

**UNITED STATES PRETRIAL SERVICES
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE**

Job Announcement - No. 09-06

Date: August 30, 2009

POSITION:	U.S. Pretrial Services Officer
STARTING SALARY RANGE:	\$38,833 - \$47,789 (CL 25/1 - CL 25/24)
SALARY POTENTIAL:	\$45,125 - \$87,903 (CL 27/1 - CL 28/61)
CLOSING DATE:	Friday, September 11, 2009, 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Jackson, Tennessee - some travel to the Memphis office may be required.

Salary and Benefits Information: Most positions in the United States District Court are classified and paid under the Judiciary Salary Plan or the Court Personnel System which combines General Schedule (GS) grades and pay. Salary is set commensurate with experience. Federal benefits are available for most positions according to federal guidelines. The most suitable applicants will be invited for a personal interview at their own expense. The Judiciary does not have funds available for relocation expenses. A second interview may be required. This position is subject to mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer participation for payment of net pay. **Prior to appointment, the selectee considered for this position will undergo a medical examination and drug screening. Upon successful completion of the medical examination and drug screening, the selectee may then be appointed provisionally, pending the outcome of a full-field Office of Personnel Management (OPM) background investigation. In addition, as conditions of employment, incumbent will be subject to ongoing random drug screening, updated background investigations every five years and, as deemed necessary by Management for reasonable cause, may be subject to subsequent fitness-for-duty evaluations. The medical requirements and the essential job functions derived from the medical guidelines for pretrial services officers, probation officers and officer assistants are available for public review at <http://www.uscourts.gov/>.** By Statute, employees must be a citizen of the United States or of a country which the United States has a mutual defense treaty. Work performance is of a confidential nature and is protected under the Pretrial Services Confidentiality regulations issued under Title 18 U.S. Code, Section 3153(c)(2).

The incumbent shall be required to train for six weeks at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Charleston, South Carolina.

THE DISTRICT

The Western District of Tennessee geographically consists of a 22-county area. A satellite office is located in Jackson, Tennessee.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

A United States Pretrial Services Officer conducts investigations, and makes recommendations on the type of bail and conditions to be met by the defendant if released. Additionally, a Pretrial Services Officer supervises defendants released on bail to monitor and intervene with defendants' compliance to conditions of release.

Representative Duties

- Gathers and verifies background information concerning persons charged with a federal criminal offense when they are arrested or summoned to court.
- Evaluates information and prepares a report for the judge that assesses non-appearance and danger to the community. A recommendation regarding bail and/or release or detention of defendant is included in the report.
- Supervises defendants who are released with supervision conditions.
- Notifies the court and the U.S. Attorney of any violations.
- Develops a supervision plan and maintains a detailed record of case activity.

This list is intended to reflect typical duties and does not include all duties or special work assignments.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must have completed a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in a field of academic study which provides evidence of the capacity to understand and apply the legal requirements and human relations skills involved in the position. For placement above the starting salary of \$38,833 the successful applicant must have at least one year of specialized experience which is progressively responsible experience in such fields as pretrial services, adult and juvenile probation, parole, corrections, criminal investigations, or work in substance/addiction treatment gained after completion of their degree. Experience as a police officer, FBI agent, customs agent, marshal or similar position does not meet the requirements of specialized experience. The successful applicant must have good writing skills and have above-average computer knowledge and skills. Each candidate selected for an interview will be administered a typing skills grammar test.

Outstanding scholastic achievements, such as an overall "B" grade point average, standing in the upper third of the class, and election to membership in certain honor societies may be substituted for one year of specialized experience.

Preference may be given to applicants who have more than three years specialized experience and a Master's Degree.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM ENTRY AGE

The duties of Pretrial Services Officers require the investigation and management of alleged criminal offenders who present physical danger to officers and to the public. In the supervision, treatment, and control of these offenders, these duties require moderate to arduous physical exercise, including prolonged periods of walking and standing, physical dexterity and coordination necessary for officer safety, and use of self-defense tactics. On a daily basis, officers face unusual mental and physical stress because they are subject to danger and possible harm during frequent, direct contact with individuals who are suspected of committing Federal offenses.

Because officers must effectively deal with physical attacks and are subject to moderate to arduous physical exertion, applicants must be physically capable. Officers must possess, with or without corrective lenses, good distance vision in at least one eye and the ability to read normal size print. Normal hearing ability, with or without a hearing aid, is also required. Any severe health problems, such as physical defects, disease, and deformities that constitute employment hazards to the applicant or others, may disqualify an applicant. Examples of health problems that may be disqualifying are an untreated hernia, cardiovascular disorders, serious deformities or disabilities of the extremities, mental health disorders, fainting and/or seizure disorders, metabolic disorders, bleeding disorders, pulmonary disorders, and marked speech abnormalities.

First-time appointees to positions covered under law enforcement officer retirement provisions must not have reached their 37th birthday at the time of appointment. Applicants 37 or over who have previous law enforcement officer experience under Civil Service Retirement system or the Federal Employee's Retirement System and who have either a subsequent break in service or intervening service in a non-law enforcement officer position may have their previous law enforcement experience subtracted from their age to determine whether they meet the maximum age requirement.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and AO78, [Application for Judicial Branch Federal Employment](#), to: U.S. Pretrial Services, 459 Federal Building, 167 N. Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103, or Ed Jones Federal Building, 109 S. Highland Ave., Room B-6, Jackson, TN 38301. Application form is available at www.tnwd.uscourts.gov, or may be obtained from the U.S. Pretrial Services Office.

To be considered for this position, requested documents must be received at the U.S. Pretrial Services office no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2009. Incomplete packets will not be considered.

More than one position may be filled from this announcement.

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