

2026
AMERICAN LEGION
STUDENT TROOPER
PROGRAM



JUNE 21-26, 2026

SPONSORED BY

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPT OF NC
PO BOX 26657
RALEIGH, NC 27611
PHONE 919-832-7506

NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL
3318 GARNER RD
RALEIGH, NC 27610

PURPOSE

The purpose of the North Carolina American Legion Student Trooper Program is to create an association between our young people and the men and women who are responsible for enforcing the laws of our State. The American Legion believes that our young people have a strong sense of patriotism and a high regard for Law and Order. It is our belief that the young men and women who participate in the Student Trooper Program will develop favorable attitudes toward Law Enforcement and will articulate those attitudes throughout their communities and among their peers.

THE PROGRAM

The American Legion Student Trooper Program will be conducted at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center, Raleigh, and is a cooperative sponsorship of The NC American Legion and The NC Highway Patrol. Cadets will participate in a wide variety of instructional sessions. They will learn the use of police skills, including drug detection, firearms safety, and precision driving, just to name a few. Instructors from the NC Highway Patrol and other phases of Law Enforcement and related subjects will be integrated into the week's program.

SPONSORSHIP

Each applicant must be sponsored by an American Legion Post. If assistance is needed in finding a sponsoring post, please call Department Headquarters at 919-832-7506. Limited spaces are available at the Training Center. This year we hope to be able to house 40 students. Qualified applicants will be selected on a first come basis. The sponsoring Post will assume the responsibility for the student's attendance, including submitting a properly completed application and physical form, transportation to and from the Training Center and tuition fees.

TUITION FEES

Tuition fee and total cost for the week's program is \$200.00, and is the responsibility of the sponsoring Post, though the payment may come from sources outside the sponsoring Post. However, the sponsoring Post must assure that the tuition fee accompanies application and medical form when mailed to American Legion State Headquarters by the deadline date.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants who have successfully completed their junior and/or senior year of high school will be considered. Applicant must be of good moral character, demonstrate qualities of Americanism and leadership and present a neat appearance.

Due to the rigorous training involved in this program, those who may require special medication or handicapped accommodations cannot be accepted. NO CONDITION OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION, OR CREED IS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR SELECTION. A completed medical form must be submitted with the application and fee. Students are advised to begin a physical conditioning program before arriving at the training center.

ACCOMMODATIONS

All students will be housed and meals served at the Academy cafeteria. Due to limitations at the cafeteria, those who require special diet will not be accommodated. Students are expected to remain at the Center at all times except for scheduled training away from the Academy. Towels and bed linens will be provided by the Academy. Student Troopers shall conduct themselves as gentlemen/ladies at all times. They shall perform all duties in a thorough, precise manner without hesitation or comment, carry out all lawful orders commands and instructions issued by Staff Personnel.

SUPPLIES PROVIDED

Each student will be issued two T-shirts, visor cap, PT shirt and shorts, and portfolio with program emblem. Each student will be mailed, prior to the opening of the session, a "Call To Report" letter. This letter will inform the Student of the personal items he/she will need for the week, along with Rules of Conduct and other instructions. A prescribed uniform will be worn for all supervised events except for recreation.

RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Student Troopers shall do their best in the performance of duty. They will comply with all rules, regulations and orders issued.
2. The military nature of the State Highway Patrol and Patrol training requires that certain rules of courtesy be extended to all commissioned/non-commissioned officers of the Highway Patrol, guest instructors and members of the Staff. Student Troopers will always stand when being addressed and reply by stating "Yes Sir/Ma'am" or "No Sir/Ma'am".
3. Student Troopers will not possess or use at any time, any tobacco products while at the training center.

PHYSICAL TRAINING PROGRAM

In order for the Student Trooper to be able to do his/her best in physical training, it is recommended he/she work on the following exercises prior to the program: 1. Sit-ups. 2. Push-ups. 3. Jumping Jacks. 4. Running This will be part of the regular training each day. Exercises will be a criteria every morning of the program for at least 1 hour, plus a 1 mile run.

