



## Willmar Police Department Explorer Post #3200

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Prospective Explorer,

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining the Willmar Police Department Explorer Program! Explorers benefit from bi-weekly classroom and role-playing lessons taught by police officer advisors, community engagement in a wide range of events, ride-along participation, state-wide competitions, and many other activities.

The program is open to anyone aged 14 to 21 and it's a great opportunity for any young person interested in a career in law enforcement, curious about the criminal justice system, or interested in involvement at community events in Willmar and the surrounding area. The following is a summary of the process required to become an explorer:

**APPLICATION:** You can get a PDF of the application by DM'ing [willmarpoliceexplorers](https://www.instagram.com/willmarpoliceexplorers) on Instagram, making a request by email to [willmarpdexplorer@willmarmn.gov](mailto:willmarpdexplorer@willmarmn.gov), or by visiting the City of Willmar's website. Applications must be filled out completely and either dropped off at the Willmar Police Department or sent to the email address listed above. We accept applications throughout the year.

**BACKGROUND CHECK:** Once an application is received, a criminal background check and driving record check is conducted. Applicants with a criminal record or poor driving record may be rejected. A release form for the records check is part of the application.

**INTERVIEW:** Applicants whose applications are screened-in and who pass the background check will be contacted to schedule an interview with a couple advisors and an explorer. Applicants can expect some questions about who they are, why they want to join the post, and other questions so post advisors can get to know them a little before acceptance into the program. Please come dressed in business-casual or semi-formal attire.

**ACCEPTANCE:** The Willmar Police Department Explorer Program is affiliated with the Boys Scouts of America. Once an applicant is accepted into the program, the explorer must complete membership forms for Northern Star Scouting and pay a membership fee. Members are outfitted at no charge with equipment and uniforms including Class A uniforms (pocketed button-up shirt), Class B uniforms (khaki and polo shirt), duty belts, and other gear.

We look forward to having you on the explorer team!

Sergeant Chad Oakleaf

Willmar Police Department Police Explorer Post Assistant Executive Officer



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<i>Last name</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>Middle Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>
<i>Street Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
<i>Phone Number</i>	<i>Email Address</i>		
<i>If under 18, please provide the following parent of legal guardian information:</i>			
<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Middle Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>
<i>If under 18, Phone Number</i>	<i>If under 18, Parent Email Address</i>		

## School

<i>School You Currently Attend</i>	<i>GPA</i>
<i>Please list all the schools you have attended within the last five years, starting with the most recent. Include the name and location.</i>	
<i>Any Discipline Issues?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <i>Any attendance issues?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<i>If yes, please explain:</i>
<i>Are you currently involved, or will you be involved, in any extracurricular activities such as sports, volunteer groups or other obligations?</i>	

<i>Why do you want to become a Police Explorer?</i>	<i>How did you hear about this program?</i>
<i>What would make you a good addition to the Willmar Police Department Explorer Program?</i>	



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## Work History

<i>Please provide your work history beginning with your most recent employer.</i>		
<i>Employer # 1</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
<i>Immediate Supervisor</i>	<i>Employment Dates</i>	<i>Reason for Leaving</i>
<i>Employer #2</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
<i>Immediate Supervisor</i>	<i>Employment Dates</i>	<i>Reason for Leaving</i>
<i>Employer #3</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
<i>Immediate Supervisor</i>	<i>Employment Dates</i>	<i>Reason for Leaving</i>

## References

<i>Please list three references that are not relatives, who can speak to your character.</i>				
<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	
<i>Street Address</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	
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<i>Street Address</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

I hereby certify that all answers to the above questions are true. I understand that false statements contained in this application may result in rejection of this application or removal from the Willmar Police Department Explorer Post.

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*If under 18, parent or legal guardian signature:*

X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Background Check

<i>Driver's License or State-Issued Identification Card Number</i>	<i>State Issued</i>
<i>List any and all traffic stops, crashes, or other law enforcement contacts. Include date and circumstances.</i>	

## Social Media

<i>Platform</i> <i>Username</i>	<i>Platform</i> <i>Username</i>
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## Criminal and Civil History Information History

<i>Criminal Charge(s)</i>	<i>Court Disposition</i>	<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Date</i>
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<p>Have you ever been the subject of a court order that restrains you from harassing, stalking, or contacting another person?                      <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Are you now or have you ever been required to register as a predatory or sexual offender?                      <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>			

*I hereby give my consent for a personal CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND INVEST/GATION, which includes a criminal history check and a driving record check for the purposes of determining if I may be a participant in the Willmar Police Department Explorer Program. I understand that I am under no legal obligation to consent to such investigation, but my refusal to consent, may be the basis for denying me membership in the Willmar Police Department Explorer Program. These statements are true, and correct. False disclosures may be subject to perjury proceedings and will result in my application's denial.*

<i>Printed name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>If under 18, parent/guardian printed name</i>	<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>

Submit completed and signed applications to the Kandiyohi County Law Enforcement Center or scan and submit to: [willmarpdexplorer@willmarmn.gov](mailto:willmarpdexplorer@willmarmn.gov).