

The Chicago Police and Firefighter Training Academy (CPFTA)

Information Sessions/Open House Events

Information sessions will allow interested students, parents, and community members a chance to meet with CPFTA instructors, ask questions, and view the training facilities. The dates and locations for these events are below.

Date	Location	Address	Time
Saturday, January 25, 2025	Quinn Fire Academy	558 W. DeKoven 60607	10-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 1 2025	Chicago Police Education and Training Academy	1300 W. Jackson Blvd., 60607	10-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 20, 2024	Virtual Google Meeting	meet.google.com/eam-fgod-cxf	6-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 22, 2025	Quinn Fire Academy	558 W. DeKoven 60607	10-11:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 8, 2025	Chicago Police Education and Training Academy	1300 W. Jackson Blvd., 60607	10-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 20, 2025	Virtual Google Meeting	meet.google.com/pju-zvqg-xdb	6-7:30 p.m.

Students eligible for the program must meet the following requirements:

- Current Sophomore in high school interested in Public Safety
- Live in the City of Chicago
- Minimum GPA of 2.3 or better
- Solid attendance rate of 90% or higher
- Complete an online application (the [application](#) is open from January to May 2nd of 2025)
- Both parents and school consent to the student's participation in the program
- Commit to attending class each Tuesday and Wednesday between September and May
- Have a valid school ID, state ID or valid driver's license
- Provide 2 letters of recommendation
- Current physical examination must be on file at the applicant's school
- Complete a background check that includes fingerprinting
- No felony arrests or convictions (misdemeanors are evaluated on a case-by-case basis)

The application process for students:

Part 1: Interested students must complete the application no later than May 2, 2025

- The online application form can be found at [CPS.edu/CPFTA](https://cps.edu/CPFTA)
- Submit the School/Parent Consent Form via email to CPFTA@cps.edu

Part 2: Candidates will be called to the Public Safety building in May to provide the following:

- Two (2) letters of recommendation (one should be from a school counselor or principal)
- A completed Personal History Questionnaire (emailed to students before they attend processing)
- Provide a copy of a current transcript (an unofficial transcript is acceptable)
- Be fingerprinted

Part 3: Candidates will be notified of their acceptance into the program in June (tentative)

- Accept the offer from CPFTA to join the class of 2027
- Inform their counselor and the school scheduler about the acceptance into the CPFTA program

For more information or to answer questions, please contact Carolyn Jourdan at CPFTA@cps.edu or visit our website at [CPS.edu/CPFTA](https://cps.edu/CPFTA)

Illinois National Guard Representative

My name is SGT Guachi, and I'm your Illinois National Guard Representative. I'm reaching out to reintroduce myself and share some exciting opportunities available to your students.

Please review our attached educator handbook for more information on opportunities we can bring to your school and classroom.

Here's a quick overview of what we offer:

1. **Tuition Coverage**

The Illinois National Guard can pay full tuition for all state-funded schools through the Illinois National Guard Grant! This includes schools like U of I, UIC, SIU, and more. Even for out-of-state students, joining the Guard can provide in-state tuition and fees.

2. **Part-Time Service, Full-Time Benefits**

With just two service days a month, students can receive over \$100,000 toward their bachelor's degree, certifications, and even master's programs.

3. **Life-Changing Support for Families**

Last year, we helped students who were considering a gap year due to financial struggles attend their dream schools. We've also supported families through our Parole in Place program (flyer attached) helping loved ones gain legal status in the United States—an incredible opportunity for many families.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Ages 17 to 34 (exceptions may apply).
- Must be a U.S. Resident (unfortunately, we cannot assist students on visas or with DACA at this time).

- Must meet height/weight or body fat standards.
- No major legal or medical issues (exceptions are reviewed case by case).

I'd love the chance to discuss how the Illinois National Guard can support your students' educational and career goals and enhance your classroom.

Feel free to check out my Instagram [@sgt_guachi](#) for updates and stories of students we've helped achieve their dreams!

Summer Pre-College Programs at Marist

For over fifteen years, Marist has created a top Summer Pre-College program that gives students a sense of college life, provides a taste of a college major, and allows students to earn college credit all while still in high school. With more than 20 unique courses, this summer's sessions will take place over two weeks, with start dates of June 29, 2025, and July 13, 2025.

Session I (in-person): June 29 - July 12, 2025

Session II (in-person): July 13 - 26, 2025

Pre College programing at UChicago

The University of Chicago's Summer Session offers a variety of summer programing!
Application due dates are coming up soon!

<https://summer.uchicago.edu/pre-college/>

[Hola at Microsoft Scholarship: Due March 13](#)

[Blacks at Microsoft \(BAM\) Scholarship: Due March 13](#)

Please share with students that qualify and the deadline to apply is **March 13, 2025**.

[Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago](#)

Are you between 16-24 years old and passionate about making a difference in your Chicago community? Or do you have young people in your life who would enjoy this opportunity? Here's your chance to get involved with something big. The [Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago](#) is looking for a diverse group of young people to help plan and shape the Youth Health Conference happening on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**. This conference is all about bringing young

people and adult allies together to talk about important health issues like mental health, LGBTQ+ health, substance use prevention, harm reduction, preventing homelessness, HIV awareness, justice system impacts, and other systems that impact youth's well-being.

Application due Feb 25th: [Link here](#)

Be Your Own Boss

Calling all 9 - 12th Graders!

Are you interested in setting up your own side hustle? Are you interested in setting up your own business and becoming your own boss? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, Future Founders, Be Your Own Boss could be the perfect program for you!

Applications for our April & May 2025 cohorts of the program are now open! Further information below and on the attached flyer. **CLICK THE APPLY NOW BUTTON BELOW.**

- Participating students will receive a \$250 stipend with opportunities to increase the amount during the program
- The program is fully virtual, meeting after school from 5:00-7:15 PM CT
- Program runs from Tuesday April 1 - April 24 2025 and May 6 - May 29 2025. We will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.
- Open to all high school students who attend a CPS/Charter School

Any questions, please contact Jutoria (jutoria@futurefounders.com). Thank you again for your support and we can't wait to welcome you to Be Your Own Boss.

[LINK HERE](#)

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is the largest corporate partner and will be providing 250 high school interns with a 7-week paid internship.

Interns will participate in a robust hybrid experience that includes an innovative approach to our hallmark program model of work experience, professional development, and mentorship from transportation industry leaders.

Benefits

\$16.20/hour with FREE CTA, Pace, and Metra transportation

Network with other high school interns from across the city

Professional development, financial literacy, and career exploration workshops

Opportunity to be paid to earn college credit at Olive Harvey College

Technology provided during internship to enhance hybrid experience

Requirements

Must be 16-18 yrs old; a rising-sophomore to graduated senior, actively enrolled in high school

2.5 GPA or above

Must submit a letter of recommendation from a Principal, Counselor, Teacher, Coach, or Clergy

Eligible to work in the United States

COVID-19 Vaccination NO LONGER REQUIRED

Apply before April 18, 2025