



U.S. Secret Service

Investigative Protection Officer

Career Path

The U.S. Secret Service offers qualified men and women a challenging and fulfilling career and recruits personnel of the highest caliber to carry out its integrated mission.

Newly-appointed Investigative Protection Officers may be assigned to a Protection Division or a Field Office performing such duties as:

- Securing physical facilities
- Assisting in conducting security searches
- Assisting in protective advances to identify critical and vulnerable facilities or sites;
- Installing surveillance equipment and devices
- Assisting in investigative responsibilities to include physical surveillance and monitoring within the parameters of protective activities and active criminal investigations
- Preparing reports and presentations to senior level management and providing routine technical advice and guidance.

Investigative Protection Officers are usually hired at the GL-7 or GL-9 grade level, depending on individual qualifications, experience and/or education. Eligibility for promotion in the U.S. Secret Service is based upon performance. The full performance level for an Investigative Protection Officer is GS-11. Selection for promotion for positions above the GS-11 level is competitive and is governed by an internal merit promotion process.

Training

Newly appointed Investigative Protection Officers receive 12 weeks of intensive training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, GA or Artesia, NM. Each recruit also receives 9 weeks of specialized training at the Secret Service's training facility near Washington, DC.

Throughout their careers Investigative Protection Officers are regularly tested for firearms proficiency and physical fitness.

Qualifications

To be considered for the position of Investigative Protection Officer, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be at least 21 years of age at the time of application and younger than 37 at the time of receipt of a conditional offer of employment to continue in the application process; unless you have previous service in a Federal civilian law enforcement position covered by special civil service retirement provision, including early or mandatory retirement or are a preference eligible veteran
- Qualify for the GL-7 or the GL-9 grade level
- Successfully complete personal interviews
- Pass an Applicant Physical Abilities Test
- Possess a valid U.S. state motor vehicle operator's license at the time of appointment and must maintain license while employed in the position
- Complete a pre-employment medical examination (including vision, hearing, cardiovascular and mobility of extremities) by an authorized Government physician and be determined physically fit to perform strenuous and physically demanding duties. You will be required to undergo regular physical examinations and to maintain a level of physical fitness in accordance with the standards and policies of this agency.
- Possess the following visual acuity:
 1. Distant Vision must be 20/20 in each eye (monocular) corrected.
 2. Near Vision must be at least 20/40 corrected.
 3. Color Vision must be sufficient to pass either the Ishihara or the Farnsworth D-15.
- Qualify for a Top Secret security clearance and undergo a complete background investigation, to include driving record check, drug screening and polygraph examination
- 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



Conditions of Employment

Certain demands are required of all Investigative Protection Officers of the U.S. Secret Service. These include, but are not limited to:

- Working long and irregular hours including holidays, weekends and evenings, shift work, considerable physical exertion such as lifting heavy objects, crouching and crawling under or in automobiles, self-protection in harms way and defending internal and external stakeholders against a physical harm and/or attack(s).
- Traveling away from home for periods up to 30 days, and sometimes longer
- Carrying a firearm while performing duties and maintaining firearms proficiency. You will be ineligible to occupy this position if at any time you have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, unless you received a pardon or your conviction was expunged or set aside.
- Carrying out assignments in the areas of both protection and investigation
- The Secret Service prohibits employees from having visible body markings (including but not limited to tattoos, body art, and brandings) on the head, face, neck, hand and fingers (any area below the wrist bone).



Benefits

- Competitive starting salary
- Eligible to receive up to an additional 25 percent of your annual base pay (Administratively Uncontrollable Overtime (AUO))
- 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 federal military or government service, as authorized)
- Eligibility for participation in Flexible Spending Account Program (a tax-favored program offered to employees to pay for eligible out-of-pocket health care and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars)
- May be eligible to participate in the following programs: Child Care Subsidy Benefit; Student Loan Repayment; Tuition Assistance

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 (Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

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