



## Houston Forensic Science Center Forensic Explorer's Program



### Frequently Asked Questions

#### *Is there a fee?*

There is no fee for the program itself. All program costs are covered by the Houston Forensic Science Center. Please be aware that parking is not provided and there may be parking costs for attendees parking downtown.

#### *How many students are accepted?*

There are a maximum of 15 students accepted each year.

#### *How does the application process work?*

Applications and essays are submitted and reviewed. The applicant will be contacted regarding an interview. The applicant pool will be narrowed down based on the content of the application and essay. Preference will be given to incoming high school juniors and seniors. Applicants will be notified if their application meets the criteria for an interview.

#### *When will the Explorer know if they have been accepted?*

The interview window typically closes in the middle of July. Selections will be made at the beginning of August.

#### *What is the interview process like?*

The interview process consists of getting to know the applicant and their interests as related to the disciplines at HFSC. Interviews are completed via Microsoft Teams. The applicant will be able to select from a range of dates that is convenient to the applicant.

#### *What happens if the application is past the deadline?*

Due to limited capacity for how many spots are available for the program, the application may not be considered or considered only for next year's program.

#### *What are the expectations of the Explorer?*

Be willing to engage in activities. Missing more than 2 sessions may result in removal from the program. Be prepared to be presented with sensitive materials such as blood, crime scene photos, firearms etc.

#### *Is there a summer program?*

No, the program only runs from August to March.

#### *What disciplines are not covered during the Explorers program?*

Disciplines not covered: Pathology/Medical Death Examination, Interrogation, Profiling, Forensic Psychology, Trace Evidence, Arson, Anthropology or Questioned documents. Please see the flyer on the website for more information.