

Application Packet

(Type out application online, then print out to turn in)

Last, First, MI (please print legibly)

Date

Semester Desired

Year

2508 Blichmann Avenue Grand Junction, CO81505 (970) 255-2821 Rev. 2/1/2024

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Application Check List

Create an account and complete the Colorado Mesa University Tech (CMU Tech) Undergraduat Application for Admission at: https://go.coloradomesa.edu/apply/ . On the application for admission select <i>Police Officer Standards & Training (POST) (Technical Certificate)</i> as the Academic Programmes.	you must
NOTE: Current Colorado Mesa University (CMU) or CMU Tech students please disregard this st Request an official copy of high school transcripts or G.E.D. scores, and request official college transcripts fr previous colleges attended and have them sent directly to admissionsprocessing@coloradomesa.edu If you are a resident of the state of Colorado, apply for the College Opportunity Fund: https://www.coloradomesa.edu/cof/index.html Send proof of 2 MMR Immunizations to the Registrar's office Registrar@coloradomesa.edu	ep.
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If applying for veteran financial aid benefits, a copy of your DD Form 214 Member 4 and a Certif Eligibility need to be sent to the Veteran Services office at <u>veterans@coloradomesa.edu</u> (970) 248-1739	icate of
☐ Complete this WCPOA Application (fillable online – PRINT and retain a copy for your records)	
☐ Submit the following required items with this WCPOA Application:	
o Professional resume	
 Copy of high school diploma or proof of GED completion (graduation date required) Color copy of current valid driver's license (front and back) 	
 Color copy of current valid driver's license (front and back) Background Research Release Form (signed, dated, and NOTARIZED) 	
 Liability Waiver (signed and dated) 	
o Certificate of Application, Lack of Criminal History, and Release of Information (signed, dated, and NOTARIZ	ED)
Veterans, submit a copy of your DD Form 214 Member 4 with your packet	
 If you have not lived in Colorado for all of the last three years, a copy of your driving record from each state i you previously resided is required 	n which
Type in complete information, save, print, and mail to, or turn in to, Student Services at CMU Tec	h:
CMU Tech	
Attn: POST Academy Director	
2508 Blichmann Avenue	
Grand Junction, CO 81505	

*The WCPOA application period for Fall semester is January 1st through the last Friday in March, Spring semester application period is July 1st through the last Friday in September. Late applications will not be considered for attendance. All of the steps listed below are required for consideration to attend the WCPOA.

<u>AFTER</u> your application has been reviewed and it is determined that you meet the eligibility criteria to attend the WCPOA, you will be contacted by WCPOA staff and receive instructions on how and when to complete the following:

- 1. Pre-Academy Fitness testing (Cooper Fitness Standard).
- 2. Director's Interview (you will be notified of the date and time).
- 3. Pre-Assessment Screening (\$25.00 fee payable to CMU Tech).
- 4. Submission of your CO. driving history (if a resident for all of the last three years prior to the application period closing date).
- 5. Oral board interview (you will be notified of the date and time).

Upon successful completion of the above listed items, a background investigation will commence. Pending the outcome of your background investigation, you may be offered a conditional acceptance to the WCPOA. Due to agency needs, sponsored cadets are granted priority seating. This may result in deferment of non-sponsored applicants to another session as available.

The application process to attend the WCPOA is highly competitive. Failure submit required and complete documentation in a timely manner and/or failure to pass any evaluative step will make you ineligible for further consideration for the session desired. For consideration to attend any future session a full re-application is required.

Once accepted to the WCPOA, you will be contacted and receive instructions to complete the following required steps:

- 1. Fingerprinting for POST through IdentGO & CBI (Fee required and time sensitive)
- 2. Drug screen completed by Mesa County Consortium (MCC) (Fee required and time sensitive)
- 3. Physician's Certification of Physical Examination
- 4. Uniform and boot fitting



Contact Information

Full Name (please type):			
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Home Address:	STREETADDRESS	CITY	STATE ZIP
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Mailing Address:			
Home Phone Number (in	streetaddress clude area code):	CITY	STATE ZIP
Cell Phone Number (incl	·		
E-mail Address:			
CMU E-mail Address:			
(Note: Please use your o	fficial CMU email add	dress for all correspondenc	e. You will receive a Colorado
Mesa University email ac	,,,	,	
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CMU 700#:			
Date of Birth:		Age:	
EEOC:			
Other names used / Ma	iden Name / Aliases:		
Full Name (please type):			
	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE



Application

		Applicant	Information		
Full Name:				Date:	
Address:		FIRST	MID	DLE	
STREETADDR	LESS			APARTMENT/UNIT#	
CITY			STATE	ZIPCODE	
Home Phone:			Cell Phone:		
Work Phone:			SSN:		
Drivers License State:	Lice	nse #:	Lice	nse Expiration:	
I am submitting a color	copy (front and	d back) of my	valid drivers license	with this application:	Initials
Best way to contact you	during normal	hours:			
Are you a citizen of the U	United States?				
Are you authorized to w	ork in the U.S.	.?			
Do you have any previo	us Law Enforc	ement training	;?		
If "yes," with what agen	cv?			Rank/Title:	
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Have you had any proble	ems or issues i	n conjunction	with any of your res	idences?	

