



Public Safety Cadets
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NATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

LAW ENFORCEMENT SECTOR

2026

August 1 - 8, 2026

George Mason

University, Fairfax, VA



In Partnership



This summer, 40 selected Public Safety Cadets will have the unique opportunity to participate in the 2026 Public Safety Cadets National Leadership Academy (NLA). Participants will be housed at George Mason University's Fairfax, Virginia campus.

Eligibility

Applicants must be currently registered members of a Public Safety Cadet program affiliated with a law enforcement agency. Each Cadets must complete the attached application, secure the necessary approvals, and submit the application along with a statement of "What a Career in Law Enforcement Means to Me" in no fewer than 500 words.

Selection Process

Public Safety Cadets that applied to attend the NLA will be competitively selected until the NLA reaches capacity. Each application will be reviewed by a selection process using law enforcement executives composed of members of the Public Safety Cadets National Committee – Law Enforcement Sector, and the applicant will be notified by June 1, 2026, of their acceptance or rejection from the NLA.

NLA Content

The NLA will consist of interactive workshops, dynamic lectures, physical fitness, and field trips around the National Capitol Region. Lessons taught throughout the week will provide historic reference to leadership and failures of leadership in law enforcement. Cadets will visit the National Law Enforcement Museum, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, and take part in a leadership lesson walking tour of select monuments in Washington, D.C.

Fee

Participants will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Fairfax, Virginia. If travelling by air, it is recommended to use Washington, D.C. airports (Dulles Airport (IAD) or Ronald Reagan Airport (DCA)). A \$400.00 administration fee is required (DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY WITH APPLICATION). Some limited Scholarships are available for Cadets who cannot afford the administration fee (see certification portion on application). Participants arriving early or staying late outside of the scheduled NLA dates will be responsible for their own lodging and meals outside of the NLA. Per diem and uniform costs are the participant's responsibility. Lodging and meals during the NLA are covered by the Public Safety Cadets from the evening of August 1 through the morning of August 8.

NLA uniform and physical training attire

Participants will be provided with two NLA polo shirts, two NLA t-shirts and one cap. Each Cadet is responsible for the following items: one unit dress uniform. Khaki colored trousers or BDU pants. Khaki colored BDU style shorts. Physical training clothing: running shoes, white socks, t-shirts and shorts.

Deadline

The completed application form with the appropriate certifications must be RECEIVED, not postmarked, in the national office no later than May 15, 2026. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

This information and application can be found on the Public Safety Cadets website: www.publicsafetycadets.org. Any questions? Email us at: NLA@publicsafetycadets.org

APPLICATION FORM



More Information :

PO Box 340, Big Bend, WI 53103
703-717-8168 / NLA@publicsafetycadets.org
www.publicsafetycadets.org

Date of Application :

Application Deadline :

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name :

Phone Number : Gender : Male Female

Date Of Birth :
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Address Street :

City / State :

School / Grade :

Email Address :

Shirt size :

B. PSC UNIT INFORMATION

Lead Mentor : Unit # :

Email Address :

Agency :

Agency Address :

City : State :

Phone Number :

C. TRANSCRIPT

Attach the most recent transcript of grades along with submission (high school or college as applicable).

D. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach at least three but no more than five letters of recommendation. At least one letter of recommendation should come from a teacher / professor and / or guidance counselor.

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List all experiences to include position held, length of office or responsibility / all activities you have participated in / all recognitions you have earned.

E. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Youth Program :

School :

Community :

F. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Youth Program :

School :

Community :

G. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Youth Program :

School :

Community :

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H. REFERENCES

List two people, apart from those who wrote letters of recommendation, who can attest to your character. include your relationship to these individuals.

Full Name : _____

Relationship : _____ **Phone Number** : _____

Address Street : _____ **City** : _____

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Address Street : _____ **City** : _____

I. CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES

I certify that all statements in this application and any attached documents are true. I understand that, if selected, I am responsible for my own transportation and personal expenses to Fairfax County and confirm that I can meet the physical agility requirements of my partnering organization and safely participate in strenuous physical activities. I also consent to the use of my name, voice, written materials, and/or images by Public Safety Cadets and authorized media organizations for broadcasting or related purposes, provided such use does not constitute a direct endorsement of any product or service. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the requirements described above.

_____ Applicant (print)	_____ Applicant signature	_____ Date
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_____ Parent / Guardian (print)	_____ Parent / Guardian signature	_____ Date
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_____ Lead Mentor (print)	_____ Lead Mentor signature	_____ Date
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_____ Agency Head (print)	_____ Agency Head signature	_____ Date
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J. REVIEWING AUTHORITY

To be completed by National PSC official. I certified the above applicant is eligible to participate, if selected, in the Public Safety Cadets Leadership Academy.

_____ PSC official (print)	_____ PSC official signature	Date
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- Incomplete application to include signature requirements will result in disqualification.
- This application, contents, and attachments are shared with the PSC selection committee.

IMPORTANT

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Applications may be mailed to

- PO Box 340, Big Bend, WI 53103

or emailed to

- NLA@publicsafetycadets.org