

Houston Forensic Science Center Forensic Explorer's Program





What is the Houston Forensic Science Center?

HFSC is a local government corporation created to provide independent forensic services to law enforcement agencies, primarily the Houston Police Department.

What forensic disciplines are provided by HFSC?

- Crime Scene
- Seized Drugs
- > Firearms
- Toxicology
- Latent Prints
- Forensic Biology
- Digital and Multimedia

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The HFSC Explorer's program will give students an introduction to forensic science and some of the disciplines that fall under that umbrella. Participants will attend a 2.5-hour workshop one Saturday each month. The workshops include lectures and hands-on activities designed to broaden participants understanding of forensics and provide first-hand knowledge of the challenges and skills that make up real forensics. The culmination of the program will be a mock crime scene where the students will put everything they learned into action!

The Explorer program is open to young men and women who will be high school students for the school year and who are interested in the field of Forensic Science as a career.

What is Exploring?

Exploring is about helping young men and women to make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if a particular career is the right one for them. Typically, a young adult will either:

- 1) get involved, learn about a career, and decide to pursue it;
 OR
- 2) learn enough about the career to determine it's not the right fit for them. It's better to learn as a young adult that a career is not for you, than after spending lots of money on an education only to THEN discover you don't like the career!

Exploring leaders volunteer their time to provide real-world career experiences for young adults. Exploring is not about lectures and slide shows – it' about gaining practical experience in a career field. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.





How to Apply

- Applications can be obtained online at: https://hfsctx.gov/hfsc-explorer-program/
- Applications must be completed in full, with a response to the essay attached.
- Application Deadline: June 1. Applications received after may be considered for next year.
- Completed applications or questions can be sent to hfscexplorers@hfsctx.gov

Second Saturday of the month August – March 10:00am – 12:30pm

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