



# U.S. Secret Service Uniformed Division Officer

## Career Path

The primary mission of the Uniformed Division is to secure the White House complex.

Officers may, as their careers progress, be selected to participate in one of several specialized units including:

The Canine Unit performs security sweeps and responds to bomb threats and suspicious packages.

The Emergency Response Team provides a coordinated tactical response for the White House and other protected facilities.

The Countersniper Team utilizes observation, sighting equipment and high-performance weapons to provide a secure environment for protectees.

Officers in the Motorcade Support Unit provide motorcycle tactical support for official movements of motorcades.

The Crime Scene Search Unit photographs, collects and processes physical and latent evidence.

Officers assigned to the Office of Training serve as firearms and classroom instructors.

The Special Operations Section handles special duties and functions at the White House Complex, including conducting tours.

The Outreach Branch coordinates the recruitment of Special Agents; Uniformed Division officers; Special Officers; Administrative, Professional and Technical personnel; and, persons with disabilities.

## Training

New recruits undergo intensive training where they must successfully complete the 12-week Basic Police Training course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia or Artesia, NM. Each recruit then receives 14 weeks of specialized instruction at the Secret Service's training facility near Washington, D.C.

### The 26 weeks of training cover subjects including:

- Police Procedures
- Criminal Law
- Firearms Training
- Emergency Medicine
- Control Tactics
- Laws of Arrest
- Driver Training
- Search and Seizure
- Police and Community Relations
- Physical Fitness Training and Testing

Classroom study is supplemented by on-the-job training. Officers attend advanced in-service training programs throughout their careers.

## Qualifications

To be considered for the position of a Uniformed Division officer, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be at least 20 years of age at time of application and younger than 37 at the time of receipt of a conditional offer of employment to continue in the application process. Applicants with veteran's preference must receive a conditional offer of employment prior to reaching age 40 to continue in the application process
- Possess a current valid driver's license
- Have uncorrected vision no worse than 20/100 binocular; correctable to 20/20 in each eye (NOTE: Lasik, ALK, RK and PRK corrective eye surgeries are acceptable eye surgeries for applicants provided specific visual tests are passed. The following are the waiting periods before visual tests are conducted after the surgery: Lasik surgery—three months; PRK—six months; and ALK and RK—one year.) Applicants must meet the vision requirement at the time of application.
- Be in excellent health and physical condition
- Pass an Applicant Physical Abilities Test
- Complete interviews and pass a written examination
- Qualify for a Top Secret clearance and undergo a complete background investigation, to include driving record check, drug screening, medical and polygraph examinations
- Certify that you have registered with the Selective Service System or are exempt from having to do so, if you are a male applicant born after December 31, 1959
- The Secret Service prohibits employees from having visible body markings (including but not limited to tattoos, body art, and branding) on the head, face, neck, hand and fingers (any area below the wrist bone). If you have visible body markings, you will be required to medically remove such visible body markings at your own expense prior to entering on duty with the Secret Service.







## Conditions of Employment

Certain demands are required of all Uniformed Division officers of the U.S. Secret Service. These include, but are not limited to:

- Working long hours in undesirable conditions on short notice
- May be required to travel away from home for assignments of varying duration
- Carrying a firearm while performing duties and maintaining firearms proficiency
- Relocating to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area (reasonable moving expenses may be paid)

Initial appointment to the Uniformed Division officer position is in the Excepted Service and limited to 3 years and 120 days. Upon completion of this period, officers will either be converted to career status or separated based on the expiration of the appointment.

## Benefits

- Competitive starting salary
- Overtime is compensated at the rate of time and one-half, or through compensatory time off
- Uniforms and equipment are furnished at no cost to officers
- Employees are eligible for low-cost life insurance
- Employees and their immediate families are eligible for membership in low-cost federal health benefit plans
- Annual leave earned at the rate of 13 to 26 days per year, based on length of employment. Prior federal civilian or military service is credited, as authorized
- Sick leave accumulated at the rate of 13 days per year without limit
- Paid holidays
- Comprehensive retirement benefits. Retirement credit is granted for prior military or federal government service, as authorized
- Eligible for participation in Flexible Spending Account Program

*The U.S. Secret Service is seeking capable men and women who can meet the challenges of this mission and help carry on its proud tradition.*

*For further information about career opportunities with the U.S. Secret Service, please call the U.S. Secret Service Employment Line at 1-888-813-USSS (8777) or 202-406-5370 (TTY)*

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