

Youth Academy Requirements

1. Must be a high school student between the ages of 15 & 19 years of age enrolled/participating in public, private, or home school.
2. Student must maintain passing grades in all classes that comply with No Pass/No Play.
3. Attendance is required. If it is necessary to miss a day, students are to contact the appropriate Academy Coordinator. Generally, no more than two absences will be excused. Excessive absences will result in dismissal from the academy.
4. Students will comply with the Seguin Independent School District Dress Code, with the exception that no students (male or female) will be allowed to wear shorts. Students are reminded of the professional environment in which they will attend classes and should dress accordingly.
5. Students will conduct themselves in mature/business like manner at all times. Students that commit acts of disrespect or acts that disrupt the smooth running of the academy will not be allowed to continue participation.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

**SEGUIN POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC SAFETY YOUTH ACADEMY**

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GUADALUPE**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT I, the undersigned person, for and in consideration of the opportunity of participating in the City of Seguin Public Youth Academy, do hereby acknowledge the inherent danger of working with police and fire equipment, tactics and techniques, and the risk of personal injury or loss of property resulting from participation in this program. I understand that I may be involved in rope rescue, fire ladder techniques, fire hose handling, police use of force, police special response team, crime scene investigation, narcotics investigation, rope repelling, emergency first aid, riding in a City of Seguin police vehicle, working with and around police and fire equipment, and participating in role playing which may include simulation/paintball, among other events that may be scheduled. I hereby assume any and all risks arising out of or in any way incident to participating in the City of Seguin Public youth Academy.

THAT I, for the above-mentioned consideration, hereby accept such risk and do hereby fully release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Seguin, its employees and agents, both in their public and private capacities for any and all liability, expenses, attorney’s fees, damages, claims, demands and causes of action, arising from personal injury, including death, or damage or loss of personal property, which may be incurred either on the premises of the City of Seguin Police or Fire Departments, in a City of Seguin vehicle, or on public or private property during my participation in Public Safety Youth Academy, directly or indirectly arising from any act or negligence of the other participants or the City of Seguin. I further agree to indemnify and hold the City of Seguin harmless for any liability to them which may arise out of my actions during the participation in the said program, including reasonable attorney’s fees in defending or prosecuting a claim for damages.

THAT I, the undersigned, with the intention of binding myself, my heirs, my children or wards, have voluntarily entered into this Release of Liability, have read it and understand its terms and conditions or have been given the opportunity to have an attorney explain it to me if I choose, and I execute this Release of Liability voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Student Name: _____ DOB: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ DOB: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



SEGUIN PUBLIC SAFETY YOUTH ACADEMY APPLICATION

DATE: _____

APPLICANT NAME _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

RACE _____ GENDER M F BI-LINGUAL Y N

HOME ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____ AGE _____

WHY DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND THE ACADEMY? _____

TEACHER / COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION FOR APPLICANT

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

TEACHER / COUNSELOR

RETURN TO: Human Resources
ATTN: Kathy Salinas
205 N River
Seguin, TX 78155

QUESTIONS: Kathy Salinas
(830) 401-2473



CITY OF SEGUIN PUBLIC SAFETY YOUTH ACADEMY

The City of Seguin has recently initiated a community program utilizing the efforts of both the Police and Fire Departments to make positive connections with the community youth, through the Seguin Public Safety Youth Academy.

Persistent juvenile crime and strained relations between the youth and those holding authoritative positions, such as Fire and Police, are not unique to Seguin but a common difficulty in every community. The challenge to bridge this ever-widening gap is one we desire to approach in a proactive and positive way. Although it is a challenge to make those positive connections, the youth of our community, our most valuable asset, are worthy of our time, energy, and resources.

Although we are involved in a number of community programs, there are some aspects unique to our Public Safety Youth Academy. Although Public Safety Youth Academies in the State of Texas are few, this would likely be the only academy that combines both Fire and Police. Making it even more unique is the hands-on approach that the academy utilizes; kids are involved in activities such as rope rescue, use of force training involving simulation, processing crime scenes, climbing multi-story ladders, and utilizing live fire hoses. Moving from an environment of lecture and classroom to one of personal interaction and connection is a central element of the program.

The City of Seguin Public Safety Youth Academy is open to the community youth who participate in public, private or home schools. The age range includes youth between 15 and 19 years of age and is held in the Fall or Spring. The students meet once a week for ten weeks. The completion of the program culminates with a formal graduation. A dinner is catered for the graduating students and their families. The students walk the stage as certificates are given and a "Most Professional Student" award is given. Firefighters, police officers, city and school officials, and a guest speaker participate to make it a truly memorable experience for both the students and public safety officers.

It is our goal to encourage and promote personal interaction between the youth and Public Safety Officers, in hopes of creating fertile ground for mentoring and making real connections with the kids. We limit the class size to about 10 –15 youth, which is very important when it comes to increasing the opportunity for

personal interaction with every student. In addition to mentoring and improving relations, we believe the program will produce future candidates for employment as Seguin Firefighters and Police Officers.

We encourage students to stay involved with the program after their graduation. Graduates are welcome to return to assist with the administration of the second class as well as assisting the departments with other community functions, such as the police and fire department's open house.

It is our hope that a scholarship fund will be established for those candidates who successfully graduate from the academy and have career interests in public safety. Criteria for scholarships would be such as to include as many students as possible who have successfully completed the Academy. Possible scholarships may include tuition expenses at area public safety training academies or public safety studies in college.

Although not the ultimate solution in bridging the communication gap between our city's youth and public safety officers, it is a positive means of mentoring some of our community's young people while teaching them about Public Safety field.