



CORPUS CHRISTI POLICE DEPARTMENT MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Age

Applicants for Police Officer shall be at least 20 years of age. Provided however, no applicant shall be admitted to a police academy unless they will be at least 21 years of age on the projected academy graduation date. Applicants must not have reached 45 years of age prior to a conditional offer of employment.

Education

Police Officer applicants shall have graduated from high school **or** received a certificate of equivalency for successful completion of the General Educational Development Test. Documentation must indicate high school graduating level and be accompanied with 12 successfully completed college hours from an accredited college/university **or** an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States after at least 24 months of active duty service.

Citizenship

The City of Corpus Christi requires that a Police Officer candidate be a United States citizen.

Residency

Police Officers may live outside the City limits of Corpus Christi, Texas, but must reside in such a location as to be able to reach City Hall within sixty (60) minutes by traveling in an automobile at posted speeds in ordinary weekday traffic.

Background

Corpus Christi Police Department Officers are entrusted with responsibility to keep our cities safe from crime and corruption. Therefore, a history of ethical and moral behavior is of the utmost importance. Your background will be looked at very closely. Candidates who have a history of unethical or immoral behavior will not be hired. You will be subjected to an intensive background evaluation, which will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Your past behavior and the choices you have made must demonstrate positive traits that will support your candidacy for Police Officer and reflect favorably on your character.
- You must have a history of lawful conduct.
- You must possess high standards of honesty and integrity as demonstrated by your dealings with individuals and organizations. Falsifying, misrepresenting, or intentionally omitting information on any document or during the selection process will be cause for my disqualification and removal from the hiring process.
- You must respect the rights of all people and have an appreciation for the diversity that characterizes Corpus Christi. A history of domestic violence, physical altercations, or discourteous, abusive, or violent treatment of others may indicate a lack of self-discipline, unwillingness or inability to cooperate, or a disregard for the rights of others.
- You must have a history of making responsible choices regarding the use of drugs and alcohol.
- Your employment and military (if applicable) histories must demonstrate the motivation and success-orientation needed to succeed as a Police Officer.
- Your financial and driving records must demonstrate responsible decisions and appropriate behavior.

To help you determine whether your background may be suitable for the position of Police Officer, please complete the Applicant Eligibility Questionnaire form. You will be contacted by phone or e-mail from our Backgrounds Division to inform you of your next step in the process.

The City of Corpus Christi will not discriminate against any applicant or employee based on race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, military status, citizenship, work related injury or illness, disability, or genetic information.