

ETOWAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
Candidate Information

Etowah County Sheriff Todd Entrekin, is offering to qualified incoming high school seniors who have demonstrated maturity, personal initiative, academic responsibility, and a sense of community, the opportunity to participate in a six-day program of leadership development and criminal justice education in Etowah County. A full program description is enclosed in this packet.

One male student and one female student from each high school in Etowah County will be nominated by their high school principal. Each nominee will then submit his or her completed application packet to the Etowah County Sheriff's Office for review no later than **March 13, 2015**. Nominees may deliver applications by e-mail, in person, or mail to:

kmcginnis@etowahcounty.org

or

Etowah County Sheriff's Office
Student Leadership Academy
Attn: Mrs. Kelley McGinnis
827 Forrest Avenue
Gadsden, Alabama 35901

Nominees will then be contacted to schedule: 1) oral interview, 2) physical ability evaluation (22 push ups (60 seconds), 25 sit ups (60 seconds), 1.5 mile run in 15:28), 3) parent/student meeting.

The program is **not** limited to young persons interested in a future career in law enforcement. However, interested candidates should possess a desire to gain knowledge of leadership skills and personal development, the American system of criminal justice, the structure and operation of law enforcement, and County government.

Upon successful completion of the program and final exam, graduates of the program, will receive Etowah County Sheriff's honorary deputation, future school/job reference letter from Sheriff Entrekin, eligibility to apply for 3 college credits (under negotiation), possible scholarships, lasting relationships, and much more!

This year's session of the Student Leadership Academy begins **TBA** and will conclude on **TBA**. Participants will stay all week in lodging at the Etowah County Sheriff's Office. All activities will be constantly supervised by personnel from ECSO. Once selections are made, more details will be discussed in the parent/student meeting.

To answer any questions during the application process, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kelley McGinnis (256-439-3489, kmcginnis@etowahcounty.org), School Resource Officer Sgt. Lanny Handy (256-312-7345), and/or any Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer.

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Principal Nomination Form

Nomination

Each high school principal is requested to nominate one (1) male incoming senior and one (1) female incoming senior.

Application

Candidates must be an incoming high school senior and must be nominated by their current high school principal. Nominees must submit the written application by **March 13**.

Acceptance

ECSO SLA is open to incoming high school seniors who meet academy requirements of:

- Nominated by High School Principal
- Minimum 2.5 Grade Point Average
- Written Essay
- Alabama Police Officer's Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC) Physical Ability Exam (22 push ups (60 seconds), 25 sit ups (60 seconds), 1.5 mile run in 15:28)

Candidates must be nominated to ECSO by their high school principal. Each nominee will then be evaluated based on demonstrated leadership, physical fitness, grade point average, and community service. Due to the physical activity required, students will be required to submit proof of a physical conducted by a licensed physician within the last six months.

School: _____

Nominated Student Name: _____ **Male / Female**

As principal, I nominate the above named student from my school to participate in the Etowah County Sheriff's Office Student Leadership Academy. The student meets all of the academy requirements regularly demonstrates outstanding characteristics of maturity, personal initiative, academic responsibility, and a sense of community

Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____

ETOWAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Candidate Application

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Name: _____ (M/F) _____ Age _____ (DOB) _____

Address: _____ Social Security# _____ - _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Your Telephone: Area Code (_____) _____ - _____ Do you receive text: **Y/N**

School: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Employment: _____ City: _____ State: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ Pants Size: _____ E-mail: _____

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Telephone: Area Code (_____) _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Name of Employer: _____ Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Please list any Sports, School Clubs/Activities/Offices, Hobbies, and Special Interests/Talents

What do you hope to gain from attending the Student Leadership Academy?

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parental Consent

I UNDERSTAND MY SON/DAUGHTER WILL BE ATTENDING THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND WILL BE UNDER THE CONSTANT SUPERVISION OF A MEMBER OF THE ETOWAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING I APPROVE OF HIS/HER PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT HE/SHE IS MEDICALLY AND PHYSICALLY FIT TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.

Parental/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Emergency Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

List any physical limitations or medical problems of the son/daughter that staff must be aware of:

Due to the physical activity required, students will be required to submit proof of a physical conducted by a licensed physician within the last six months.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (SLA) 2015**

**"Making A Difference"
Essay Component - Community Service Project**

A leader must constantly be looking for opportunities to exercise their influence by making a difference in the lives of others through meeting needs in their community.

Today, our society calls out with numerous struggles and problems. As a leader, do you hear them? These issues affect not only those directly involved, but at some point all aspects of community life.

The purpose of this essay is to go far beyond these pages by recognizing a need, developing a plan, and eventually exercising your leadership. Your challenge is to use the five tools of a leader as described below.

The essay shall be typed and double-spaced, using size 12 Times New Roman font. The final product should be at least 3 pages and no greater than 5 pages.

The SLA selection committee will evaluate your essay as part of the selection process. From the 20 SLA finalists, at least one project will be selected to actually impact our community as part of the SLA!

As a guide to writing your essay consider:

- 1) Using the ears of a leader and hear a need in your community.
- 2) Using the eyes of a leader to see the vision of meeting that need.
- 3) Using the mind of a leader and develop plans necessary to accomplish your vision.
- 4) Using the mouth of a leader to communicate your plans and goals to your followers and others who will be resources.
- 5) Using the hands of a leader, together with your team, to meet the need identified by carrying out your plan.