

# 2014 American Legion Student Trooper Program

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**Applications will be accepted from April 1, 2014 to April 30, 2014.**

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If accepted, it will be the applicants responsibility to obtain a doctor’s certification attesting to his or hers fitness and to provide transportation to and from the academy located in New Braintree, Ma. A parent or guardian must sign a release of liability for The Massachusetts State Police and The American Legion, Department of Mass., Inc.

### The deadline for submitting applications is April 30, 2014

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**Contact:** James L Flattes Sr. at [PNEC.J.L.FLATTES@gmail.com](mailto:PNEC.J.L.FLATTES@gmail.com) or 617 825 7777

**For information:** [www.mass.gov/msp/academy](http://www.mass.gov/msp/academy) - student trooper link - program overview



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March 3, 2014

Dear Commander:

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Results of the past years of this program have been most positive. Students have enriched their minds and bodies, and have had an opportunity to evaluate law enforcement as a possible career choice.

Many graduates have stated that as a result of their participation in this program they have gained a new confidence in their ability to perform well in a highly structured and disciplined environment. They mention how much they learned of the destructive effects of involvement with drugs and alcohol.

All high schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have received brochures, and a sample application. Student applications must receive the authorization of an American Legion Post. If additional applications are needed, please make copies of the one enclosed.

We ask that your post appoint a chairman who will follow up with the local high school, relative to the progress of the program. This person should keep in touch with applicant to insure his or her participation in the program. If applicant does not participate, please find a substitute. It is important that we emphasize that the candidate meets the expectation of the chairman.

Thank you in advance for whatever you may do in support of the Program.

Any questions please contact: Jim Flattes at 617-825-7777  
or e-mail: [PNEC.J.L.FLATTES@gmail.com](mailto:PNEC.J.L.FLATTES@gmail.com)  
or academy website: [www.mass.gov/msp/academy](http://www.mass.gov/msp/academy) - student trooper line.

Yours in comradeship,

William Chisholm  
Department Commander

James L. Flattes Sr  
Chairman

ENCL: Application  
Student Trooper Program  
Please make copies if needed.

**\*Please inform those answering the Post phone who to contact for information on the program. Applications are required to have a Legion Post authorize them as qualified and informed candidates. Sponsorship refers to those paying fee and can be anyone. Authorization does not oblige the Post to pay the sponsorship fee.**



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Please attach a copy of the Student Trooper Program description to each application.

We would appreciate your assistance in passing along this information to the students, and please accept our sincere thanks for whatever you may do to assist this outstanding program.

**For further information call:**

**Jim Flattes at 617-825-7777**

**or e-mail:**

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**or academy website:**

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DEPARTMENT OF MASS, INC



STUDENT TROOPER PROGRAM  
APPLICATION  
2014

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

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**PERSONAL DATA** *(Print or type)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Last) (First) (Middle)*

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Street) (City, State, Zip)*

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Parent's Or Guardian's Name, Address and Phone Number)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(High School Attending)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Applicant's Signature)*

T-SHIRT SIZE (please check appropriate size):

Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-large \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended a previous Student Trooper Program? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what year \_\_\_\_\_

If you have previously attended the Student Trooper Program, please do not apply again. Students are not allowed to attend the program twice.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

A physical examination is required. A medical form requiring a doctor's signature will be sent to the applicant upon receipt of the application.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY:**

The applicant, being given the opportunity to use certain equipment and facilities of the Massachusetts State Police Academy during the American Legion "Student Trooper Training Program", assumes all risks and liability pertaining to any activity pursuant to the program or that may arise during his/her participation in said program and hereby releases from such liability, the American Legion, the Massachusetts State Police, and the staff members performing the training. Persons attending the Student Trooper Program are responsible for any medical bills, including transportation costs, associated with any injuries or illnesses incurred while participating in the training program. In the event of disciplinary action, parents or guardians will be notified and be responsible for picking up their child, if necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant) (Date) (Signature of Parent or Guardian) (Date)

**SCHOOL OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION:**

I hereby certify that the above named student is in good academic standing, does not have a negative disciplinary record and will be between the ages of 15-17 during the Student Trooper Program.  
(See dates below).

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of School Official) (Name of School) (Phone #) (Date)

American Legion Authorizing Post \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
To locate a post near you go to: [www.masslegion.org](http://www.masslegion.org) then to POST LOCATOR link

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Post Officials Authorizing Signature and Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Address of Provider of Sponsorship Fee)

**Applications will not be accepted before April 1, 2014.** This application, with the sponsoring fee check in the amount of **\$350.00**, must be received **before April 30, 2014.** **Apply early as space is limited to 80 applicants per week.** Applications will be reviewed and candidates for the program selected prior to **May 31, 2014.** Candidates that are accepted into the program will receive a packet containing (equipment list, medical waivers, etc.) Those candidates that are not accepted into this year's program will be notified and the sponsoring fee check will be returned to the provider.

Make check payable to: **American Legion, Department of Massachusetts** and mark "Student Trooper" and student's last name in the bottom left-hand corner.

Mail "APPLICATIONS and CHECKS ONLY" to: Mr. James L. Flattes SR. 72 Milton Avenue, Dorchester MA 02124. In the event the applicant is not accepted, the sponsorship fee will be returned to the provider.

**DATES:** (Please state order of preference, 1 & 2):  July 7 – July 11, 2014

If only available for one week indicate that week  July 21-July 25 2014

Required Equipment – A list of required equipment will be sent with the application packet.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a driver's license or Learner's Permit? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what is the License or Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

A Learner's Permit or License is not mandatory to attend the Student Trooper Program. However, in order to be allowed to drive a vehicle while participating in the Student Trooper Program, a Driver's License or Learner's Permit will be required.

**Applicant must write a brief statement of why they would like to be accepted into the Student Trooper Program**

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## High School Summer School

### Military Programs

### National Programs

## Non-School Summer Programs

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- **New Worlds emerge** offers students a Worldstides Adventure program. Their programs offer the best adventure, cultural and language immersion, and pre college opportunities for high school students. For more information visit the website at [newworldsemerge.org](http://newworldsemerge.org) or call 434-951-5048.

### Workshops

- **Atlas Workshops** is a short-term international research trips for high school students that explore current global challenges and open up some of the most amazing destinations in the world. There are six fantastic programs being offered this summer. To see what programs and locations they are offering, go to: [www.atlasworkshops.com](http://www.atlasworkshops.com).

## Programs Abroad



# 2015 American Legion Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Program Formally The Student Trooper Program

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