

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the minimum requirements for police applicants?

For Police Recruit, the entry level position for the Downers Grove Police Department: applicants must be U.S. citizen, 21 to 35 years of age, 20/20 vision (correctable), possess a valid Illinois driver's license and Associate Degree or 60 hours of college credit.

Where do I get an application?

Interested applicants should fill out the Police Application Notification Form on the recruitment website and we will email when applications are available.

What shifts do officer work?

Officers in patrol work 12 hour shifts from 0600 to 1800 and 1800 to 0600. We have permanent and rotating positions. Specialty positions work 8 or 10 hour shifts that vary by assignment.

Do I have to pass a physical to be hired?

Yes, you are required to have your POWER test certification prior to the written test. See links for POWER test card information

[NIPSTA Power test](#)

[Joliet Junior College Power Test](#)

[Triton College Power Test](#)

[Prepare for the Power Test](#)

Where is the police academy and how long does it last?

Recruits hired by the Downers Grove Police Department will attend the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on the College of DuPage Campus in Glen Ellyn. The academy is 14 weeks.

Will I get paid during the police academy?

Yes, recruits will be paid the starting salary during the first year of their employment.

Does the Downers Grove Police Department have a residency restriction?

Officers hired do not have to live within the Village of Downers Grove.