



Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Rising Stars
Leadership Academy
June 13-17, 2016

Mission: *To provide a leadership program that enables each student to be exposed to principles that will enhance their ability to be a successful and responsible citizen.*

Vision: *For the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to become a community leader in developing and rewarding successful students by enhancing their ability to become productive citizens.*

SRS Program Goals:

1. Develop relationships between future high school seniors and positive adult role models.
2. Reward responsible students by providing a challenging, yet enjoyable, week-long learning experience.
3. Deliver leadership training that will promote positive citizen involvement.

Eligibility and Application Requirements

- Each applicant must be a Junior, advancing to their Senior year.
- Applicants shall provide a transcript supporting a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0.
- Applicants may not have a criminal history.
- Applications shall be submitted to the respective SRO / SRD by March 24, 2016.

Semi-finalist Requirements

- Each respective high school shall form a selection committee consisting of the SRO / SRD, staff members, teachers, or other persons of their choosing to vet applications and choose a maximum of three (3) semi-finalists to be submitted to the HCSO School Resource Section for selection of participants.
- Between the dates of March 24 and April 6, 2016, selected semi-finalists shall be required to complete a 500 word essay on the topic of leadership. Students shall

complete the essay unassisted and in a proctored environment. This essay shall be typed, double spaced, and shall be completed at each respective school site.

- After the essay has been completed, and no later than April 8, 2016, the SRO / SRD shall submit to the HCSO School Resource Section, the essay along with the completed application, and one (1) letter of recommendation from a non-relative of the applicant.
- Selection of participants will be completed by the HCSO Rising Stars selection committee and will occur April 20, 2016.
- Students chosen to participate in the program will then be provided with a Release and Indemnity to be signed by the parent or guardian, as well as an emergency notification form to be completed and notarized. These forms **MUST** be completed and returned to the HCSO School Resource section prior to the start of the program in order for a student to participate.
- Questions regarding this program or the application process should be directed to the HCSO School Resource Section at 813-247-8072.

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Application



Full Legal Name: _____ Current Grade Level: _____ Adult Shirt Size: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Unweighted GPA: _____

School: _____ Student

Email: _____

Home Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Student's Cell Phone: _____

• Student's Driver's License or State ID #: _____ Valid: Y/N

Emergency Contact:

| Name | Relationship | Home/ Work/ Cell Phone # |
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- Have you ever been arrested? Y/N
- Have you included your mandatory 1 letter of recommendation with this application? Y/N
- Have you included a copy of your school transcript documenting your GPA? Y/N
- Have you included your emergency notification and video release forms? Y/N

School/Community Civic Activities: _____

Leadership Positions Held: _____

Please tell us why you feel you should be selected for this academy: _____

- I have read and understand the criteria for selection to the SRS Academy.

Student Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____