*(If yes, please provide details on Continuation Sheet)

Education					
High School Name: Attended From: Honors received: Discipline received:	То:	Graduate?	Address: Diploma Attached?		
College Name: Attended From: Degree Earned: Honors received: Discipline received:	То:	Major:	Address: Graduate?		
Other: Attended From: Certification Earned: Honors received: Discipline received:	То:	Major:	Address: Graduate?		
* (You may continue ed If you did not graduat (include documentation	e from high	school, provide spec	cifics of where and when you received your G.E.D.		
Did you have any problems or issues in conjunction with any of your education? (i.e. suspensions, academic probation, disciplinary issues) *(If yes, provide details)					
			Relatives, Judges or University Professors). Please lease obtain approval with reference prior to		
1. Full Name:					
Email Address:			Relationship:		
Occupation:			Relationship: Phone:		
2. Full Name: Home Address:			Relationship: Phone: Years Known: Relationship: Phone:		
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Have you had any problems or issues at any of your places of employment? (i.e. reprimands, disciplinary notice, conflicts, leave without proper notice, dismissal)

Reason for Leaving:

From: To: MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR

Company: Phone: Supervisor: Supervisor:

Job Title: ____Starting Salary: \$ ____Ending Salary: \$ ____Ending Salary: \$ _____

^{*(}If yes please provide details on Continuation Sheet)

Additional Questions

Is there any information we need to know about yo for us to be able to check your work, driving and c	•		
Please explain why you seek admission to this aca	demy and a future in law enforcement:		
Is there anything in your background or experience application or ability to complete the academy train			
Have you had a DUI or DWAI conviction (or pend the application deadline (this includes all like offer transport, such as boating under the influence).			
Have you <u>ever</u> previously been denied attendance to or been dismissed from the WCPOA or another peace officer academy? If YES, provide the date(s) of application/attendance, academy name, disposition of your application, or cause for dismissal.			
Military			
Branch:	From: To: MONTH/YEAR MONTH/YEAR		
Rank at Discharge:			
If other than honorable, explain:			

DRUG USE HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE



Please answer the following questions regarding your personal history of drug use and use the additional space on the back if needed:

- 1. Have you EVER used marijuana of any kind, to include legal medical/state sanctioned recreational marijuana, or edibles containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)?
- 2. If yes, how many times (total), and be specific on the date of your last usage?
- 3. Describe the circumstances of your previous marijuana usage:
- 4. Have you EVER used Heroin, Hallucinogens, PCP, Angel Dust, Wet, Phencyclidine, or LSD?
- 5. Have you EVER used ANY illegal substance, dangerous drugs, narcotics, or vaporous substances to include (but not limited to) Cocaine or Crack, Magic mushrooms or Psilocybin Mushrooms, Methamphetamine, Crank, Crystal, Ice, Speed, Glass, Amphetamines, Adderall, Ritalin, Anabolic steroids, Peyote, Mescaline, Opium, Morphine, Club Drugs (ex. Ketamine, GHB, Rohypnol, MDMA, Ecstasy), Aerosols (huffing, paint, Whippets, Nitrous), or Khat?
- 6. If your answer is yes for any of the above, how many times total (list for each substance), and what was the date of your last usage?
- 7. Describe the circumstances of your previous drug usage noted above in detail:
- 8. Have you EVER used any prescription medication not legally prescribed to you?
- 9. If yes, specify the drug used, how many times, the circumstances, and the date of your last usage.
- 10. Have you EVER purchased, sold, distributed, transported, or facilitated a transaction involving any illegal substance? (Excluding legally purchased recreational or medical marijuana).
- 11. If yes, describe the specifics of any/all transactions:
- 12. When was the last date you used any illegal substance, to include legal marijuana?
- 13.I certify the answers I have provided above are true and correct to the best of my recollection. I understand that a failure to be truthful on this questionnaire may be grounds for denial of admission or dismissal from the Academy.

