

The Academy staff consists of Sheriffs, Deputies, community volunteers, the WWSA Executive Director, and registered nurses. The staff includes both women and men. Emergency medical personnel are also at the Academy throughout the week. Each first time participant, or cadet, becomes part of a "district" under the guidance and leadership of junior and senior counselors who have previously attended the Academy. Boys and girls stay in separate cottages with other cadets, counselors & staff.

### Dates & Location

The 2008 WV Sheriffs' Youth Leadership Academy will be **Sunday, July 20 through Friday, July 25, 2008**. Participants arrive after lunch on Sunday, July 20, and depart for home in the afternoon on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. A graduation ceremony ends the Academy week on Friday.

The 2008 WV Sheriffs' Youth Leadership Academy will take place at Camp Virgil Tate located in rural Kanawha Co. near Sissonville. Cadets will reside in cottages during their 6-day stay. Camp Tate also has a dining hall, lodge w/classrooms, swimming pool, volleyball courts, basketball courts and open fields. The cottages are not air-conditioned (this is camp!!).

## **Eligibility & Fees**

All applicants must be enrolled in either a West Virginia public or private school. First time applicants, or cadets, must be completing the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and expected to be entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall of 2008. The Academy is open to both male and female students who qualify in accordance with the WV State Board of Education Extracurricular Activities Participation Rule. Cadets must have attained at least a 2.0 on their most recent grade card.

The Academy fee is \$75 per first-time applicant. Fees are to be paid upon notice of acceptance to the Academy and are nonrefundable. If an applicant is unable to pay the \$75 fee, his/her custodial parent or guardian may apply for a fee waiver by completing a confidential grant application form. This form is available by contacting the Sheriffs' Association.

## **Detailed Information**

Upon acceptance into the Academy, the applicant will receive detailed information about the Academy, what to bring and what not to bring to the Academy and directions to Camp Virgil Tate.

## **Completed Applications Should Include:**

- The enclosed application form completed in full
- Original signatures on the application submitted
- Passport size photo taken within past three months
- Photocopy of applicant's most current report/grade card
- Letter of recommendation from applicant's current school counselor or teacher with their contact information included

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Please join us for six days of unique activities and  
challenging adventures!**

**We look forward to receiving your application!**

Confidential Grant Application  
WEST VIRGINIA SHERIFFS' YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Complete this form ONLY if you are seeking a WAIVER OF ACADEMY FEES

Part 1: Personal Information

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting a fee waiver for the WV Sheriffs' Youth Leadership Academy for the following reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Part 2: Household Information

Household Monthly Earnings from Wages: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(List income before taxes your household received last month)

Other Household Monthly Earnings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Welfare, Pensions, Retirement, Child Support, Social Security, Alimony, etc.)

Total Household Monthly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of persons living in your home: \_\_\_\_\_

Part 3: Certification

I certify that the information on this grant application is correct. I understand that all information is being given solely to determine a waiver of Academy fees for the applicant whose name is entered on this application form. I understand that deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable state law. I understand that I must sign this application below before it can be approved.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_