

Frequently Asked Questions for Becoming a Kentucky State Trooper

Q. Where do I get an application and what do I do with it when it is completed?

A. The application form is on the Kentucky State Police website at <http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/recruit/process.html>. You may download the application, print and sign it and have it notarized and mail it, along with the required documents, to KSP Headquarters, Recruitment Branch, 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort, KY 40601.

Q. What are the required documents that I need to submit to apply?

- Notarized cadet application
- Birth Certificate (copy) *hospital copies will not be accepted
- Operator's License (copy)
- High School Diploma or GED Certificate (copy)

Q. What do I do if I cannot find my high school diploma and the school does not keep copies of the diploma?

A. You may request a copy of your high school transcript from the school and if it includes the graduation date we will accept this in lieu of the diploma.

Q. What if I'm not able to find my birth certificate?

A. You may contact the Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics for information on obtaining a birth certificate. The website address is <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/vital/>

Q. I will not be 21 years of age by June 23, 2017, but will be soon. Can I still apply?

A. Yes, provided you will be 21 years of age by the time you graduate the academy. The 2018 class will graduate mid to late 2018.

Q. I am currently enrolled in college, but I don't have 60 semester hours yet. Can I still apply?

A. Yes, provided you will complete 60 semester hours by the end of the 2018 fall semester. Include a transcript that shows your current hours completed with your application.

Q. When is the deadline to apply?

A. The deadline for receiving applications is June 23, 2017.

Q. How soon will I hear something after I apply?

A. Once we receive your application and determine you meet the minimum requirements, we will contact you via email within a couple of weeks and provide you information on upcoming testing dates.

Q. Can you tell me about the steps in the selection process?

A. The KSP selection process takes six to eight months to complete. Steps in the selection process include:

1. Submission of a complete KSP application.
2. Written exam and physical test.
3. Oral interview
4. Polygraph examination
5. Background investigation

Q. What do I have to do to take the test?

A. You must meet the minimum requirements and submit your application no later than June 23, 2017.

Q. When and where will the written test be given?

A. The written test will be given at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky. A second testing site at KSP headquarters in Frankfort may also be utilized.

Q. Is there a study guide for the written test?

A. Yes, there is a study guide available on the recruitment page. The study guide contains the types of questions that will be on the actual test. Click [here](#) to access the study guide.

Q. What does the physical test involve?

A. The physical test phase consists of five individual events. Click here to view the physical fitness info
http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/recruit/pdf/Physical_Test_info_sheet_2013.pdf

Q. When will the next cadet class start?

A. The next cadet class is scheduled to start in early 2018, although the specific start date has not been determined.

Q. Where is the cadet academy and how long is it?

A. The KSP Academy is located in Frankfort, Kentucky and the length of the training is 24 weeks. Cadets report to the academy on Sundays and are in training and reside at the academy each week until they are dismissed on Fridays.

Q. Are cadets paid during the academy?

A. Yes, KSP provides a salary, lodging, meals and study materials for each cadet during academy training.

Q. What is the starting pay of a cadet?

A. The starting pay is \$2,870.16 per month during academy training. Upon graduation this salary increases to \$3,157/month (\$37,886 annually). Troopers also receive a \$4,000 annual training stipend. All uniforms, equipment and weapons are provided. Members are also afforded a take-home patrol car privilege.

Q. I have a tattoo; will these disqualify me from the application process?

A. It depends on the location of the tattoo. According to KSP policy, candidates cannot have tattoos or body piercings visible while wearing an agency uniform. The uniform that exposes the most skin is the summer uniform, which is a short sleeve shirt and long pants. Tattoos that are visible in the uniform shirt are usually below the midpoint of the upper arm may be grounds for disqualification. The nature of the tattoo is insignificant regarding the enforcement of this policy. Other areas of concern would include the neck, head and hands. Typically, agency uniforms cover most other areas. All candidates with tattoos in these areas will be screened by agency personnel prior to the written exam. There are no waivers to this policy.

Q. How many positions are open for trooper at this time?

A. We can start up to 90 cadets in an academy.

Q. Where will I be assigned when I graduate the Academy?

A. There is a need for troopers all over the state. After graduation you could be assigned to any of the 16 KSP Posts. Cadets choose their assignment based on their academic ranking in the class.

Q. How soon can I transfer to another post or specialty assignment?

A. Each trooper must remain at his/her initial assignment for a minimum period of one (1) year before being eligible for a transfer to another Post Location. All

Troopers work the road for three (3) years before being eligible for any specialty assignments.

Q. How much are the health insurance premiums for state employees?

A. Several plans are available for state employees and their families. Visit the Kentucky Employee Health Plan website at <https://personnel.ky.gov/Pages/healthinsurance.aspx> for information on plan rates and coverage.

Q. Is there a probationary period for cadets that graduate from the Academy?

A. Yes. Upon graduation from the Academy, Troopers shall be on probation for a period of one (1) year from the official date of graduation from the State Police Academy and may be dismissed from employment at any time during the probationary period, with or without cause.