



San Joaquin County Youth Leadership Academy

A Courtroom to Schoolroom Program of the San Joaquin County District Attorney, Public Defender, Superior Court and San Joaquin County Bar Association



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High School Students Invited to Apply for Summer Youth Leadership Academy

Applications for the 25th Anniversary of San Joaquin County District Attorney's Office Youth Leadership Academy are now open. The program, which runs from **June 8 – June 26**, will provide students with the opportunity to experience the justice system in action while developing personal and professional skills.

The San Joaquin County Youth Leadership Academy is an exciting and engaging three-week summer program. Leadership skills are developed through a highly interactive curriculum that typically includes: classroom instruction by justice system professionals; career and leadership development resources; field trips and hands-on learning experiences that will appeal to students of all academic backgrounds and interest. Students will also have the opportunity to observe live court.

Every year, we strive to build a diverse cohort of students representing every school and every cross-section of the San Joaquin County community. This program is designed to motivate and inspire the next generation of San Joaquin County leaders - young adults who are thoughtful, ethical, service-oriented, and ready to make a positive impact on their peers and our community.

All high school students are invited to apply by April 24, 2026; regardless of their background and experience.

Please return completed applications and recommendation letters by email to yla@sjcda.org; or by mail: District Attorney's Office Youth Leadership Academy at 222 E. Weber Avenue, Suite 202, Stockton, CA 95202.

If you have any questions, please call the District Attorney's Office at (209) 490-2511 or email yla@sjcda.org.

We look forward to the possibility of having your students participate in this summer program to brighten up their future and open their minds to endless possibilities.

Sincerely,

Ron Freitas
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San Joaquin County