

General Requirements – All Applicants

1. Be a United States Citizen;
2. 21 years of age or older;
3. High School Diploma or equivalent;
4. No felony convictions;
5. Be physically able to perform the duties of a Deputy Sheriff;
6. 20/40 vision in each eye correctable to 20/20 and not color blind;
7. Physical/Medical Examination if requested by the Commission;
8. Successfully pass all testing requirements (written, physical & interview);
9. Successfully pass a thorough background investigation.

Additional Requirements – Patrol Officers

In addition to the General Requirements, Patrol Applicants must meet one of the following additional criteria unless they are applying as a qualified Lateral Transfer Applicant:

1. At least 30 credit hours of college level course work in law enforcement, criminal justice or related field of study.
2. Employed as a full-time certified law enforcement officer within the last 2 years.
3. Two years of military service within the last five years, with an honorable discharge or currently serving;
4. Certified part-time law enforcement officer with at least 2080 hours of experience within the last 4 years.
5. Two years employment as a Knox County Correctional Officer and at least 15 hours of completed college level courses.

Lateral Transfer Requirements

Applicants who meet the General Requirements may apply as a Lateral Transfer upon meeting the following criteria:

1. Employed full time with current agency for at least 6 months; or
2. Separated from agency for no more than 6 months.
3. Patrol Officer - full time certified police officer in the State of Illinois, or
 - a. Other state, or
 - b. Federal law enforcement agency
 - c. Certification approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.
4. Correctional Officers – full time certified correctional officer in the State of Illinois only.
5. All Lateral Transfer applicants are exempt from participating in the Physical Agility/Power Test & Written Examination.