

WESTERN COLORADO PEACE OFFICERS ACADEMY

APPLICATION DATES AND DEADLINES

Selection for the WCPOA is an extremely competitive process. Due to the highly specialized nature of our instruction and technical training, class size is limited to approximately 20 students per semester. Applications for enrollment will be accepted in accordance with the following dates and deadlines:

FALL SEMESTER ACADEMY: (Mid-August-Early December)

Open Enrollment: January 1 – April 1 for the following Fall

Late Application Enrollment: April 1 – May 15 (if class has any openings)

SPRING SEMESTER ACADEMY: (Mid- January-Early May)

Open Enrollment: July 1 – October 1 for the following Spring

Late Application Enrollment: October 1 – November 15 (if class has any openings)

Applications are reviewed on an on-going basis. In order to ensure consideration for your preferred Academy date, you should submit your application EARLY within the open enrollment period. Late application enrollments will be considered only if the upcoming academy is not full. No applications are accepted after the late application enrollment deadline. Early applications for future Academy classes are not accepted prior to the listed open enrollment periods.

Applicants selected for oral board interviews will be notified to schedule an interview date by email. The oral board interviews are typically conducted at the end of the open enrollment period depending on the number of applications. Upon completion of the oral board interview, the applicant will be notified of his/her status:

- 1) Highly Competitive: Conditional acceptance pending successful completion of a background investigation, to include criminal history, driving record, drug testing and submission of fingerprints to CBI.
- 2) Competitive: Will be placed on the “wait list” and may be considered for acceptance on a space available basis, pending successful completion of elements stated above.
- 3) Not Competitive: Will not be considered for acceptance. No longer being considered for next upcoming academy class.

NOTE: Placement on the “wait list” does not guarantee acceptance into a future Academy class. Wait listed applicants will be returned to the eligible pool of applicants for the next available class upon submission of an updated application during the next open enrollment period.