

Personal History Questionnaire Instructions

Applications will only be accepted and/or considered from individuals that possess 60 college credits with a minimum GPA of 3.0 from a regionally accredited college and/or Individuals with 3 years of consecutive full time police officer experience.

The personal history questionnaire is a vital step in the hiring process. Please take due care in completing the questionnaire with exacting detail. Every section must be completed with no errors or omissions. Applicants are cautioned that any omission or misleading information is immediate grounds for removal from the hiring process.

The personal history questionnaire must be completed by the applicant. The questionnaire can be typed or hand-printed in black ink. Applicants must include the documents outlined below with their application. (Copies only. Do not include originals as they will not be returned.)

Please ensure the following documents are included in the order listed:

- 1. Recent Photograph (taken within the last 90 days)
- 2. Copy of Birth Certificate
- 3. Copy of State Driver's License
- 4. Copy of POST Class "A" License
- 5. Police Academy Certificate
- 6. Summary of Advanced Police Training (Not Copies of Certificates)
- 7. DD-214 Long Form (if applicable)
- 8. Student Copy of College Transcript
- 9. Copies of 3 police reports the applicant has authored

<u>Incomplete applications will not be considered</u>. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Colonel Steven James, Chief of Police at 636-498-6464, Ext. 400.

Thank you for considering the Cottleville Police Department.



Mission

Defend, protect and preserve the quality of life in Cottleville.

Vision

The Cottleville Police Department is committed to providing quality police service to our community with the highest level of professionalism and integrity. We dedicate ourselves to proactively solving problems, preventing, and fighting crime, and promoting a higher quality of life by working in partnership with the community.

Core Values:

Reverence for the Law

Unwavering support of the freedoms and rights guaranteed to all persons in the Constitution Integrity in All We Say and Do

A pledge to hold ourselves to the highest legal, moral and ethical standards

Respect for People

We believe in treating every person with dignity and respect

Excellence through Continuous Improvement

We will strive to be at the "tip of the spear", leading change, never satisfied with the status quo

Personal Courage

Ever ready to face fear, danger or adversity both physical and mental



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PERSONAL The following information is requested of you for verification and contact purposes:

1. Your Name (please print or type)

Last	First		Middle	
Other names (including nicknam	nes) you have used or	been known by:		
Please list address at which y Number Street	ou can be contacted. City		State	Zip Code
3. Please list two local telephone you can be contacted and the ho you will be available at these nu	ours during which	() Hrs. during which can be contacted:		ng which you contacted:
4. Birth date (Month) (Day) (Year) 6. Social Security Number		lied for citizenship. C YES □ NO	can you provide such	documentation?
	In accordance with the SSN will be used for ide obtained.)	entification purposes		
For the purposes of identification, p Height Weight	<u>'</u>	ng:	Evo Color	
Height Weight	Hall Color		Eye Color	
Scars, tattoos, or other distinguishing	ng marks:			
RELATIVES AND REFER During the course of the background for the position of peace officer. Inqu	l investigation, persons wirries will be confined to jo	ob-relevant matters.		
8. Please supply the appropriate int				
If living, name of your:	Address where person (Include City, State, and		Telephone at which contacted	n person can be
Father	() Home () Work	() Other	() Home () Wo	ork () Other
Mother	() Home () Work	() Other	() Home () Wo	ork () Other
Father-in-Law	() Home () Work	,	() Home () Wo	ork () Other
Mother-in-Law	() Home () Work	()		ork () Other
Spouse	() Home () Work	()	() Home () Wo	ork () Other
Former Spouse (s)	() Home () Work	() Other	() Home () Wo	ork () Other



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RELATIVES AND REFERENCES (Continued)

If living, name of your:	Address where person can be contacted (Include City, State, and Zip Code	Telephone at which person can be contacted
Spouse (s) Continued	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
Brother (s) and Sister (s)	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
Step-Mother	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
Step-Father	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
Step-brother(s) and Step-sister(s)	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
Other relatives with whom you	have a close personal relationship (include	dina children)
Relationship	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
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Below, please list those individua your 15 th birthday.) Exclude family	ls with whom you have resided during the last members.	10 years (list no information prior to
	() Home () Work () Other	() Home () Work () Other
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RELATIVES AND REFERENCES (Continued)

