

## **Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the FBI Teen Academy**

### **Q. Where will the program take place?**

**A.** On the campus of Lewis and Clark Community College.

### **Q. Is the program only for high school juniors and seniors?**

**A.** Yes, the program has been designed for high school juniors and seniors so they have at least the remainder of the year at the school. This enables students to share the information they have learned and serve as peer mentors, when appropriate. You qualify if you will be a junior or senior during the 2019-2020 school year.

### **Q. Is the essay important?**

**A.** Yes, the essay is important as it is often the first element of the application package that is reviewed by our panelists. This is an opportunity for the student to describe a situation, which makes the student a unique candidate for FAIT Academy, where they have exhibited **ONE** of the FBI's Core Values. A high GPA in absence of a well written essay and vice versa can be problematic.

### **Q. Do 4.0 students get a guaranteed seat in the class?**

**A.** GPA is not the only method of student evaluation and no student will be assured a seat by GPA alone. All students must submit a well-written essay describing a situation, which makes you a unique candidate for FAIT, where you have exhibited **ONE** of the FBI's Core Values as well as have school activities and community involvement that demonstrate that he or she is a well-rounded student.

### **Q. Is a particular GPA required?**

**A.** GPA is not the only method of student evaluation and a minimum GPA is not stated; however, given the competitive nature of the application process, it is advantageous for a student to have a combination of a good GPA, well-written essay, school activities and community involvement.

### **Q. Does a student have to have specific experience or interest in law enforcement to be a successful candidate?**

**A.** No, a student does not need to be in a criminal justice program, explorers program, ROTC, etc. The primary objective is to identify students who are capable of leadership and have an interest in what the FBI does.

### **Q. Is this experience similar to an internship?**

**A.** The FAIT Academy is not an internship and while students may be offered case studies drawn from adjudicated cases, students will not be exposed to active cases or day-to-day investigations.

### **Q. I love forensic science! Will I get to learn techniques?**

**A.** While students will be exposed to some basic evidence collection techniques during one of the many sessions, the day covers a wide variety of topics from a classroom and experiential perspective as well as concepts that are designed to enhance student awareness of issues such as cybercrime, cyber bullying and more.

## **Tips for Success When Completing Your Application Package:**

- Be certain student meets all of the eligibility criteria
- Essays are used to score your application, answer the question thoroughly and proofread your work
- Submit only one letter of recommendation, accompanying your application
- Be sure your application is complete – applications with missing information will not be considered
- No late submissions will be accepted.