Printed Name:	Signature	Date:

Continuation Sheet

Disclaimer ar	nd Signature
I certify that the previous answers are true and c	
If this application leads to acceptance, I unders my application or interview may result in my di	
Signature:	Date:
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Background Research Release

NAME:
By initialing and signing in the spaces provided, I certify that all of the following statements are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
Consent to Conduct Background Investigation - As a condition of, and in consideration for, admission to the WCPOA, I give permission to WCPOA, GJPD and/or MCSO to investigate my personal and employment histories. understand that this background investigation will include, but not be limited to, verification of all information on this Application, credit, criminal history, as well as interviews with past employers and listed and developed references. I further give permission to WCPOA, GJPD and/or MCSO to assign this investigation to its staff or agents, and to discuss the results of this investigation in connection with my application.
Consent to Contact Past Employers - I give permission to WCPOA, GJPD and/or MCSO, and their staff and agents to contact all employers listed in this Application for references. I further give permission to all current of previous employers and/or managers or supervisors to discuss my personal and employment history with WCPOA, GJPI and/or MCSO, and its staff or agents and consent to the release of such information orally or in writing. I hereby release all listed employers from all liability and agree not to sue them for defamation or other claims based upon any statements they make to any WCPOA, GJPD and/or MCSO, staff member or agent. I further waive all rights I may have under state law to receive a copy of any written statement provided by any of my former employers. I further agree to indemnify all past employers for any liability they may incur because of their reliance upon this release.
Consent to Contact Government Agencies - I give permission to any agent, attorney or investigative representative of WCPOA, GJPD and/or MCSO, and their staff or agents to receive a copy of any information obtained in the file of any federal, state or local court, governmental agency, law enforcement agency or investigator concerning or relating to me. I further consent to the release of such information and waive any right under state law concerning notification of the request for release of such information. In the event state law does not provide for prospective employers to have access to information, I hereby delegate WCPOA and its staff or agents as my agent for receipt of information. I understand that the scope of this investigation will be limited to criminal and/or civil records that relate to my honesty, integrity and/or abilities.
Cooperation with Investigation - I agree to fully cooperate with any and all background investigation(s deemed necessary or required by WCPOA, GJPD and/or MCSO and to sign any waivers or releases that may be necessary to obtain access to my personal information. In the event that any former employer or federal, state, or local government agency will not release information or criminal history information directly to the employer, I agree to personally request an obtain such information for the use of WCPOA, GJPD and/or MCSO to the extent permitted by law.
Falsification Statement - I understand that any falsification and/or omission of fact made by me in this Application or in connection with any background investigation may be sufficient grounds for rejection of this application or, if discovered after admission, for immediate dismissal from the WCPOA, GJPD and/or MCSO.
<u>Information Availability</u> - I understand and agree that all information developed during the course of background investigation(s) will be made available, upon request, to any law enforcement agency to which I apply fo employment.
Signature of Applicant Date
Subscribed and sworn to before me thisday of, 20
My commission expires:
Notary Public



Liability Waiver

N/	AME:	
Th	e undersigned certifies and agrees to the following terms and conditions:	
1.	Ihave no pre-existing condition that would prohibit me from engaging in all training at the WCPOA.	Initials
2.	I understand that Arrest Control Tactics (ACT) Classes and Physical Training Classes require physical exertion and physical activity, which is undertaken with other persons. My participation in training poses a risk of physical injury, illness or other harm to me and I expressly assume all risk and responsibility for any and all injury, illness, and harm of whatever nature, kind or degree.	Initials
3.	I represent that I am mentally and physically capable of completing 80 hours of Arrest Control Tactic Training (ACT) and 27 hours of physical training, which will include a minimum ofperforming:	
	 a. Push-ups b. Sit-ups c. Running for 1½ to 2miles d. Strength training drills to include personal weapon strikes, e.g. front punches, kicks, etc. to the body e. Handcuffing drills, e.g. stress-inducing drills f. Baton drills g. Control hold/take down techniques, e.g. joint manipulation & stress-inducing drills h. Pressure point application, e.g. application to nerve endings throughout the body. 	Initials
4.	I agree to read and abide by all policies, procedures, instructions, and training methods provided or otherwise made available by WCPOA, its instructors and staff, including orientation procedures for new students, WCPOA medical treatment policies and procedures, and all other related WCPOA, policies and procedures, written and oral.	Initials
5.	I agree that the health, welfare, and safety of all students, instructors, and staff of WCPOA are of paramount importance. I certify that I do not have a communicable or contagious disease or other health condition that poses or could pose a medically recognized, unreasonable or dangerous risk of harm to other students, instructors, or staff at WCPOA.	Initials
6.	I understand that I am responsible for all personal property I choose to bring to WCPOA, and I expressly assume all risk of loss of, or damage to such personal property.	Initials
7.	I also understand that many other aspects of the training at WCPOA, such as Law Enforcement Driving and Law Enforcement Firearms Training, will involve me in situations that could result in harm or injury to me. I further understand that my participation in all of the courses that make up the Basic Law Enforcement Program is required in order for me to take the P.O.S.T. examination for certification as a Colorado Peace Officer. Accordingly, on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns, agents, personal representatives, dependents, and all others who may act on my behalf, I forever hold harmless and unconditionally release WCPOA, its instructors and its staff, the Board of Trustees of Colorado Mesa University, CMU, and all current and former employees of CMU from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and courses of action whatsoever arising from any and all damage, loss, injury or other harm to myself or my property while participating in ACT, Physical Training, Firearms, Driving or any other aspect of my training and education while participating in the WCPOA program, whether such loss, damage, injury, or harm is caused by my own conduct or that of another person.	Initials
8.	The terms of this Liability Waiver may be modified only with the written consent of WCPOA and are governed by and subject to the laws of the State of Colorado.	Initials
Lia	ertify that I read and understand the English language, and that I have thoroughly read and now understand all the terms and condition billity Waiver. I further agree that if any section, condition, or term of this Liability Waiver is adjudicated to be unenforceable under applications, conditions, and terms shall not be affected and shall remain enforceable and binding upon me.	
	Signature: Date:	
	Print Name:	



