

ST. PETERSBURG POLICE EXPLORER POST #980

ACCEPTANCE APPLICATION

Teaching the Future of Law Enforcement

Exploring
A Program for Career Education



**St. Petersburg Police Explorer Post #980
Application for Acceptance**

Name of Applicant: _____

Today's Date: _____

The St. Petersburg Police Explorer Post #980 is a co-ed program chartered through the Learning for Life (Exploring) Division of the Boy Scouts of America and sponsored by the St. Petersburg Police Department, serving since 1969. The Police Explorer is not a sworn officer and does not have any police powers.

Most Explorers express a definite interest in police work as their career; however, this is not a requirement to become a member of the post. It is hoped that by being associated with the post, the member will become familiar with the responsibilities of a police officer.

After a period of tenure, training and testing, a Police Explorer may be permitted to ride with a regular police officer in a marked cruiser as an observer. This is done so that the Police Explorer may further his/her education in police work.

In order to be considered for membership in Post #980, an applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Must pass a criminal background check (ANY felony and certain misdemeanors will disqualify the applicant)
2. Must be in school completed the eighth grade, and must be at least 14 years-of-age, but not older than 19 years of age. Upon acceptance prior their 19th birthday, the member may remain a member until the age of 21.
3. Must have, and maintain, a grade point average of 2.0 or better. For the pistol team or special teams, the Explorer must maintain a 2.5 GPA or better.
4. Must pass an oral interview given by a board consisting of Explorers and Advisors. The applicant must attend four (4) consecutive meetings. At the time of the fourth meeting, the applicant will be given the oral interview board.
5. The applicant and parents/guardians must understand that it is imperative to participate in the meetings and special events in order to learn about the many aspects of law enforcement. Participation is crucial to be considered a member of the post.
6. The application must be turned in by the second meeting.

An acceptance board will be held after the applicant attends four consecutive meetings. We recommend that the Application be turned in by the second meeting.

A one (1) time registration fee of \$35.00 (check or cash) is collected following acceptance into the program. This fee covers the Boy Scouts of America registration fee along with secondary insurance (if no personal insurance coverage) and starting supplies. A yearly fee of \$25.00 is due every October for each member.

A special note to parents/applicant: Once the applicant is accepted and turns in their dues, they will be issued a gray polo shirt. There is no need for the new explorer to purchase handcuffs, flashlights, etc. The only items they will need to purchase are black polishable shoes and a black leather belt with a silver buckle. Once they are eligible for the Class B uniform, they will be issued the equipment

The Hold Harmless Agreement (included in this package) must be filled out, signed, and notarized prior to the acceptance board. The information provided by you on this application should be printed in ink or typewritten. DO NOT leave any black spaces.

For ALL pages ----- If a space does not apply to you please put "N/A" in that space.

The application is due by the second meeting.

All information is to be true and any discrepancies or falsifying of information will result in immediate disqualification for membership with Post #980. All information on the application will be checked and verified.

If you have any questions regarding this application, or any concerns, you may contact:

Officer Janie Staples at (727) 892-5082

I, _____, an applicant for the St. Petersburg Police Explorer Post #980, have read the above information and meet all the requirements to participate in the St. Petersburg Police Explorer Program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

(We)(I) The undersigned parent(s) or guardian having legal custody of Police Explorer applicant _____, a minor, authorize my son/daughter to continue the Police Explorer application process. I have read the above listed information and understand a background investigation will be conducted. I hereby grant permission to release any findings to the Explorer Board, Advisors, and Post Committee members.

Signature(s) Parent/Guardian _____ (Date) _____

Parent/Guardian _____ (Date) _____

**St. Petersburg Police Explorer Post #980
Application Checklist**

All new applicants must attend four consecutive meetings.

1st meeting _____ (date)

2nd meeting _____ (date) – Application is due

3rd meeting _____ (date)

4th meeting _____ (date) – All other items listed below are due

Checklist:

Due on the second meeting:

- A completed application for acceptance

All the below items must be turned in before acceptance meeting will be held on 4th meeting.

- A copy of the applicant's ***most recent*** report card. Students in a continuing education program, enrolled in college, homeschool, etc. must show proof of enrollment.
- A letter of recommendation from a person unrelated to the member (i.e. teacher, officer, neighbor, etc.)
- A \$35.00 registration fee (Cash, money order, or check made out to St. Petersburg Police Explorers)
- Acceptance & Understanding of By-Laws (see attached)
- BoyScout Application (separate form)
- Uniform & Equipment Agreement, see attached
- City of St. Petersburg: Resident/Non-Resident Program Registration Application
- Boyscout of America Medical Form. Parts A and B are required. Note: Part C is only required for any traveling and also requires a doctor's signature. (Separate forms)
- A recent up-to-date copy of shot records from a doctor's office
- Fingerprints, see Advisor

PROSPECTIVE EXPLORER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

All questions must be answered. If something does not apply please indicate N/A.

Print and use **Black Ink**. If more space is needed, use additional paper. **Note:** If there are any unanswered questions on this application the application, will be **rejected**.

