



MISSOURI PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACADEMY

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Application Instructions

Qualifications

- Must be a current high school junior during the 2016-17 school year
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Must be available to attend the entire Academy, July 8-15, 2017

Application Process

1. Submit all application materials:
 - Completed application form (3 pages attached) with all required signatures
 - Two student essays
 - One letter of recommendation from school personnel (teacher, counselor, administrator)
 - High school transcript

Note: Application materials may be submitted together or separately. They may be sent via regular mail or scanned and sent via email to the address listed below.

2. Postmark/email application materials **no later than March 1, 2017**.
3. Applicants will be notified by April 1, 2017 regarding acceptance to the MPAA.

Student Cost

No fee is required with application materials. However, students who are accepted to the Missouri Public Affairs Academy are required to pay a \$50 non-refundable registration fee by May 1, 2017. **NOTE:** Requests for a fee waiver based on student need may be submitted by school personnel by July 1, 2016. Other than this fee, no other payment is required for Missouri residents. (Non-Missouri residents will pay out-of-state fees.) Accepted students will participate in the eight-day program on the Missouri State University campus with meals, accommodations and all activities provided at no further cost.

Questions? Please contact Candace Fisk: 417-836-5946 or CandaceFisk@MissouriState.edu. **Submit all application materials, via mail or email, postmarked no later than March 1, 2017 to:**

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Missouri State University, Meyer 202J
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Springfield, MO 65897



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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

www.publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/mpaa

Application Information:

- Postmark or email deadline: March 1, 2017
- Open to current high school juniors (2016-2017 academic year)
- **Only students who can attend the entire Academy, July 8-15, 2017, may apply**

Part I: APPLICANT INFORMATION
(To be completed by student applicant)

SECTION A: STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's legal name (Last, First, Middle)	Student's preferred or nickname (For use on ID badge)	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of birth	Race/ethnicity [] Caucasian [] African-American [] Hispanic [] Asian [] Other: _____
Street address	City	State	Zip code	
Home telephone number ()	Student cell phone number ()	Email address (required)		
Name of parent/guardian	Name of high school	Name of high school counselor		

SECTION B: STUDENT ESSAYS

ESSAY #1:

Explain your interest in public affairs and why you would like to attend the Missouri Public Affairs Academy.

ESSAY #2:

Because a good portion of your time at the Missouri Public Affairs Academy will be spent in collaborative work, you will work with fellow students and staff in a manner that requires teamwork and active participation. Please explain: What kinds of collaborative experiences have you had? What have you learned from them? What skills and personality traits do you have that make you well-suited for collaborative activities? What personal learning and growth do you expect from collaborative activities?

Essays should be typed and double-spaced.

Part II: Recommendation Form (to be completed by counselor, teacher or administrator)

SECTION A: GRADE POINT AVERAGE (Official transcript required)

Grade Point Average: _____

Section B: EVALUATION

A student who is not successful in a regular school environment is unlikely to be successful at the Missouri Public Affairs Academy. Please check the appropriate boxes below.

Please note: If you have observations that would affect this student's admission to the MPAA, please provide a separate typed page with your signature providing comments or examples to support your observation. Please include any unusual circumstances in this applicant's life that create a particular need for consideration. These comments will be held in confidence.

1 Strongly Disagree	2 Disagree	3 No opinion	4 Agree	5 Strongly Agree
Applicant has the ability to deal successfully with advanced concepts, materials and activities.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant has a positive attitude about exploring new and different concepts, ideas, and divergent points of view, including those that are different from her/his own.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant displays maturity and consideration for others.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant exhibits the ability to work for the common good, rather than focusing on personal gain or recognition.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant demonstrates the ability to meet or exceed expectations of behavior.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant can participate fully in a demanding schedule of activities and classes.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant can use self-directed time wisely.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Applicant is likely to participate fully in collaborative experiences, including student-created projects and presentations.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signature	Date	Position (counselor, teacher, administrator)		

**PART III: UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENT FORM
(To be signed by parent/guardian and applicant)**

This section assures that parents/guardians and applicants fully understand their responsibilities if applicants are selected for the Missouri Public Affairs Academy. Signatures of both student applicant and parents/guardian are required.

1. **I understand** that students may not leave the Missouri Public Affairs Academy for any other activity and that visitors to the Academy are not allowed. Departures from the Academy and visitors to the Academy are disruptive and compromise the safety and security of Academy students. Leaves-of-absence are granted for students only in case of medical or family emergencies. **I consent** to these terms.
2. **I understand** that the Missouri Public Affairs Academy is publicly funded; as such the names, addresses, and school affiliation of students completing the program will become a matter of public record. **I consent** to such information becoming a matter of public record.
3. **I understand** that the student and/or family must arrange transportation to and from the Missouri Public Affairs Academy, and that students may not bring skateboards, motorcycles, or bicycles. If a student drives a car to the MPAA, **I understand** that his/her keys must be turned in upon arrival and that keys will be returned to student upon check-out. **I consent** to providing transportation to and from the Academy, and at such time Academy officials deem transportation necessary in case of illness, disruptive/non-participatory behavior or other unforeseen circumstances.
4. **I understand** that Missouri Public Affairs Academy students may attend Academy-sanctioned events away from the Missouri State University campus. **I consent** to my student being transported to selected venues off campus with legal drivers authorized by the Academy.
5. **I understand** that it may be necessary for Missouri Public Affairs Academy officials to obtain emergency assistance in case of accident or sudden illness and that the parents/guardians of students will be responsible for costs of medical care. **I consent** to emergency treatment of my student during his/her stay at the Academy. **I understand** that submission of a confidential medical release form will be required for all students accepted to the Academy.
6. **I understand** that Missouri Public Affairs Academy students will be surveyed regarding their perceptions of Academy classes, activities and administration. **I consent** to Academy student surveys.
7. **I understand** that students may be interviewed and/or photographed or filmed as part of news coverage or promotion of the Missouri Public Affairs Academy (including on its website). **I consent** to such interviews, photographs and film being published or broadcast.
8. **I understand** that work generated at the Missouri Public Affairs Academy may be shown publicly on the Academy website and in other venues associated with the Academy. Work chosen for this reason will be represented as illustrative of high standards and performance. **I consent** to the public showing of student work associated with the Academy.
9. **I understand** that the Missouri Public Affairs Academy will establish and enforce reasonable rules necessary to create a safe, healthy and respectful environment. **I consent** to reasonable rules.

I certify that I have read and understood the foregoing information and consent to its terms and that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby consent to my son's/daughter's application to the Missouri Public Affairs Academy.

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Address, City, State, Zip Code (if different than applicant)	Preferred Telephone Number () [] Home [] Cell [] Work

I certify that I have read and understood the foregoing information, that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby submit my name for admission to the Missouri Public Affairs Academy.

Student Applicant Signature	Date
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