The American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program

Who:

Each year, 30 male and 30 female high school juniors from across the State are chosen to participate in The American Legion's Junior Law Cadet Program.

<u>When:</u> June 18-21, 2018

Graduation ceremony is 7:00 PM, Thursday, June 21st at the Grand Island State Patrol training academy.

Where:

Participants will stay at the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy in Grand Island.

What You Do:

Explore and experience the various aspects of law enforcement and receive training from representatives of city, county, state, and federal law enforcement officers. Participate in daily calisthenics, firearms training, and self defense tactics. Learn the latest in law enforcement technology, including fingerprinting, K-9 handling, accident and criminal investigation. If you are considering a career in law enforcement, the Junior Law Cadet Program is for you! It will offer you an opportunity to gain valuable experience in a paramilitary setting, complete with making beds and cleaning.

How to Become a Junior Law Cadet:

Applications are available through your school or your local American Legion Post Commander. You may also contact the American Legion Assistant Adjutant, Brent Hagel-Pitt at his e-mail address: actdirlegion@windstream.net. His office number is (402) 464-6338.

Jr. Law Participants will be selected by competitive evaluation based on interest, citizenship, evidence of self-discipline, and the ability to share their knowledge with others. Completed applications and an endorsement from your school principal or superintendent must be submitted to your local Post Commander before March 1, 2018.

Your local Post Commander will select a male and female applicant from each school and forward his selections to Department Headquarters for review. All eligible applicants will be notified, by mail of the location, date, and time of their District selection interview.

Costs:

The sponsoring Post provides the cost of training per student, which covers food, Tshirts, caps, classroom materials and administrative expenses. The Nebraska State Patrol provides training, counselors, facilities and equipment as a public service.

Basic Requirements To Become A Junior Law Cadet:

- 1. High School Junior in good health and able to participate in physical activities.
- 2. Must possess a positive attitude and display respect for law enforcement.
- 3. Good grooming, average or above scholastic record, and be able to share the knowledge gained through the program with others.
- 4. Must possess a valid Nebraska operator's license or learners permit.
- 5. Must reside in the State of Nebraska.
- 6. Must have attended an accredited Nebraska High School for the 2017-2018 school year.

Other Activities and Areas of Learning:

- Fingerprinting
- Accident Investigation
- Physical fitness
- Lie Detector
- Crime and Drug Investigation



The American Legion Junior Law Cadet Program provides young adults the chance to:

- Drive a State Patrol car.
- Learn to fire a service weapon under expert guidance.
- Learn self-defense, pressure point control tactics and assault prevention measures.



- Interact with law enforcement officers and other young adults while learning the different roles agencies play in the criminal justice system, both here in Nebraska and across the United States.
- Study drug enforcement, proper methods of patrolling, K-9 handling, gangs and many issues facing law enforcement today.



• Have fun while working as a team, carrying out responsibilities, and achieving individual goals in a para-military setting.



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