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# So, you want to be a cop

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RCMP are looking for potential recruits.

Grade 11 and 12 students are being invited to check out an information session for the RCMP Jean Minquy Memorial Youth Academy which takes place later this year.

The meeting will be held Jan. 10 at Kalamalka Secondary School at 6:30 p.m. The academy is gearing up for its 20th year and is now accepting applications. In partnership with School District 22, the academy is a seven-day simulated RCMP training course that exposes students to the demands and training it takes to become a police officer.

Students will be personally challenged in their leadership abilities, physical abilities and mental toughness. Up to 40 students are involved in the mini training camp, which takes place at the Vernon Army Camp. Students will receive instruction in law, procedures of law and the role of police officers in the community.

Who is eligible?

- Attending Gr. 11/12 high school
- 16 to 18 years of age (as of April 1, 2019)
- Able to pass fitness test
- Able to pass criminal and driving record check
- In good academic standing
- Good attendance record in school
- Displays a willingness to work
- Candidate is interested in law enforcement or supporting careers
- Completes the application package in full
- Recommended by school staff
- Non-smoker

How do I apply?

- Fill out an [application](#)
- Give your completed application to your Career Programs Co-ordinator to review.
- Deadline to have your completed application into your school is Jan. 31.

The completed application package will be reviewed by the Police School Liaison Officer, including a background and reference check.

For more information on the program visit the School District 22 [website](#).

If you have any questions regarding the Youth Academy and its operation, contact Const. Dan Cocks, 250 545-7171, ext. 7150.

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