The Henderson County Sheriff’s Office Cadet Corps is designed to provide a service for Henderson County, the Sheriff’s Office and the Community that we serve. A Henderson County Sheriff’s Office (HCSO) Cadet is considered a future leader in the community. The goals of the Cadet Corps are to expose young men and women to the various aspects of police work in order to prepare them for a career in law enforcement. The Cadet Corps helps to provide quality candidates for future law enforcement related occupations.

A structured program has been established to promote cadet responsibility. The Cadet expectations are high morals, excelling academically, using good judgment, and being active in the community. Sheriff Deputy Cadets provide assistance to the HCSO in many different ways and they act as a liaison between law enforcement officers and youth in our community.
ELIGIBILITY & RECRUITMENT

Eligibility Requirements

A Cadet candidate must:
1. As a prerequisite for joining, a hold harmless and release form for the Sheriff’s Office must be signed by the parents or legal guardian and/or the Cadet if of legal age to sign such a form
2. Must not have a prior conviction for a felony offense or crime of moral turpitude
3. Must have and maintain a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) in high school or college to remain in the Post
4. Must complete a basic training course and probationary period
5. Must undergo a thorough background review to assess character and integrity that may include interviews with neighbors, teachers, and employers
6. Must keep weight in proportion to height and maintain a high level of physical fitness

Further requirements may be established through Standard Operating Guidelines for the Program

Recruitment

The position of HCSO Cadet is a continuous open application process. Applications are available at the Sheriff’s Office at 100 N. Grove St. in Hendersonville, NC 28792 or on-line at the Henderson County Sheriff’s Office website. Applications must be filled out, signed and returned to the front Administration Desk at the Sheriff’s Office. A screening process which involves a thorough background check is conducted on all candidates. Those qualified will go before an oral interview board. (Candidates should dress to impress for this interview. Candidates wearing t-shirts, shorts, tank-tops, etc. will be turned away). If prospects wish to attend meetings to observe the program they may attend up to 2 meetings with approval of the Program Supervisor.

Requirements for Membership

1. After passing the background check, all new members will be placed on a probationary status for six months. During this time the Cadet will be monitored by the HCSO Cadet Training Officers and Cadet Lieutenant/Sergeant(s). At the end of the probationary period a decision will be made to whether the new cadet is suited for the program or not.
2. There will be a uniform inspection periodically. Cadets WILL be prepared to wear uniforms to any function, unless told otherwise by an advisor.
3. All members will be expected to attend 75% of the Cadet meetings/trainings each year to remain in good standing.

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