



Application for STAR Academy designation

Designation as an Ohio Attorney General’s STAR Training Center denotes a higher professional standard of excellence among current, or future, basic academies approved by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC). OPOTC-approved basic academies voluntarily pursue the STAR designation, reinforcing their belief that “raising the bar” is essential to producing top cadets for the law enforcement agencies that employ them and the communities they serve. For consideration as an Ohio Attorney General’s STAR Training Center, an OPOTC-approved basic academy must meet established criteria. The academy seeking the designation is responsible for providing and retaining necessary compliance documentation or evidence, which is subject to review by OPOTC staff members during the term of designation.

Applicant information

School name: _____ School number: _____

Facility address: _____

Commander name (typed)

Signature

Date

CEO name (typed)

Signature

Date

Compliance specialist name (typed)

Signature

Date

MANDATORY CRITERIA

MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:	YES	NO	OPOTC ONLY: Compliance specialist initials
The commander of record has set hours of availability (no fewer than 4-6 per week) for cadets to contact him/her.			
The academy conducts periodic academic assessments (no fewer than four) to gauge cadets' retention of student performance objectives.			
The academy conducts periodic physical fitness standard assessments (no fewer than four) to gauge the cadets' progress and ability to pass the final physical assessment at the 50th percentile or better.			
The academy requires the cadets to wear a standardized uniform: a duty belt with training tools (red/blue guns, Tasers, O.C., etc.).			
The academy has a written policy regarding discipline and enforces it. The policy addresses both minor and major infractions and spells out disciplinary procedures, including reporting, retention and removal from peace officer basic training.			
The academy provides for cadet evaluations of each instructor. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluations may be completed voluntarily by cadets at the completion of a topic, with cadets having the option to remain anonymous. 2. The commander of record reviews these evaluations and addresses any concerns. 			
Eighty-five percent (85%) of the cadets who attempt the final physical fitness assessment pass at the 50th percentile or better.			
Eighty-five percent (85%) of the cadets eligible to sit for the state certification exam pass it.			
The academy schedules more than 10 instructors per academy.			

OPTIONAL CRITERIA

MUST MEET AT LEAST FOUR OF THE SECTIONS LISTED HERE AND ON THE NEXT PAGE:	YES	NO	OPOTC ONLY: Compliance specialist initials														
<p>The academy offers cadet training that is not part of, or is above and beyond, the OPOTC curriculum in two or more of the following areas¹:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication skills: This includes, but is not limited to, basic writing skills, interpersonal communication skills and public speaking. 2. Additional certifications: This includes, but is not limited to, Taser, ASP, O.C. spray and less-than-lethal alternatives. 3. Financial wellness courses: This includes, but is not limited to, personal finance awareness, deferred compensation and retirement planning. 4. Officer wellness courses: This includes, but is not limited to, instruction on developing healthy habits and coping mechanisms to combat hypervigilance and burnout. 5. Community relations: This includes, but is not limited to, procedural justice/legitimacy, cultural competence and implicit bias 6. De-escalation: This includes, but is not limited to, crisis intervention training and conflict resolution. 																	
<p>The academy actively assists students in job placement, a process that includes but is not limited¹:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helping cadets create a resume and prepare for both the job application process and job interviewing. 2. Setting aside time for agency recruiting officers to address the cadets regarding employment opportunities, the hiring process, pay and benefits, and so on. 																	
<p>Cadets receive more than the minimum of 15 cumulative hours of training in high-risk topics, such as:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. Subject control</td> <td style="width: 50%;">8. Civil liability</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Building searches</td> <td>9. Physical fitness</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Stops and approaches</td> <td>10. Ethics</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Driving</td> <td>11. Report writing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Firearms</td> <td>12. Community diversity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6. Impact weapons</td> <td>13. Crisis intervention</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. Search and seizure</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	1. Subject control	8. Civil liability	2. Building searches	9. Physical fitness	3. Stops and approaches	10. Ethics	4. Driving	11. Report writing	5. Firearms	12. Community diversity	6. Impact weapons	13. Crisis intervention	7. Search and seizure				
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¹ *Non-OPOTA/class hours; cannot intrude on minimum class hours.*

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The academy creates and/or maintains an advisory board to develop and continue engagement with representatives from area law enforcement, community leaders and educators.			
The academy pursues and/or maintains training for cadets on technological devices such as body cameras, drones, etc.			
The academy has a ride-along internship program accessible to all cadets.			
The academy provides annual instructor in-service training (a minimum of two hours a year) separate from instructor certification or renewal.			
At least 80% of the academy's cadets are commissioned within one year of completion of the state certification exam. This option applies to the cadet class that has most recently surpassed the one-year mark since taking the exam.			

Upon review of this STAR Academy Application and supporting documentation, I recommend approval of the STAR Academy designation to this applicant.

Compliance specialist name (typed)
Signature
Date

Deputy director of professional standards name (typed)
Signature
Date

Assistant executive director name (typed)
Signature
Date

Valid through: _____