Certification of Application and Lack of Criminal History, and Release of Information

I, _____certify that I have personally completed all aspects of this application and all attachments. I certify that all the answers are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I certify that all of the information provided in my application is accurate and complete.

I certify that I have <u>never</u> been:

- a) convicted of a felony crime/offense in any state or federal court,
- b) convicted of any of the Colorado misdemeanors listed below, and
- c) convicted of a crime/offense comparable or similar to any of the Colorado misdemeanors listed below in any federal or other state's court.

I further certify that no felony, or listed, comparable, or similar misdemeanor is pending against me. I authorize the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy (WCPOA) and any of its staff, employees, or agents to perform a background investigation to verify the truth of these statements.

18-3-204	Assault in the third-degree	18-8-208.1	Attempt to escape
18-3-402	Sex assault	18-8-212	Violation of bail bond conditions
18-3-404	Unlawful sexual contact	18-8-304	Soliciting unlawful compensations
18-3-405.5	Sexual assault on a client by a psychotherapist	18-8-305	Trading in public office
18-3-412.5	Sex offenders-duty to register-penalties	18-8-308	Failing to disclose a conflict of interest
18-6-403	Sexual exploitation of children	18-8-403	Official oppression
18-7-201	Prostitution prohibited	18-8-404	First degree official misconduct
18-7-202	Soliciting for prostitution	18-8-503	Perjury in the second degree
18-7-203	Pandering	18-8-611	Simulating legal process
		18-8-612	Failure to obey a juror summons
18-7-208	Promoting sexual immortality	18-8-613	Willful misrepresentation of material
18-7-302	Indecent exposure		fact on juror questionnaire
18-7-601	Dispensing violent films to minors	18-8-614	Willful harassment of juror by employer
18-8-102	Obstructing government operations	18-8-802	Duty to report use of force by peace
18-8-103	Resisting arrest		officers
18-8-104	Obstructing a peace officer, firefighter,	18-9-111	Harassment
	Emergency medical services provider, rescue	18-9-121	Ethnic intimidation
	specialist, or volunteer	18-18-404	Unlawful use of controlled substances
18-8-108	Compounding	18-18-405	Unlawful distribution, manufacturing,
18-8-109	Concealing death		dispensing, sale, or possession of a
18-8-111	False reporting to authorities		controlled substance
		18-18-406	Offenses relating to marijuana and
18-8-113	Impersonating a public servant		marijuana concentrate
18-8-114	Abuse of public records	18-18-411	Keeping, maintaining, controlling,
18-8-201	Aiding escape		renting, or making available property
18-8-204.2	Possession of contraband in the second degree		for unlawful distribution or manufacture
18-8-208	Escapes		of controlled substances

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Certification of Application and Lack of Criminal History, and Release of Information

I understand that any misstatement of fact or willful withholding of information during the application process will disqualify me, or if selected to attend, will be cause for immediate dismissal from the Western Colorado Peace Officers Academy (WCPOA). Should I be so disqualified or dismissed, I understand that I will remain liable for all charges incurred as part of the application process, and that I will not be eligible for any refund of money I paid for such things as a background investigation and a fingerprint check. If a student is dismissed after completion of a portion of the academy, the student will be receiving a tuition refund in accordance with university policy.

