



# Police Department

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## SHOP WITH A COP

The Auburn Police Department welcomes the opportunity to work with today's youth, particularly underprivileged children who may not have the same opportunities as others their age. Shop with a Cop is one of the ways we reach out to these children and their families. Through Shop with a Cop, children in need are able to purchase gifts for Christmas, including one needed item for themselves (such as coat, hat, clothing), as well as small gifts for other family members.

The deadline for applications is Nov. 30th, 2025.

If your child is selected to participate in the 2025 program you will receive a call with further information.

### RULES AND GUIDELINES

#### **Eligibility:**

- Any child aged 4 to 13 on the shopping day is eligible to apply.
- The child must be present on the shopping day in order to shop.
- Eligible children must reside full time within the city of Auburn, IN and not live with a custodial parent outside the city of Auburn, IN.
- A parent or guardian must accompany children on the shopping day.

#### **Applications Requirements:**

- Your application must be filled out completely and include a valid telephone number.
- You must enclose a copy of a current utility bill to show proof of residency in Auburn, IN.

#### **How it Works:**

- The event will be held in partnership with Auburn, IN Walmart entering through Lawn and Garden on December 17th, at 6:00 PM.
- During the shopping trip, children are accompanied by a representative of the Auburn Police Department, (generally a uniformed Auburn Police Officer) and given an amount of money to spend.
  - Children are encouraged to buy a needed item for themselves, such as a coat, hat, gloves or sweatshirts/sweaters, for example.
  - Children are generally also able to buy a small gift for other family members.
- The parent or a guardian of the child will be allowed to purchase 1 gift for their child(ren) to open Christmas morning. (One gift is purchased for each child.)
- If funds allow, parents are also be permitted to purchase groceries for the family.

**\*Items will not be eligible for returns.**

- See page #2 for application.

## SHOP WITH A COP APPLICATION

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Name of Responsible Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Child: (Check One) Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Best Time to Call \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Household Income:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$0 to \$9,999 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 to \$14,999 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15,000 to \$19,999 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20,000 to \$24,999  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$25,000 to \$29,999 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,000 to \$34,999 \_\_\_\_\_ \$35,000 to \$39,999 \_\_\_\_\_ Over \$40,000

Number of People Living At This Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are You Presently Working? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

• If no, please list the reason for not working:

• If yes, list employer and a company address:

Have you applied for assistance from any other Shop with a cop program?

If so, list the name of that organization:

**By completion of this application and your signature on this application, you give the Auburn Police Department the right to make inquiries with other organizations about assistance you are receiving. Your signature also gives the Auburn Police Department permission to publish pictures taken during this event.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Applications deadline is Nov. 30th, 2025**

Return Application To:

Auburn Police Department

**Shop With A Cop Program**

210 S Cedar St

PO Box 506

Auburn, IN 46706

Or by email at [Srrufner@ci.auburn.in.us](mailto:Srrufner@ci.auburn.in.us)

\*Auburn Police Department Use ONLY

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Date Applicant Notified: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No Reason for Denial: