

Romeoville Police Department Youth Academy Application

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1. Last Name:	2. First:	3. Middle Initial:	4. Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
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5. Address:

6. City:	7. State:	8. Zip Code:
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9. Birth Date:	10. Home Phone:	11. Work Phone: Cell Phone:
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12. Driver's License Number (if applicable):	13. E-mail address:
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14. Name of School that you attend and grade:
T-shirt size (Check one) – S M L XL

15. Have you ever been arrested?

16. If yes, explain where, when, and why. What was the disposition?

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any omissions are grounds for denial to attend the Police Department Youth Academy. I authorize a background check to be conducted to attend the Police Department Youth Academy.

17. Signature:	18. Date:
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Application packets are due by 2:00 P.M. on May 17, 2024

**Return to: Romeoville Police Department, 1050 West Romeo Rd. Romeoville, IL 60446
Or the School Resource Officer at Romeoville High School.**

ROMEOVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT –YOUTH ACADEMY PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT
NOTE: THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF ANY MINOR SEEKING TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE ROMEOVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACADEMY.

The Romeoville Police Department (“Department”) now offers a Youth Academy to complement the existing Citizens Policy Academy Program. Participation is open on a space-available basis to persons from 15 to 18 years of age that have successfully completed a written application to participate approved by the Department, acknowledged and accepted the Youth Academy Code of Conduct, and successfully completed a criminal background investigation. Participants and parents or guardians signing this Agreement on behalf of participants are advised that the Youth Academy program will include the opportunity to fire service tasers at targets on the Department shooting range, and the opportunity to participate in a Department “ride-along” by accompanying a sworn Department officer in a Department vehicle. In order for participants to become eligible for the taser component of the Youth Academy program, parents or guardians will have to submit to a criminal background investigation.

WARNING OF RISK

Despite the implementation of all reasonable precautions by the Department, an unavoidable risk of serious injury will always exist when participating in the activities comprising the Youth Academy program. These activities include but are not necessarily limited to opportunities to ride in squad cars with patrol officers, observation of traffic stops or other police patrol activities, use of vehicle speed detection equipment, physical fitness training and testing, handcuff training, and the use of Department tasers. Not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Participants and parents/guardians of minor participants must understand that certain risks and hazards will be inherent to participation in that activity, including but not limited to risks and hazards associated with inclement weather, vehicular travel, slip and falls, overexertion and fatigue, disregarding safety rules and instructions, collision with stationary objects or other participants, poor skill level or conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, premises defects, inadequate or defective equipment, or inadequate supervision or instruction. All participants and parents/guardians are further advised that the use of tasers and riding in Department patrol vehicles during a “ride-along” present inherent risk of death, personal injury and property damage. The Department hereby accordingly informs all participants and parents/guardians of minor participants that it is impossible for the Department to guarantee absolute safety for all program and activity participants.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I acknowledge and assume the risks of property damage, accidents, injuries (including death), loss of bodily functions, disabilities, medical disorders, pain and suffering, exposure to emotionally distressing or traumatic situations, lost income and medical expenses that arise from participation in any program or activity offered by the Department, including the Youth Academy program, and my use of any and all facilities, vehicles, transportation services, premises and equipment provided by the Department. I further acknowledge that the foregoing risks may arise from my own action or inaction, the actions or inaction of other program or activity participants, the conditions under which a program or activity is conducted, or from the negligent actions or inaction (including any failure to warn) of Department personnel, contractors or service providers. Without limiting the foregoing, I acknowledge that the foregoing risks may also arise from my failure or the failure of other participants to adhere to all rules and regulations established by the Department in connection with the Youth Academy program, and to follow all instructions given by members of the Department during the conduct of the Youth Academy program or the conduct of other programs or activities by the Department. I have been made aware that my failure to adhere to all such rules, regulations and instructions during the Youth Academy program or other activities or programs conducted by the Department will result in the termination of my participation in the Youth Academy or other activities or programs of the Department. I also acknowledge that from time to time, the Village of Romeoville and/or the Department may take photographs of me participating in programs or activities offered by the Department for use and publication in various publications or media, including but not limited to the Village’s website, department program brochures or materials, and Village or Department informational, promotional or marketing materials, and I hereby expressly grant to the Village of Romeoville and the Department the right to use and publish such photographs as contemplated herein, all without compensation or payment for such use and publication. I further authorize the Department and any and all other law enforcement agencies that the Department may consult with to release any and all information relating to my criminal record or background to the Department in connection with my participation in the Youth Academy or other programs or activities conducted by the Department. In consideration of being allowed to participate in programs or activities offered by the Department, including but not limited to the Youth Academy program, or to use facilities, transportation services, premises and equipment provided by the Department, I hereby release, waive and discharge the Village of Romeoville, its Police Department and the officers, officials, employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of the Village of Romeoville and its Police Department, and all law enforcement agencies that provide criminal background history or record information in connection with my participation in the Youth Academy or other programs or activities conducted by the Department (collectively, the “Releasees”) from any and all liability and all claims of any kind whether for personal injury, property damage or death, arising from participation in any activity or program offered by the Department, including the Youth Academy program, arising from my use of facilities, transportation services, premises and equipment provided by the Department, arising from the use or publication by Releasees of photographs of me participating in programs or activities offered by the Department, or arising from the provision or release of criminal record or background information in connection with my participation in the Youth Academy or in other programs or activities offered by the Department, whether or not caused by the negligence of the Releasees or any of them and further covenant that I shall not sue any of the Releasees with respect to any such liability or claims. In the event that I or anyone else nonetheless