I authorize WCPOA and/or its staff, employees, or agents to release any and all information concerning my application to, participation in, or graduation from, WCPOA to any agency or its representatives or agents requesting such information as part of my application for employment by that agency.

Signature of Applicant		Date
Subscribed and sworn to before me this	day of	, 20
Notary Public	_ My commission ex	pires:

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WCPOA Physical Fitness Program and Standards

Colorado POST requires 24 hours of physical fitness training that is listed in the academic curriculum as a Wellness Lab. Passing this course is a requirement under the academic standards and for eligibility to take the POST exam. The WCPOA has a rigorous physical fitness program that fills this curriculum requirement and includes 27.5 hours of training. Additionally, required skills training, other course work and the daily rigors of the academy are physically demanding. A good balance of aerobic fitness, anaerobic fitness, and flexibility are essential to successfully complete the academy.

The Cooper Institute Fitness Assessment is used by the WCPOA and is consistent with industry hiring standards. This assessment is conducted as part of the application process for non-sponsored cadets and is evaluated for suitability to attend. During the academy, the fitness assessment is conducted two more times. The first assessment is administered on the first day of the academy session and translates to 5% of the cadets Wellness Lab grade. A final assessment is administered at the six-week mark and translates to 10% of the cadets Wellness Lab grade. The remaining Wellness Lab grade percentage (75%) is evaluated through participation, percentage of fitness improvement, and homework assignments.

Consistent with industry hiring standards, the Cooper assessment consists of a 1.5-mile run, followed by maximum men's military style push-ups in one minute, followed by maximum sit-ups in one minute, and then followed by a 300-meter sprint. These events are all done one right after the other with no resting in between. Push-ups and sit-ups require adherence to strict form and will not be counted as a repetition if not to standard (see description below).

Performance standards and evaluation of testing results are based on age and gender, and **the WCPOA strongly recommends a combined score at or above the 50th percentile to start the academy**. Starting the academy at a fitness level below the 50th percentile significantly increases the risk of injury and has a direct impact on overall performance and success.

Below is a chart that shows the 50th percentile expectations for each event based on age and gender.

Female	Age				
EVENT	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	
1.5 MILE	14:15	15:14	16:13	18:05	
PUSH-UPS	18	14	11	11	
SIT-UPS	35	27	22	17	
300 M SPRINT	1:04	1:14	1:26	1:26	

Male	Age					
EVENT	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59		
1.5 MILE	11:58	12:25	13:05	14:33		
PUSH-UPS	33	27	21	15		
SIT-UPS	40	36	31	26		
300 M SPRINT	0:56	0:57	1:07	1:20		

Push-up:

Timed for 1 minute, must be full-body, military style with arms wide and full-arm extensions. Body must be lowered so the arms are bent at 90 degrees & parallel to the ground. Use a 4" thick brick or object to touch your chest to help gauge. You may rest, but only in the plank position, body level - no arched back or buttocks in the air. If a knee touches the ground, you're done.

Sit-up:

Timed for 1 minute, you may have your knees bent and feet anchored. Shoulder blades must touch the ground for each repetition; Elbows must break the plane of your knees on the up movement each time. You may rest, but only in the sitting up position with your elbows at your knees.

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Driving Directions

How to get here

It's easy! I-70 is just minutes from the WCPOA, GJPD, and MCSO campuses and airport service is offered through major carriers. Bus and rail services are also available.

From Denver

Take I-70 west for 259 miles to Grand Junction, Exit 28 (24 Road). Go left through the roundabout, and turn south (left) on 24 Road to Patterson Road. Go east (left) on F Road (AKA Patterson Road) to 25 Road. Go north (left) on 25 Road to Blichmann Avenue. Turn east (right) on Blichmann Avenue.

From Utah

Take I-70 east, 24 miles past the Colorado/Utah border, to Exit 28 (24 Road). Go south (right) on 24 Road to Patterson Road. Go east (left) on F Road (AKA Patterson Road) to 25 Road. Go north (left) on 25 Road to Blichmann Avenue. Turn east (right) on Blichmann Avenue.

From Highway 50

Take Highway 50 north, which turns into 5th Street in town. Take 5th Street to North Avenue. Go west (left) on North Avenue <u>through</u> 1st Street. Shortly after 1st Street, North Avenue merges with Highway 6 & 50. Continue on Highway 6 & 50 to 25 Road. Go north (right) on 25Road <u>past</u> F Road (AKA Patterson Road) to Blichmann Avenue. Turn east (right) on Blichmann Avenue.

