



2021 Application Instructions

A virtual program for Missouri's upcoming high school seniors who want to learn about community engagement, diverse perspectives, and leadership.

To qualify as an applicant for this program:

- Applicant must be a current high school junior during the 2020-21 school year (beginning senior year in Fall 2021).
- Applicant must be interested in community engagement, leadership, and working for the greater good.
- Applicant must be available to attend the entire virtual Academy, July 12-16, 2021

Application Process- Submit all application materials by April 1

1. Completed online application form. This form includes:
 - Student information
 - Two student essays
 - Parent/guardian information
2. A color headshot photo – This should be emailed to AlexJohnson@missouristate.edu
3. Two letters of recommendation from school personnel (teacher, counselor, administrator) – this should be emailed to AlexJohnson@missouristate.edu

Postmark/email application materials no later than April 1, 2021. Note: Application materials may be submitted together or separately. Applicants will be notified no later than April 5, 2020 regarding acceptance to the Pat Walker Missouri Public Affairs Academy.

Student Cost

No fee is required with your application. However, students who are accepted to the Pat Walker Missouri Public Affairs Academy are required to pay a \$50 non-refundable registration fee by May 1, 2021.

NOTE: Requests for a fee waiver based on student need may be submitted by school personnel by April 15, 2021. Other than this fee, no other payment is required for Missouri residents. Accepted students will participate in the 5-day virtual program at no further cost.

Questions? Please contact Alex Johnson: 417-699-0415 or AlexJohnson@MissouriState.edu.

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SAMPLE STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

These are the questions you will see on the online application form.

www.publicaffairs.missouristate.edu/mpaa

Part I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student's name	Student's preferred or nickname	Date of birth	
Street address	City	State	Zip code
Student phone number		Email address (required)	
Name of parent/guardian	Name of high school	Name of high school counselor	

PART II: STUDENT ESSAYS

ESSAY #1:

Explain your interest in public affairs. This might entail themes of community engagement, ethical leadership, cultural competence. (You can find descriptions of public affairs themes on the Application website). Please explain why you would like to attend the Missouri Public Affairs Academy.

ESSAY #2:

Because a good portion of your time at the Pat Walker Missouri Public Affairs Academy will be spent in collaborative work, you will work with fellow students and staff in a manner that requires teamwork and active participation. What kinds of collaborative experiences have you had? What have you learned from them? What skills and personality traits do you have that make you well-suited for collaborative activities? What personal learning and growth do you expect from collaborative activities?

PART III: UNDERSTANDING AND CONSENT

(To be acknowledged by parent/guardian and applicant)

This section assures that parents/guardians and applicants fully understand their responsibilities if applicants are selected for the Missouri Public Affairs Academy. Acknowledgement of parent/guardian and applicant are required.

1. **I understand** that the Missouri Public Affairs Academy is publicly funded; as such the names, addresses, and school affiliation of students completing the program will become a matter of public record. **I consent** to such information becoming a matter of public record.
4. **I understand** that Missouri Public Affairs Academy students will be surveyed regarding their perceptions of Academy classes, activities and administration. **I consent** to Academy student surveys.
5. **I understand** that students may be interviewed and/or photographed or filmed as part of news coverage or promotion of the Missouri Public Affairs Academy (including on its website). **I consent** to such interviews, photographs and film being published or broadcast.
6. **I understand** that work generated at the Missouri Public Affairs Academy may be shown publicly on the Academy website and in other venues associated with the Academy. Work chosen for this reason will be represented as illustrative of high standards and performance. **I consent** to the public showing of student work associated with the Academy.
7. **I understand** that the Missouri Public Affairs Academy will establish and enforce reasonable rules necessary to create a safe, healthy and respectful environment. **I consent** to reasonable rules.