10. In the space below, please list			knowledge of yo	ou and your qualifications.		
Exclude relatives and former emp			0 ,	, ,		
Name:	Address where person ca (Include City, State, and		d Telephone contacted	Telephone at which person can be contacted		
	() Home () Work () Other	() Home	() Work () Other		
	() Home () Work () Other	() Home	() Work () Other		
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EDUCATION						
11. The Commission on Peace Ordiploma or its equivalent. Please is appropriate boxes. ☐ I possess a high school diplor ☐ I possess a G.E.D. (General E☐ I possess a two-year college of I possess a four-year college of I possess a four-year college of I possess 60 college credits w	ndicate your current situation na from a U.S. Institution. Educational Development) te legree or university degree	n with regard t	possess a Mas possess a Doct have a POST " am currently er	ent by checking one of the ter's Degree		
12. Please indicate below all the sinvestigation, persons who have k	nown you in a learning envi					
records may be made in conjunct	on with those contacts.	Dates Att	ended	1		
Name of School	Name of School (city and state)			School References (teachers, counselors, etc.)		
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EDUCATION (continued)

13. Have you ever been susp secondary schools include tw formal education beyond the	າo and four-year colleges, ເ			
☐ YES ☐ NO If "yes", please explain (inclu	de school, date, and circur	nstances).		
DECIDENCE				
RESIDENCE Individuals who have become helpful in providing useful infor	mation for the background	investigation.	_	
14. Please list all of your residence Begin with your most current		ears (list no in	formation prior	to your 15 th birthday.)
Address of Residence		Dates At		If rented, give name & address of the person
Address of Residence	City, State & Zip Code	From Month/Year	To Month/Year	responsible for the collection of rent.



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EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

15. Beginning with your most current employment, please list all jobs (including part-time, temporary, and voluntary positions) you have held in the past 15 years. (For the purposes of this personal history questionnaire, volunteer work should be included as employment.) For identification and verification, please indicate the nature of the activity, i.e. full-time, part-time, or voluntary. If you have had intervening periods of military service or unemployment, please list those periods in sequence in the spaces provided.

Dates of Employment	Name and Address of Employer	Name of Supervisor
From To Month/Year Month/Year	Name: Address:	
		Name (s) of co-worker(s)
☐ Full-time	Telephone Number: ()	
☐ Part-time ☐ Voluntary	Title or duties (for identification purposes)	
Reason for leaving		
☐ Military Service ☐	Not employed From: Month/Year/	To: Month/Year /
Dates of Employment	Name and Address of Employer	Name of Supervisor
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From To Month/Year Month/Year	Name:	
/	Address:	Name (s) of co-worker(s)
☐ Full-time	Telephone Number: ()	
☐ Part-time ☐ Voluntary	Title or duties (for identification purposes)	
Reason for leaving		
☐ Military Service ☐	Not employed From: Month/Year /	To: Month/Year /



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EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT (continued)

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From To Month/Year Month/Year	Name: Address:	Name (s) of co-worker(s)
☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Voluntary	Telephone Number: () Title or duties (for identification purposes)	
Reason for leaving:		
☐ Military Service ☐	Not employed From: Month/Year To	o: Month/Year /
Dates of Employment	Name and Address of Employer	Name of Supervisor
From To Month/Year Month/Year///	Name: Address:	Name (s) of co-worker(s)
☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Voluntary	Telephone Number: () Title or duties (for identification purposes)	
Reason for leaving		
☐ Military Service ☐	Not employed From: Month/Year To	o: Month/Year /
Dates of Employment	Name and Address of Employer	Name of Supervisor
From To Month/Year Month/Year	Name: Address:	Name (s) of co-worker(s)
☐ Full-time ☐ Part-time ☐ Voluntary	Telephone Number: () Title or duties (for identification purposes)	
Reason for leaving Military Service	Not employed From: Month/Year To	o: Month/Year



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EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT (continued)

Dates of Employment	Name and Address of Employer	Name of Supervisor
From To Month/Year Month/Year —/// — Full-time — Part-time — Voluntary	Name: Address: Telephone Number: () Title or duties (for identification purposes)	Name (s) of co-worker(s)
Reason for leaving Military Service Dates of Employment	Not employed From: Month/Year T Name and Address of Employer	o: Month/Year / Name of Supervisor
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From To Month/Year Month/Year	Name: Address:	Name (s) of co-worker(s)
☐ Full-time	Telephone Number: ()	
☐ Part-time ☐ Voluntary	Title or duties (for identification purposes)	
Reason for leaving		
☐ Military Service ☐	Not employed From: Month/Year T	o: Month/Year /
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From To Month/Year Month/Year —/// Full-time	Name: Address: Telephone Number: ()	Name (s) of co-worker(s)
☐ Part-time	Title or duties (for identification purposes)	
☐ Voluntary		
Reason for leaving		1
☐ Military Service ☐	Not employed From: Month/Year T	o: Month/Year /