makes a claim or files suit against Releasees arising out of any of the above-described matters, I will indemnify and hold Releasees harmless of and from any and all damages or judgments and costs of litigation, including attorney fees. The provisions hereof are to be construed as broadly as possible in favor of Releasees, and this Agreement as a whole shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois (without reference to the conflicts of laws rules thereof). If any part of this Agreement shall be ruled invalid by a court having jurisdiction, the balance shall be enforced to the maximum possible extent. I am signing this Agreement freely and voluntarily, having read and understood it and with a full opportunity to consider its substance and with the intention of fully and unconditionally assuming the risks and releasing the liabilities as described above in this Agreement.

DATE: _____
Printed Participant Name Participant Signature

REQUIRED PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS

I am the parent or legal guardian of _____, and am registering _____ to participate in a program or activity offered by the Department. I have read and reviewed this Agreement, and am voluntarily signing it on behalf of my child/ward _____, in my capacity as parent and legal guardian. By signing below, I am agreeing on behalf of my child/ward to be bound along with my child/ward by all terms and conditions of this Agreement as set forth above, including but expressly not limited to those terms and conditions that set forth any release, waiver or discharge of liabilities or claims of any kind. I acknowledge further that my child/ward will be required to submit to a criminal background investigation as a condition of eligibility for the Youth Academy program, and that I also have to submit to a criminal background check in order for my child/ward to be eligible to participate in the taser component of the Youth Academy program. My signature below shall constitute my consent to the Department conducting all criminal history background checks of myself and my child/ward necessary to facilitate my child/ward's participation in programs conducted by the Department, including but not limited to the Youth Academy Program, and my specific consent to the above-stated release of claims in connection therewith

DATE: _____
Printed Parent/Guardian Name Parent/Guardian Signature

State of Illinois)
) ss
County of Will)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2024 by

_____.

Notary Public

My commission expires on _____.

ROMEQUILLE POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1.) All students are required to maintain good manners, courtesy and appearance.
- 2.) All students are required to wear the academy shirt (issued first class date) and blue jeans or khakis. No baggy, tattered, or torn clothing is permitted.
- 3.) When attending physical training all students are required to wear shorts, athletic shoes, and academy issued shirts. Shorts will have to be brought separately each class date.
- 4.) Cellular telephones and other electronic devices are not permitted during class times.
- 5.) Stud earrings and a watch are permitted. All other jewelry must be removed prior to class.
- 6.) No hats/headwear or visible tattoos are permitted.
- 7.) All students are expected to refrain from using vulgar language and will treat all other students and Police Officers with a high level of respect.
- 8.) All students are required to be on time to class. There are no unexcused absences allowed. If an emergency arises the student is required to contact their class coordinator.
- 9.) All students are required to be prepared for each class.
- 10.) All students are expected to be attentive in class and during practical exercises.
- 11.) No weapons are permitted on the premises.
- 12.) Students will maintain good hygiene and always represent themselves in a professional manner.
- 13.) No tobacco products or alcohol permitted on the premises.
- 14.) All injuries and/or illnesses must be reported immediately to the class coordinator.
- 15.) All students are required to strictly adhere to safety rules while attending practical exercises.
- 16.) Students must follow all directives given by instructors/Police Officers.
- 17.) While doing the ride along, students must act respectful, and follow all directives given by their assigned patrol officer.

Any violation of the above rules may subject me to removal from the program.

Student signature

Date

Student printed name