

THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA



FUTURE AUSA PROGRAM

Youth + Law: Expanding Horizons, Inspiring Justice



This week-long program offers an immersive experience for high school students to learn about what it's like to be an Assistant U.S. Attorney, observe court cases, and meet key federal law enforcement leaders. Join us for a transformative week preparing you for a future in criminal justice.

July 21-25, 2025

From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
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Philadelphia, PA 19106

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

1. What is the age range for participants in the program?

Participants must be between the ages of 13 and 17, currently enrolled in 9th to 12th grade, and have at least one year of high school left after completing the program.

2. Are there any location restrictions?

Yes. Participants must reside within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The eligible counties include Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster, Lehigh, Northampton, Montgomery, and Philadelphia.

3. What does this program cost?

This program is free to all participants.

4. Will transportation be provided?

No, transportation to and from the program will not be provided. Participants are responsible for their own transportation arrangements.

5. Will meals be provided?

Students will be provided with snacks in the morning and afternoon. However, they are welcome to bring additional food if needed.

6. Is prior legal knowledge or experience required to participate?

No, prior legal knowledge or experience is not required. The program is designed to provide an introductory understanding of the federal legal system and is open to students with a general interest in the field of criminal justice.



WHERE & WHEN

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"Participating in the Future AUSA Program opened my eyes to a vast world of federal law enforcement I hadn't known before. I deeply value my connections with peers and legal professionals the program offered me over the week-long event. My experience was remarkably positive and I recommend it 100%."

—JT Cunningham, Class of 2024

**INTERESTED IN
BECOMING A
FUTURE AUSA?**

**TO REGISTER,
CLICK HERE:**

Application for the U.S. Attorney's Future AUSA Program

In a compelling and thoughtful 250-word essay, we invite high school students to embark on a journey of self-reflection and aspiration. Aspiring young minds are encouraged to create a personal statement that sheds light on who they are, their unique qualities, and the reasons why they aspire to be part of the U.S. Attorney's prestigious Future Assistant U.S. Attorney (Future AUSA) Program.

Consider the following aspects while constructing your personal statement:

1. **Begin by introducing yourself** – your name, background, and experiences that have shaped your character. Highlight any notable achievements, community involvement, or academic pursuits that define you.
2. **Share your passion for justice** and the legal system. What motivates you to pursue a career in law? Discuss any personal experiences, observations, or issues in your community that have sparked your interest in making a positive impact through the legal field.
3. Talk about **your connection to the Future AUSA Program**. What aspects of the program align with your aspirations, and how do you envision contributing to its goals?
4. A Federal profession often requires effective **leadership and collaboration**. Share instances from your life where you have demonstrated leadership skills or worked effectively in a team. How do you envision applying these skills within the context of the Future AUSA Program?
5. **Reflect on any challenges you have faced** and how they have shaped your resilience and determination. Discuss how these experiences have prepared you for the responsibilities and demands associated with a career in law.
6. **Summarize** your personal statement by reiterating your passion for law, your connection to the U.S. Attorney's Future AUSA Program, and your commitment to making a meaningful contribution to the legal profession.

This essay prompt is designed to encourage students to introspect, articulate their aspirations, and demonstrate a genuine interest in the U.S. Attorney's Future AUSA Program. It invites them to weave together their personal narratives with their commitment to justice and the pursuit of a career in law.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION CONSENT/RELEASE FORM

As the parent or guardian of _____, I give my permission for him/her to shadow the Community Outreach Team of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (“USAO-EDPA”) to include the: Future Assistant United States Attorneys Youth Program. I release the USAO-EDPA and USAO-EDPA employees, and/or any personnel affiliated with the USAO-EDPA Community Outreach Team, from liability for any and all claims which may result from this program. Should it be necessary for him/her to have medical treatment while shadowing the team, I hereby give the USAO personnel permission to use their judgment in obtaining medical services, and I give permission to the physician selected by the USAO-EDPA personnel to render medical treatment deemed necessary and appropriate by the physician. I understand that the USAO-EDPA has no insurance covering such medical or hospital costs; therefore, any cost incurred for such treatment shall be my sole responsibility.

Additionally, I understand that photographs may be taken by USAO-EDPA officials/employees and used to promote USAO-EDPA outreach programs. I agree to the release of photographs for USAO-EDPA media communications and other USAO-EDPA publications.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____