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EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT (continued)

16. Would any problem result if your present employer were contacted during the background investigation? Yes No If no, when should such contact be made?
17. If you have had no prior employment, please explain in the space below.
18. Have you had any extended work absences for reason other than earned vacations? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain. (Include when, name of employer, and why).
19. Have you ever been fired, asked to resign, or resigned under an active disciplinary investigation from any place of employment? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please give details. (Include when, where, and circumstances).
20. Have you ever been either a successful or unsuccessful candidate for another position requiring peace officer powers? If yes, please give details. (Include when, name of agency, and circumstances).



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MILITARY SERVICE

21. If you are male and	under	age 26, please	provide the follo	owing:				
Selective Service Numl	oer	Approxima	te Date of Regi	stration	Address	at Ti	me of Regi	stration
22. Have you ever serv	ed in t	he armed forces	, National Guard	l, or militar	y reserves?		□ Yes □	No
If yes, please suppl	y the f	following informa	ition:					
Branch of Service	Se	rvice Number	Dates of	of Service		Type of Discharge		
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				_to				
23. Are you currently pa	articipa	ating in any milita	ary reserve or Na	ational Gua	ard program?)	□ Yes □	No
24. Have you ever been		, , ,	dicial or non-jud	icial discipl	inary action	while		•
National Guard, or r	nilitary	reserves?					□ Yes □	⊐ No
If yes, please give deta	ils. (In	clude branch of	service, when, v	vhere, and	circumstand	ces).		
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25. Past commanding of	officers	s or military acqu	uaintances are p	otential so	urces of rele	vant	information	<u> </u>
pertaining to your back								
information about you.	1							
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Name		Contact A	ddress	Conta	ct Telephon	е	From	То



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FINANCIAL

26. The management of personal finances is relevant to an individual's qualifications for the position of peace officer. Therefore, please fill in the financial questionnaire below. Be complete and accurate. The amount of indebtedness will not be used in evaluation of your qualifications, but rather the behavior exhibited in meeting your financial obligations will be considered.

CURRENT MONTHLY INCOME			CURRENT MONTHLY EXPENDITURES		
Monthly Salary Spouse's Salary	\$		Real Estate (mortgage) payment(s) Rent	\$	
Other monthly income – Describe:			Other monthly payments – Describe:		
			Estimated monthly cost of living (including utilities, food, gasoline, home and car maintenance, entertainment, etc.) and any other obligations.		
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME	\$		TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENDITURES	\$	

CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIE	S	
Savings	\$	Real Estate Indebtedness	\$	
Checking		Long-term Loans Charge Accounts		
Real Estate		Auto Loans		
Stocks and Bonds Life Insurance (cash value of whole life policy)		Other Liabilities – Describe		
Other Assets – Describe:				



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TOTAL ASSETS \$		TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	
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FINANCIAL (continued)

27. Please supply more detailed information about your charge accounts, contracts, or other financial liabilities.				
Name of Firm	Address	Account Number		
28. Have you ever filed for order	eclared bankruptcy?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
If yes, please give details. (Include when, where, why).			
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	been turned over to a collection agency? (Include when, firms involved, circumstances).	☐ Yes ☐ No		
ii yes, piease give details. (indude when, iims involved, diredinstances).			
30. Have you ever had purchas	cad goods rangesassad?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
	(Include when, firms involved, circumstances).			
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FINANCIAL (continued)

31. Have your wages ever been garnished?

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	delinquent on income or other tax μetains. (Include when, where, why).	payments?
LEGAL		
	en arrested or convicted for any crim	ne (excluding traffic citations), please give the
Approx. Date	Police Agency	Circumstances
	placed on court probation as an adetails. (Include when, where, why).	ult? ☐ Yes ☐ No
35. Were you ever requi		t for an act which would have been a crime if
_	etails (Include when, where, why).	□ Yes □ No



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LEGAL (continued)

_	reported to a law enforcem etails. (Include date, law enf	•	•	-
	e you ever been involved as letails. (Include when, where			
				n investigation of your driving se supply the following
38. Missouri driver's lice	ense number:			Expiration Date
Name under which I	icense was granted:			
39. Please list other sta	tes where you have been lice	ensed to	o operate a motor v	ehicle.
State:	State:	State)	State:
Name under which License was granted:	Name under which license was granted:		ne under which nse was granted:	Name under which license was granted:
	refused a driver's license by n. (Include when, where, wh		ate?	□ Yes □ No



