



Students and staff at the 2024 NOBLE Youth Leadership Conference.

Bridging the Badge Essay & Video Contest

An Opportunity for High School Students (14-18 years of age) in the Greater Pittsburgh Area

The Hear Foundation's Bridging the Badge Program is excited to announce an amazing opportunity for high school students in the Greater Pittsburgh Area who are interested in a career in law enforcement!

The Bridging the Badge Essay & Video Contest invites students to share their passion for law enforcement and their vision for making a positive impact in their communities.

Winners will receive an **all-expenses-paid trip to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Conference Youth Leadership Academy August 8-12, 2025 in Hollywood, Florida.** We will leave from Pittsburgh on August 7 and return on August 13.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to join **Leon Ford** to network with law enforcement professionals, participate in leadership workshops, and explore career opportunities in the field.

Who Can Enter?

- Open to high school students ages 14-18 in the Greater Pittsburgh Area.
- Students must have a strong interest in law enforcement, or criminal justice.

How to Enter

Students can submit either:

- An Essay (200 + words)
- OR**
- A Video (3-5 minutes)

Prompt:

"Why are you interested in a career in law enforcement, and how do you plan to make a positive impact on your community through this career?"

Submission Guidelines:

- Videos should be clear, well-lit, and submitted in MP4 or MOV format.
- Essays should be in the body of the email, or attached as a Word doc or PDF.
- Deadline: **April 30, 2025**

Submit your essay or video to:

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To learn more about Bridging the Badge, view our video at bit.ly/4hjR7vX