

PURPOSE

It should be unnecessary to say that at the heart of the American system is this nation's dependence upon Law and Order, yet few concepts now are more misunderstood by our society than those which govern the relationships between Freedom and Democracy and Law and Order.

Never in the history of this nation has this relationship been so strained and under attack, but at the same time, never has there been a greater need or opportunity to convey to the general public, and in particular the youth, the need for Law and Order in a dynamic and progressive Democracy. Because of current social unrest and changing lifestyles in this country, the role of Law Enforcement Agencies in upholding the law needs full understanding and support.

The principal responsibility of our law enforcement authority is to insure all the rights and freedoms of **All** members of our society, and the underlying purpose of The Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy is to provide firsthand experience of the role of Law Enforcement in promoting and safe-guarding American freedoms and rights.

It is hoped that the young men and women who participate in The Cadet Patrol Academy will develop favorable attitudes toward law enforcement and will help disseminate these attitudes throughout the community.

Our young people have proven their abilities to think clearly and often to be the staunchest of supporters for moral and legal rights. The Academy gives them the opportunity to see law enforcement practices and concepts at their best.

SPONSORSHIP

The local Legion Post may accept outside financial assistance to send a Cadet to the Academy. However, none can be accepted except through the local Post which will send their nominations to the District Chairman who will make the final selections. District Chairmen are encouraged to make alternate selections.

The Cadet Patrol program will be conducted at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City, Missouri, located at 1510 East Elm Street, (Highway 50 East).

THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF A TYPICAL WEEK OF RIGOROUS PATROL RECRUIT TRAINING

The week's activities will include: Classroom instruction in the History of Law Enforcement, defensive driving, Radar, Motor Vehicle Laws, First Aid, shooting demonstrations, drug abuse, and use of alcohol, as well as demonstrations of police skills, such as personal defense and weapons firing. Organized sports will be a part of the program as well as tours of the area as time permits. It is expected that Missouri State officials will visit during the week. The American Legion will furnish staff assistance during the program.

QUALIFICATIONS

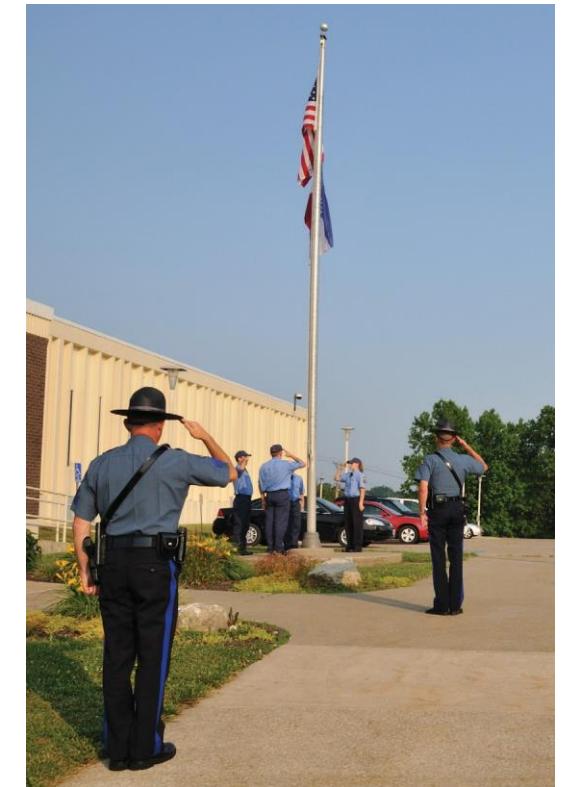
Age — 16 through 18 years of age. Must Have reached sixteenth birthday by **April 1, 2026.**

Applicants must have a (C) average or higher (2.0+ GPA). Home schooled students that meet the (C) average requirement are also eligible. Each applicant must be of good moral character, present a neat, well-groomed military appearance and come well recommended. Males will not report to the Academy with a beard.

Possess a valid driver's license or a learner's permit (due to driving course). Copy of driver's license or learner's permit must accompany the application.

Have an interest in pursuing a career in the Criminal Justice System.

Any individual applying for Cadet Patrol must meet the qualification requirements and only those recommended by their local high school official may be considered. If home school note on application.



“KEEP IT FLYING”



“LOOKING GOOD”

Former Cadet Patrol Graduates are not eligible. NO CONDITION OF RACE, CREED OR COLOR IS A PREREQUISITE TO SELECTION. UNDER NO CONDITIONS WILL HARASSMENT BE TOLERATED.

APPLICATION

Official application forms, which must be fully completed, may be obtained from your local American Legion Post and online at www.missourilegion.org. Be sure the necessary signatures of your high school principal, your local Post Commander or Adjutant, your Doctor and local law enforcement official have been secured. The applicant should express a personal interest in the program.

Applicants must be physically able to take part in a Rigorous Physical Program. The local Post Commander, Adjutant, or Cadet Patrol Chairman will interview each applicant, and forward each completed application with the fee of \$450.00 to the District Commander or Chairman, **no later than March 1, 2026.**

Make checks payable to: The American Legion Dept. of MO.

The District Commander must forward his endorsed application to The American Legion, Department of Missouri, Inc., Post Office Box 179, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, no later than **April 1, 2026.** (The District Commander is urged to forward additional applications in the event they might be accepted. If not accepted, fees will be returned.)

EQUIPMENT

Each Cadet will be issued an official uniform which will be worn at all times, except during recreational periods. Personal toiletry items, including glasses (if you wear contacts), clothing for athletic activities such as gym shoes, T-shirts and black dress shoes for marching in uniform will be the responsibility of the individual.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cadets are quartered two per room which includes restroom and bathing facilities. Rooms are heated and air conditioned. A lounge with TV and recreational facilities In case of illness the student will be taken to a medical facility for care. This will not be a choice of the cadet.

REGISTRATION AND CHECKOUT

Registration will begin on Sunday, June 7th at 3:00 p.m. and must be completed by 5:00 p.m. Once Cadets complete registration, they will be staying at the academy for the remainder of the week.

Checkout will begin immediately following graduation on Friday, June 12th.

Individuals providing transportation will be permitted to pick up Cadets only at the Missouri Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy — THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

For those Cadets wishing to drive their own vehicles to the academy, parking space will be available. However, they must remain parked until checkout time Friday June 12th, 2025.

VISITORS

GRADUATION WILL BE AT 10:00 a.m., (Time is subject to change. Please call 573-526-6174 to confirm.) **Friday, June 12th, 2026.** Families and friends of the Cadets are invited to attend.

Cell phones will not be permitted during scheduled activities.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY A CADET MAY BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE AT 573/526-6174 or 573-526-6175



54th Annual MISSOURI CADET PATROL ACADEMY

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June 7th through June 12th, 2026

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Grateful appreciation is extended to Past Department Commander Charles A. Barron (1967) whose dedication led to the creation of this National Security activity.