

**CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RIDE ALONG PROGRAM
RULES AND GUIDELINES**

1. All persons wishing to participate in the Ride Along Program must be a minimum of 18 years old (unless parent/guardian sign a waiver and have it notarized).
2. All participants in the Ride Along Program must read, agree, and abide by all rules and guidelines and complete the Ride Along application and the "Covenant Not to Sue, Promise to Release" waiver form before the ride along. If the participant is a juvenile, the parent(s) or guardian(s) must sign the waiver and have it notarized before an approval can be granted.
3. Participants must have a valid photo ID or driver's license with them when reporting for their scheduled ride along.
4. Participants must be dressed in clothing appropriate for contact with the public (no shorts, halter tops, t-shirts, or flip-flops). If a participant shows up for their ride and are not attired appropriately, he/she will be denied participation in the ride along program.
5. Participants shall be considered an observer only, and shall be under the direct supervision of the assigned officer during the ride along.
6. Participants shall conduct themselves in a civil and courteous manner at all times.
7. Participants must wear their seat belts at all times while in the patrol car.
8. Participants must remain in the patrol car unless instructed to leave by an officer.
9. In the case of a potentially dangerous or hazardous call, participants may be dropped off at a safe location. If this occurs, the officer will give the participant specific instructions and arrange to have them picked up by another officer.
10. Participants must not become involved in any incident the officer is handling. This includes discussions of an incident with victims, witnesses, or suspects.
11. No tape recordings, cameras, or similar devices are allowed without prior approval from the Sheriff or his designee.
12. For security and safety reasons, participants are not allowed to handle or use any of the officer's equipment or the equipment in the patrol vehicle.
13. Failure to comply with any of the above listed rules and guidelines will result in the immediate termination of the ride along.

I, _____, have read, understand, and agree to follow the above rules and guidelines pertaining to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office Ride Along Program.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

(Parent/Guardian must sign when applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

**COVENANT NOT TO SUE, PROMISE TO RELEASE
RELEASE OF LIABILITY
ADULT APPLICANT'S CONSENT**

In consideration of permission which I have received to accompany one or more law enforcement officers of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, Florida, a local government, in the course of his/her duty, I the undersigned hereby release the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office, its law enforcement officers, public officials, officers, servants, and employees from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of actions which I may hereafter have on account of any and all injuries to me or to my property, or my death, arising out of or related to any happening or occurrence while I am accompanying any officer or officers of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office on duty, or incidental thereto, and for the same consideration, I promise to release, and covenant not to sue the said County and the said persons, and agree to forever hold them and such of them harmless from any such liability, claims, demands, action or causes of action. THE TERMS hereof shall be of full force and effect on the date hereof and on any other occasion when I may hereafter accompany a Calhoun County Sheriff's Office law enforcement officer or officers. I HAVE READ and understand the conditions of this program as stated above and hereby voluntarily assume all risk of loss, damage or injury to me or to my property, including death, which may be sustained while or incidental to accompany one of more Calhoun County Sheriff's Office law enforcement officers while on duty. THIS RELEASE AND AGREEMENT shall be binding upon me and my heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the said County, law enforcement officers, public officials, and persons herein designated, and their heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, assigns and successors in office.

Adult Applicant's Signature

Date

MINOR:

I/we, the undersigned, represent that I/we are the legally appointed or natural parent/guardian(s) of the above-named person who is under the age of eighteen years, that he/she is signing the below "Covenant Not to Sue, Promise to Release and Release of Liability" with our full knowledge and consent, and that I/we are joining in the execution of the same and agree to the terms thereof and do hereby find myself/ourselves in independent agreement with the same terms and provisions for myself/ourselves and my/our heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns.

Signature of Minor

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, by _____ **(name of parent/guardian)** for _____ **(name of minor)** who is personally known to me; or has produced the following identification.

(Type of identification)

Notary Signature

Notary Stamp and/or Seal

RIDE ALONG APPLICATION

Please complete the following (PLEASE PRINT):

Note: Incomplete applications will not be processed.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER:(Home) _____ (Work) _____

(Cell) _____

Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Race: _____ Social Security #: _____

Occupation or Name of School & Major Course of Study: _____

Do you have any physical or mental conditions, which might hinder your participation in this program?
Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please provide a description. _____

Hours and days of week you would prefer to ride: (No guarantee we will be able to accommodate your request.) _____

Reason for riding: _____

Have you ever ridden with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office before? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, when and with which officer? _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date, Time & Place for Ride _____

Officer Assigned: _____ **Relationship (if any)** _____

Approval: _____

_____ NCIC/FCIC _____ Records management Screening

Calhoun County Sheriff's Office
20776 Central Ave East
Blountstown, FL 32424
850-674-5049



Ride Along Application

**Calhoun County Sheriff's Office
Ride Along Program**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office Ride Along Program is to encourage community involvement in law enforcement and to educate the public by opening the lines of communication within the community by allowing interested residents to ride as passenger observers with patrol officers. The Ride Along program promotes a better understanding of the challenges, risk, and rewards of the law enforcement's role in the community. We thank you for your interest in our Ride Along Program and encourage questions, comments, and suggestions about this program and the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:

1. Visiting dignitaries or officials.
2. Law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions.
3. College or university law enforcement students residing the Calhoun County engaged in research or fulfilling project or program requirements.
4. Members of concerned adult or youth groups within Calhoun County.
5. Other members of the criminal justice system.
6. Individuals over the age of 16 and under the age of 18 who have been approved by the Sheriff with notarized documents on file.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applicants must complete the Ride Along application and submit the application to:

**Calhoun County Sheriff's Office
20776 Central Ave. E., Suite 2
Blountstown, FL 32424**

If you have any questions, please call 850-674-5049 during regular business hours, Monday-Friday.