STAFF

Counselors will consist of dedicated volunteers from the American Legion family, and selected Highway Patrol Training Center staff. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Program Director Richard Neville, 919-818-4278 (C). Instructors will come from the ranks of the North Carolina Highway Patrol and other Law Enforcement and related agencies.

REGISTRATION AND CHECKOUT

Registration will be 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Sunday, June 21, 2026 at the North Carolina Highway Patrol Training Center, Raleigh. Checkout is on Friday, June 26, 2026, and graduation will be completed by 1:00 PM that same day. Persons providing transportation must pick up students at the Academy immediately after graduation ceremonies.

PRIVATE VEHICLES

Private vehicles are prohibited without previous approval of the Program Director.

VISITORS

Visitors will not be allowed in the barracks during the week of the school. Family and friends of the students are invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony. Parents and guests may tour the facility immediately following the Graduation Ceremony. Everyone is invited which includes family, friends and all patrol members and legionnaires.

INFORMATION

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

JUNE 21-26, 2026

**All correspondence relating to this
program should be addressed to:**

**Student Trooper Program
The American Legion Dept. NC
PO Box 26657
Raleigh, NC 27611
Phone: 919-832-7506 ext. 106
Clif Kilby, Student Trooper Program Director**

**APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT AMERICAN LEGION DEPT.
(State) HEADQUARTERS**

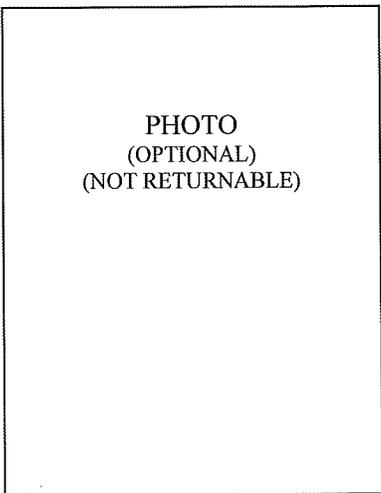
**APPROXIMATELY 40 STUDENTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED AT THE
NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL TRAINING CENTER.**

TUITION: \$200.00 PER APPLICANT

**Deadline – June 10, 2026
Or until program is full.**

Date Rec'd: _____
 Check #: _____ Amount: _____
 Notes: _____

 For office use



**NORTH CAROLINA
 STUDENT TROOPER
 PROGRAM APPLICATION
 JUNE 21-26, 2026**

Application Deadline: June 10, 2026, or until full.

NAME _____ AGE _____ SEX _____ BIRTHDATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 Street

PHONE _____ DRIVERS LICENSE # _____

EMAIL _____ or
 LEARNERS PERMIT # _____

PARENT (GUARDIAN) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 Street

PHONE Home _____ Work or Cell _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ GRADE JUST COMPLETING: _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE School _____ DATE OF PLANNED GRADUATION _____

SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST (Must Be Completed)

Please note: Sponsoring post assumes responsibility for student's attendance, including submitting a properly completed application and physical form, transportation to and from the training center and tuition fees. Contact post for further details.

POST NAME _____ POST # _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

POST CONTACT PERSON: _____
 Print Name Signature of contact person

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE Home _____ Work _____

(PLEASE SEE REVERSE)

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EMERGENCY CONTACT:

PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO'S: _____ (WORK) _____ (HOME)

PERMISSION TO ATTEND *(Signatures Required)*

I, _____, acknowledge and accept my obligations and responsibilities as a student to the American Legion Student Trooper Program of North Carolina. I further agree to uphold the principles of this outstanding program and abide by all rules and regulations. I agree to participate with dedication, respect, and enthusiasm in all phases of training that is required.

Delegates Signature: _____ Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION

We have discussed the objectives, rules, regulations, and expectations of this excellent program with the American Legion Post officials and our son/daughter _____. We are pleased that he/she is being offered this opportunity and he/she has our permission and our full support to attend The American Legion Student Trooper Program held at NC Highway Patrol Training Center in Raleigh, June 21-26, 2026. We understand that no exceptions will be made for special medical or physical requirements.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____