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NYS Court System Seeks Applicants for Court Officers Statewide

NEW YORK—The New York State court system is seeking applicants for NYS Court Officer positions across the State, with an urgent need in its Upstate districts. The court system will be administering the NYS Court Officer-Trainee Examination—the first step toward becoming a NYS Court Officer-Trainee—at test centers statewide between April 15, 2020 and June 10, 2020. **Online exam applications must be filed by Wednesday, February 26, 2020.**

New York State Court Officers, who constitute one of the largest groups of law enforcement officers nationwide, are peace officers responsible for providing law enforcement, security services and maintaining order in New York State's 1,500-plus courtrooms and building facilities. NYS Court Officers have exciting opportunities to grow and advance through the competitive testing process or by joining specialized teams or departments. Court Officers may also advance as security managers and coordinators responsible for the security operations of courts and districts.

The **starting salary** for Court Officer-Trainees for 2020 is **\$51,113 to \$55,413**, depending on location. After two years, Court Officer-Trainees are automatically promoted to the Court Officer title. Along with competitive pay, other benefits include:

- A regular work schedule
- 20 paid vacation days the first year (increasing to 27 paid vacation days after seven years)
- 12 paid holidays annually
- Excellent health insurance and retirement benefits

To qualify to become a Court Officer in New York State you must:

- Take the NYS Court Officer-Trainee Exam (JG-16)
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- At time of appointment to the Court Officers Academy, candidate must be at least 20½ years of age, a New York State resident, a US citizen and have a valid NYS driver's license. (Court Officer-Trainees undergo four months of basic training, including physical, tactical and legal instruction, safety and weapons training.)

Information about the exam/application process is available at:

<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/careers/COT-2020.shtml>

Sign up to receive a link for the application by texting “OFFICER” to #77222.

To learn more about New York State court system career opportunities, go to:

<http://ww2.nycourts.gov/careers/index.shtml>.

The New York State Unified Court System is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender (including pregnancy and gender identity or expression), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, age, membership in an employee organization, parental status, military service or other non-merit factor.

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