

**QUALIFICATIONS TO A MEMBER OF
THE POLICE FORCE IN THE USA**

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THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR POLICE OFFICER.

1. Citizenship
2. Education
3. Age
4. Clean criminal record
5. Training in the Academy
6. Professional skills



CITIZENSHIP

A candidate for police must have the United States citizenship. It's not important you are an immigrant or an indigenous person.

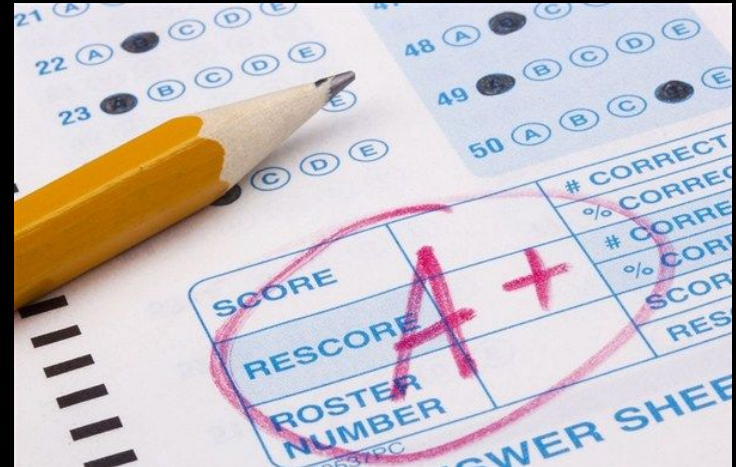


EDUCATION

Firstly, this person must have the documents of school education. Secondly, the candidate has to study at a college and have high marks or has to do his military service 2 years. Thirdly, he must pass an entrance examination (knowledge of the basic school subject, the basis of Criminal Law, Civil Law and Psychology) and a test of physical fitness.



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It is an educational institution where a youth officer will be learned the rules, laws and the specific peculiarities of working. After 6-9 months of training the youth professional will be promoted to the rank of the officer.



AGE

The police officer can be a person from 21 to 35 years.



SKILLS

1. **Brainpower** (ability to use rules in specific cases, skill of analyzing facts, interpret received information from witness, suspects and victims)
2. **Interpersonal skills** (ability of establishing contact with colleagues, managers)
3. **Police ethics** (code of honor, morality, rejection of corruption)
4. **Maturity of judgment** (ability of making decisions with help of rational judgment, such as intuition, defending own opinion and prioritization)
5. **Personal motivation to be a police officer**
6. **Self – discipline** (ability of control)
7. **Communication skill**
8. **Understanding skill** (understanding the received information)



THE TITLES

In contrast to Russia and other countries in the USA the ranks are not attributable to seniority or certain merits. 90% of police have the rank of officer and the retire with it.



THE SYSTEM OF RANKS



The systems of ranks in states have differences. For example, there is the system such as

1. Officer/detective
2. Sergeant
3. Lieutenant
4. Captain
5. Inspector
6. Chief (1-2-3-stars)
7. Chief of police
8. Assistant of Commissioner
9. Commissioner

in department of police in New York.

However, there are the intermediate ranks in some states or governments. The ranks may have an other title. Two of the highest ranks are engaged by civilian person and appointed by the mayor or the governor of state.



THE TITLES OF U.S POLICE

Title	Insignia
Chief of Department	
Bureau Chief Supervising Chief Surgeon	
Assistant Chief Assistant Chief Chaplain † Assistant Chief Surgeon	
Deputy Chief Deputy Chief Chaplain † District Surgeon	
Inspector Chaplain † Police Surgeon	
Deputy Inspector	
Captain	
Lieutenant	
Sergeant	 <i>(sleeve)</i>
Detective <i>(grades 3rd–1st)</i>	None
Police officer	
Probationary Police officer	
Recruit officer	
Cadet	

After finishing of training the graduates are promoted to the rank of the officer. The duty of them is a patrolling the streets. To move to the next stage in three years the officer needs to pass the test and get a higher education. This test is very difficult and only 5% of all candidates have success.

THE OFFICERS OR THE SERGEANTS WEAR A DARK BLUE UNIFORM.



THE LIEUTENANTS AND THE INSPECTORS WEAR LIKE THIS.



IT IS THE UNIFORM OF CHIEFS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS.





LAPD Air Support Division



LAPD CRASH



LAPD Police Explorer



LAPD Honor Guard



LAPD Metropolitan Division



LAPD Narcotics



LAPD SWAT



LAPD SWAT 49/51



LAPD Seal



LAPD Traffic Division



LAPD Training Division-Firearms Training Unit

THE POSITIONS

Sheriff (He is responsible for the area)

Vigilante (has no salary. His duty is to help to police)

Federal police (It is the most prestigious kind of the police)

Police of state (Catching of thieves, maniacs and drug dealers)

City police (activity is only on the territory of city)

THE DIVISIONS OF SPECIAL PURPOSE FOR SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS OF SPECIFIC NATURE

The modern police units often consist of the divisions of special purpose for solutions of problems of specific nature. For example, SWAT. If a person wants to get there, he must serve in the police a minimum of five years.





THE SALARY OF THE U.S POLICE

The salary in most of states is no more than 40 thousand of dollars annually. The average wage of a patrolman is 30 thousand. Then the police has some bonus for years of service and ranks. For instance, the Commissioner or other policemen who have a high position earn about 100 thousand of dollars per year.. The payment transfers from the federal budget.

