

**SELF ASSESSMENT
UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE - UNIFORMED DIVISION OFFICER**

Take Command of Your Career! – Apply to the US Secret Service.

This personal self-assessment tool is a series of questions which will help you make an informed decision about whether being a Uniformed Division Officer is the right career for you.

First, ask yourself: “Would I enjoy....

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| 1. Work that involves physical and mental challenges? | | YES | NO |
| 2. Work that is exciting, and rewarding? | YES | NO | |
| 3. Forming lifelong friendships with an elite group of people? | | YES | NO |
| 4. Protecting the nation’s highest elected officials and visiting world leaders? | | YES | NO |
| 5. Working in the most elite law enforcement organization in the world? | | YES | NO |
| 6. Working on a team? | | YES | NO |
| 7. Working outdoors? | | YES | NO |
| 8. Detecting potentially dangerous items or weapons, and preventing them from being brought into a secured area? | | YES | NO |
| 9. Controlling access to protected facilities including the White House and Vice President’s residence? | | YES | NO |
| 10. Having a career that is more of a way of life than a job? | | YES | NO |

Next, ask yourself: “Would I be willing to...

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| 1. Work irregular and unscheduled hours and overtime, including shift work, weekends, nights and holidays? | | YES | NO |
| 2. Wear a prescribed uniform and conform to established grooming standards? | | YES | NO |
| 3. Attend a rigorous 24-week physical and academic training program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center near Brunswick, Georgia and specialized training at the Secret Service academy in Laurel, MD? | | YES | NO |
| 4. Be exposed to all kinds of weather? | | YES | NO |
| 5. Accept a job requiring me to execute orders or follow policies that may conflict with my personal or religious customs (for example, religious customs which may require me to wear special clothing or head-gear)? | | YES | NO |
| 6. Relocate to the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area? | | YES | NO |
| 7. Interact with people who may be very angry or resentful towards a protectee? | | YES | NO |
| 8. Travel in support of Presidential, Vice Presidential and foreign Heads of state/government missions? | | YES | NO |
| 9. Arrest or assist in the arrest of individuals in violation of law(s)? | | YES | NO |
| 10. Testify under oath to the circumstances of an arrest that I participated in? | | YES | NO |

Finally, ask yourself: “Could I meet these kinds of requirements...

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| 1. Qualify with, carry, and maintain proficiency in the use of firearms? | | YES | NO |
| 2. Never have been convicted of a crime of violence? | | YES | NO |
| 3. Be able and willing to use deadly force (e.g., your firearm) to protect my life, the lives of fellow officers, the lives of protectees or the lives of innocent bystanders if I found myself in a life-threatening” situation? | | YES | NO |
| 4. Be a U.S. citizen with a valid driver’s license under the age of 40? | | YES | NO |

If you answered **YES** to all of the questions, that is a good indication that becoming a Uniformed Division Officer could be the right career for you. If you were unable to answer **YES** to any question

because of your religious needs, reasonable accommodations can sometimes be made and becoming a Uniformed Division Officer could still be the right career for you.

Please visit the U.S. Secret Service website at <http://www.secretservice.gov/join> for more detailed information about the Uniformed Division, to include frequently asked questions, qualifications, duties, etc.

If you answered **NO** to a lot of the questions because of other than your religious needs, you should think carefully about your decision at this time to apply for a Uniformed Division Officer position. Other careers at the Department of Homeland Security may be more to your liking, so you may want to visit the Department's website at <http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers/index.shtm>.

Thank you for your interest in undertaking this self-assessment.