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MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION (continued)

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41. Missouri law require	es that operators and o	owners of moto	or vehicles	s be covered by a	automobile liability
Company	e, please list the current liability insu Address		Policy Number		Date of Expiration
42. Please list all traffic	citations (exclude par	king citations)	l you have	received within t	he last 5 years.
Nature of Violation	Location (City)	Approxim	ate Date	Indicate whethe	r fined or action taken
43. Have you ever been	n involved as a driver i details for each accider		cle accide		5 years? Yes □ No
Date	Location			□ Injury	☐ Non-injury
Police Investigation ☐ Yes ☐ No	Police Agency			,	
Date	Location			☐ Injury	☐ Non-injury
Police Investigation ☐ Yes ☐ No	Police Agency				
Date	Location	Location		□ Injury	☐ Non-injury
Police Investigation ☐ Yes ☐ No	Police Agency			1	
Date	Location			□ Injury	☐ Non-injury
Police Investigation ☐ Yes ☐ No	Police Agency			- I	



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MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATI		
44. If there is anything you wish to dis	cuss about your driving re	cord, please use the space below.
45. Has your license ever been suspe If yes, please give details (Include	•	
GENERAL INFORMATION		
46. Have you ever been refused insur If yes, please explain. (Include cor		
47. Have you ever applied for a permi	it to carry a concealed wea	·
If yes, please provide the following	g information:	☐ Yes ☐ No
Permit granted? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Date	Name of law enforcement agency



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PERSONAL DECLARATIONS

EROOMAL DEGLARATIONS	
48. Describe your frequency and extent of alcohol consumption:	
49. Have you ever used marijuana or any other non-prescribed drug? If yes, please explain.	□ Yes □ No
50. Have you ever taken prescription medication that was NOT prescribed to you? If yes, please explain.	☐ Yes ☐ No
51. Have you ever given a drug that was prescribed to you to any other person for ar If yes, please explain.	ny reason? □ Yes □ No
52. Are you currently taking any prescription medication or approved for medical marilf yes, please list the medication and what it is prescribed for.	ijuana use?□ Yes □ No
53. Do you have any religious or other beliefs that would prohibit you from doing any	duties of a police
officer?	duties of a police
54. Is there any reason that would inhibit your ability to act as a police officer? (i.e., w	vorkina niahts
weekends, or variations).	□ Yes □ No
55. Have you ever done anything considered "illegal" for which you have not been ca	ught? 🗆 Yes 🗆 No
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I hereby certify that all statements made in this personal history questionnaire are tru understand that any misstatement of material facts will be subject to disqualification of	
Signature in Full D	ate Completed



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WORK CLIMATE

56. The Cottleville Police Department is organized in a para-military fashion with a strict chain of command
that requires strict obedience to the organization and mission. This type of environment is <u>not well suited</u> for
every candidate. Describe why you think you would enjoy working in this setting:
57. Police Officers who are passionate about the mission of "policing" are those that tend to be most successful in Cottleville. Typical behaviors and requirements associated with this passion are: Ability to respond to work from an off-duty posture, ability to change schedule(s) at the last minute, a desire to bring new skill sets to the agency (and then utilize same), willingness to place the needs of the agency a priority over personal needs, positive personalities who recognize the potential advantages of working in a small agency and willing to look past the disadvantages of same. Describe why you think you would be well suited to succeed in this work environment and provide examples of how you already exhibit this type of behavior:

WORK CLIMATE CONTINUED
58. The Cottleville Police Department is not interested in screening applicants who merely "need a job" and are applying at multiple agencies in hopes that "someone" will hire them. To that end, please describe in specific detail why you want to work for the Cottleville Police Department, why you think you would thrive in the Cottleville Police Department and long-term career goal(s) with the Cottleville Police Department
59. The Cottleville Police Department takes great pride serving the citizens of the City of Cottleville. If you were employed as a police officer at another agency, please describe in specific details how that agency failed to meet your needs as an employee. What expectations of yours were not met? What steps did you take to improve the agency? What would you change if you possessed the authority to implement change?
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READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: The information in this personal history questionnaire contains true, complete, and accurate statements. I understand that withholding any information, falsification, or misrepresentation of any information in this booklet will result in disqualification.
Signature of Applicant Date