

VISION STATEMENT

"To provide positive and meaningful real-world career experiences and leadership development opportunities for all teenagers and young adults in their chosen field of interest."

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Sheryl A. Horak Memorial Scholarship
- Capt. James J. Regan Scholarships
- The James E. Breining Scholarship Award

Learn more at exploring.learningforlife.org/services/resources/scholarships.



Exploring's 5 Areas of Emphasis

1 Career Opportunities

REAL-WORLD CAREER SKILLS

2 Leadership Experience

LEADERSHIP SKILLS EMPLOYERS CRAVE

3 Life Skills

CONFLICT-RESOLUTION, PROBLEM-SOLVING, RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

4 Citizenship

LEARN DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS

5 Character Education

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING



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What is Exploring?

Exploring is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are at least 14 (and have completed 8th grade) and not yet 21 years old. Adults are selected by the participating organization for involvement in the program. Color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status and citizenship are not criteria for participation.

Exploring is all about helping young adults make a more informed decision about future careers and determine if a particular career is the right one for them. Typically, a young adult will either:

1) get involved, learn about a career, and decide to pursue it;

OR 2) learn enough about the career to determine it's not the

right fit for them. It's better to learn as a young adult that a career is not for you, than after spending lots of money on an education only to THEN discover you don't like the career!

Exploring leaders volunteer their time to provide real-world career experiences for young adults. Exploring is not about lectures and slide shows – it's about gaining practical experience in a career field. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement Exploring provides educational training programs for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities.

Popular Exploring careers include:

- Police Officers
- Sheriffs
- Federal Agents
- State Police/Highway Patrol
- Probation Officers
- Military Police
- Correction Officers

Law Enforcement Exploring combines some classroom training with ride-alongs in police vehicles, pistol shooting, community policing, and much more.

Explorers will:

- Learn important leadership skills
- Gain respect for police officers
- Develop new personal skills
- Improve their marksmanship
- Learn law enforcement protocols
- Participate in hands-on projects to give them a real feel for whether this career is the right one for them
- Network with professionals who work in these careers daily – who use the latest technology, are aware of emerging trends and know what it takes to get into college for their specific career
- Learn about the educational requirements for a career in Law Enforcement and receive tangible advice on steps they can take now to prepare and position for a successful career in the field of Law Enforcement



Learn More. Experience More. Participate in Exploring.
View the career webpage for more information.



Everyone Wins With Exploring!

Exploring will be one of the best opportunities you offer your company, your employees, and the youth of your community.

COMPANY BENEFITS

- Cultivate future employees
- Impact on the education process of youth
- Prepare young adults for transition from school to work
- Develop future responsible and caring adults
- Improve staff teamwork working on common goals outside of normal work
- Visible commitment to the welfare of the community

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- Increased realization that we are ALL responsible for molding today's youth and tomorrow's leaders
- Greater job awareness
- Opportunity for greater community involvement
- Enhanced communication, planning, and program development skills
- Increased initiative of employees

YOUTH BENEFITS

- Practical, real-world career experiences and insight
- Stimulated interest in continual education
- Building of leadership, self-confidence, and problem-solving skills
- Cooperative relationship between adults and youth
- Community service to others

Testimonials

"Our role is to...give Explorers meaningful insight into what it is to be a police officer."

— Officer Simone B., Exploring Post Advisor and Parent

"I've been in the Exploring program for three years and I love it."

— Ashley K., Explorer

"... builds character and provides invaluable learning experiences for young adults."

— Aaron D. Kennard, Executive Director, National Sheriffs' Association

"... provides excellent support to our community-based programs."

— Mark Sullivan, Director, U.S. Secret Service



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