



## LAW AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

### 2026 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE LAW AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY APPLICATION

There are slots available for the Pennsylvania State Police Law and Leadership Academy. Application is open to any male or female, 18 and older. The applicant can be currently enrolled in a Vocational law enforcement program, accredited college curriculum, meets the age requirement of the Pennsylvania State Police or other Law Enforcement process or is just seeking insight into a career as a law enforcement officer.

**Law and Leadership Academy Dates:** May 2026, through August 2026

**Classes are two days a week** and one Saturday a month. Weekly sessions and times vary among programs. Saturday classes are from 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM and consist of hands-on scenarios based upon learned curriculum.

#### **Locations:**

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- All accepted applicants must attend an orientation and physical testing prior to the program start
- This camp should only be attended once; however, consideration will be given to individuals enrolled in collegiate internship program for additional participation. Preference will be given to cadets that are closest to PSP or other law enforcement hiring processes.
- Applicants must also complete an interview process by Program Directors for selection into the academy. **Tentative dates for interview process are March 2026, through April 2026. (Times and location will be assigned)**
- Submit and pass a Criminal Background check
- Complete a Physical Fitness Test for entry – comparable to standards for entry/ graduation into the Pennsylvania State Police Academy and will consist of push-ups, 300-meter sprint, 1.5-mile run, vertical jump, and Illinois agility test. Applicants must also pass a physical fitness test for graduation utilizing the same tests above but to a higher standard. **Exact requirements can be viewed at [www.PATROOPER.COM](http://www.PATROOPER.COM)**
- Cadets must also provide a copy of birth certificate; medical insurance and any school discipline records and criminal history records to be considered for enrollment in the Law and Leadership Academy.
- Cadets will also need a brief recommendation from law enforcement program advisor or employer due at the interview process
- Cadets must also agree to all rules and policies of this academy and complete all required waivers.

- Any applicant not selected to camp, due to availability and/or selection process may apply the following year and be given preference to that year's academy.

**Purpose:**

The Pennsylvania State Police Law and Leadership Academy is a camp designed to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and those individuals seeking a career in law enforcement by providing them with an opportunity to experience the process of becoming a cadet in a law enforcement academy.

This free camp is modeled after the police academies that adults attend to become sworn law enforcement officers. Our academy is geared to accommodate any individuals 18 and older. The applicant can be currently enrolled in a Vocational law enforcement program, accredited college curriculum, or meets the age requirement of the Pennsylvania State Police or other Law Enforcement process or is just seeking insight into a career as a law enforcement officer.

The academy has aspects of a "Paramilitary" organization, and cadets will be introduced to physical training such as running, swimming, and marching. Cadets will get a firsthand look into the process of becoming a law enforcement officer. The curriculum will include instruction on traffic, criminal investigations, and other police resources. The cadets will also learn time management, self-discipline, and teamwork.

Upon completion of the academy, students will participate in a graduation ceremony that acknowledges their hard work and commitment to a career in law enforcement.

**2026 Pennsylvania State Police Law and Leadership Academy Applications are available for enrollment starting January 5, 2026. To access an application, go**

to [pa.psp.gov](http://pa.psp.gov). then click the Program and Services tab on the left. Scroll down and click on Law and Leadership Academy tab.

Additional access can be found on [PATROOPER.com](http://PATROOPER.com), Click the Civilian Program tab at the top of the page.

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