Applicant Name: _____		
_____	_____	_____
Last (Jr, II, III, etc.)	First	Middle (Full)
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Race: _____ Sex: _____ (M/F)		
Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair color: _____ Eye color: _____		
Address : _____		
_____	_____	_____
	City, State	Zip Code
Phone: _____		
_____	_____	_____
Home	Cell	Other
Applicant E-Mail Address: _____		
Social Security Number: _____		
(SS# is only used for background checks)		
Driver's License #: _____ State: _____		
List any scars, marks, tattoos (surgery scars, birthmarks, stitches, etc.) _____		

Current School attending: _____ Grade: _____		
What year will you graduate high school? _____		
Currently live with: (parent/guardian) _____ Relationship: _____		

Signature _____
Applicant

Date ____ / ____ / ____

PARENT/GUARDIAN BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

All questions must be answered. If something does not apply please indicate "N/A"

Print and use **Black Ink**. If more space is needed, use additional paper.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____		
Last (Jr, II, III, etc.)	First	Middle (Full)
Date of Birth: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____		
Address : _____		
	City, State	Zip Code
Phone: _____		
Home	Cell	Other
E-Mail Address: _____		
Employer: _____		
Name	Phone	

In case of an emergency, contact: (**other than person mentioned above**)

2) Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cellular phone number: _____

Work phone number: _____ Other phone number: _____

3) Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cellular phone number: _____

Work phone number: _____ Other phone number: _____

Your signature confirms the applicant's and your information are true and correct.

Signature _____
Parent or Guardian

Date ____/____/____

Questions:

1. Length of time lived at current home address: _____

2. List any other addresses you have lived in the past 5 years (include City and State):

3. List names and dates of birth of siblings:

4. Are you a U.S. citizen: Yes_____ No_____ If not, where are you from? _____

5. Are you now, have you ever been or are you presently associated with any member(s) of a Gang?
Yes_____ No_____

6. List schools attended during the past three years _____

7. Have you ever been suspended or received a referral from school? Yes_____ No_____
If so, for what reason and when? _____

8. How did you hear about the Explorer program? _____

9. Do you agree to attend regular Explorer meetings on Monday evenings from 6-8:30p.m. and any special events to be announced? Yes_____ No_____

10. Are you currently or have you previously been a member of another Explorer program? Yes__ No__
If Yes, where and when? _____

11. What extracurricular activities are you involved in at school? _____

12. Will the extracurricular activities effect your participation as a member of the Explorer program?
Yes___ No___. (Note: A leave of absence can be granted for those with conflicts with other extracurricular activities). However, it is the applicants/Explorers responsibility to inform the chief advisor.

13. Have you ever been employed? Yes ____ No ____

Current Employer:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Last Two Employers:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

14. Read this statement before signing:

I hereby certify that all statements made on or in connection with this application, including those regarding my training and experience, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that any misstatements or omissions of material fact herein will cause forfeiture on my part of all rights to appointment as a St. Petersburg Police Explorer.

Signature: _____

Applicant

Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian

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Participant/Model/Artist/Performer Release Form

I authorize the City of St. Petersburg/Police Department/WSPF-TV Channel 35/15/ Police Explorers/Boyscouts of America/Florida Association of Police Explorers and its agents to utilize my name, likeness, appearance, video image, or photograph for the City's advertising, trade, or promotional purposes. I further understand that my appearance in any production, any proofs or prints (negatives or positives), and video tapes shall remain the sole property of the City of St. Petersburg and its licensed agents. I also certify that my release and authorization contained herein will not violate any pre-existent or subsequent contracts or commitments for which I am responsible or liable.

I also agree that should I receive any prints, negatives, or video of my name, image, likeness, or appearance which were used for the City's advertisement, trade, or promotional purposes, I shall not authorize its use by any other parties unless so agreed to by a responsible agent of the City of St. Petersburg.

DATE: _____

• **I am over 18 years of age:** _____
(signature of model, over age 18) (print name here)

• **Witnessed by:** _____
(signature of witness) (print name here)

• ***If minor: The model appearing is under age eighteen (18), and I do sign this release under the representation of legal parent or guardian:***

(Print model's name, 18 & under)

(Signature of model)

(Signature of parent or guardian)

(Print parent or guardian name here)

_____ **Check here if you choose not to participate.**

(Print model's name)

(Signature of model)

Uniform and Equipment Agreement

Upon leaving Explorer Post #980 for any reason, the member shall immediately surrender his/her assigned brass, uniform(s), pants, shirt(s), polo shirt(s), pant(s)s, ribbon(s), name tag(s) and **any other issued uniform or equipment**.

The Explorer will be responsible for the cost incurred to replace lost items or items not returned upon separation. If the Explorer fails to return all issued equipment, charges will be filed with the State Attorney's Office for prosecution.

_____ Date: _____
(Explorer - Print Name)

(Explorer - Signature)

If under 18 years of age:

Parent or Guardian: _____ (Print) Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ (Signature)

**BYLAWS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
OF ST. PETERSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT
EXPLORER POST #980**

(Sign at acceptance board with given By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures)

Acknowledgement

Signing indicates that you have received a copy of the By-laws and Standard Operating Procedures and understand you are responsible for reading and abiding by the rules listed in the By-Laws.

_____ Date: _____
(Explorer - Print Name)

(Explorer - Signature)

If under 18 years of age:

Parent or Guardian: _____ (Print) Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ (Signature)

Official use Only

	Adv Init		Adv Init
FCIC/NCIC	<u>N/A</u>	Other _____	_____
I/LEADS	_____	Other _____	_____
D.J.J.	_____	Other _____	_____

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