

Q & A FOR COMMON YOUTH QUESTIONS:

Q. Who can I call concerning child abuse questions?

A: Dial 911 for any emergency concerning child abuse in progress. Look under Domestic Violence Services pg. 18 or you can also call the Dept. of Children and Family Services, pg. 18.

Q. What is the Chicago Police Cadet Program and how can I join?

A: The Chicago Police Cadet Program is a paid part-time position which introduces young Chicagoans to the excited and fulfilling career in public service. Chicago Police Cadets receive an initial 40 hours of training and will subsequently receive further in-service training throughout their employment as a police cadet. Chicago Police Cadets will be assigned to one of the 25 police districts throughout the City of Chicago and will perform clerical and administrative duties. Look under Youth Services on pg. 25 and call the Police Cadet Program for further information.

Q: What are the qualifications for the police and fire cadet program?

A: Minimum Qualifications: Applicant must be between the ages of 17 and 21 and enrolled in a college or university accredited by one of the six regional accrediting bodies responsible for evaluating two and four year institutions that grant Associate's and Bachelor's degrees. Successful candidates must pass a structured interview, background check and drug screening. Individuals selected for program must maintain an academic schedule of a minimum of 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours per year and a minimum grade point average of at least 3.0/5.0 or 2.0/4.0.

Note: Resume and original letter of enrollment verification from the school registrar/Dean confirming current enrollment will be required at the time of application.

Residency Requirement: Residency in the City of Chicago is required of all applicants. Proof of residency will be required at the time of application.

Q. How can I earn community service hours toward graduation?

A: All Chicago Public high school students are required to serve 40 hours of community service for graduation requirements. For community service hours for policing or other community related events call Youth Liaison Officer Judith Jenkins, pg. 25 for opportunities.

Q. Where can I go for an after school youth program in the Uptown area?

A. Under Youth Services page 25, contact Alternatives or Youth Net they both have after school youth programs.

Q: If I am a runaway is there an agency I can call for help?

A: Dial 911 for any emergency concerning a runaway youth in progress. You can also call the National Runaway Switchboard or find their web site on pg. 25.

Q: How can I join the Police Explorer Program?

A: The Youth Explorers was originally created through the Learning for Life Youth Protection Project approved through the Chicago Area Council #118. The purpose of the Youth Explorers is to promote a youth's independence through cooperation with the Chicago Police Department. During the program, youth will increase their ability to do things for themselves and others, and will be taught courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues. In achieving this purpose, emphasis is placed upon the Youth Explorers character development and willingness to connect with his or her community. Look under Youth Services for the Police Explorer Program (pg. 25) or call the Youth Liaison Officer Judith Jenkins.