



**Position:** U.S. Probation Officer  
**Opening Date:** June 2, 2014  
**Closing Date:** June 20, 2014  
**Starting Salary:** Up to \$52,173 (salary commensurate with experience)  
**Locations:** Alpine, Del Rio, Midland, and Pecos, Texas

POSITION OVERVIEW:

**Investigative Duties:** The incumbent conducts investigations and prepares reports for the court with recommendations for sentencing of individuals convicted of federal offenses. The preparation of these reports requires interviewing offenders and their families, investigating the offense, prior record and financial status of the offender, and contacting law enforcement agencies, attorneys, victims of the crimes, schools, churches and civic organizations. An integral part of this process is the interpretation and application of the U.S. Sentencing Commission guidelines and relevant case law. The incumbent testifies in court as to guideline applications and serves as a resource to the court to facilitate proper imposition of sentence.

**Supervision Duties:** The incumbent supervises released offenders to maximize adherence to imposed conditions, reduce risk to the community and to provide correctional treatment. This is accomplished through personal contact with offenders in office and community settings. Offenders' employment, sources of income, lifestyle and associates are investigated to assess risk and measure compliance. Written reports of detected violations are prepared with appropriate court testimony and disposition recommendations.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university. Ability to communicate well orally and in writing. Ability to organize, oversee, and complete multiple projects simultaneously and with limited supervision. Ability to maintain confidences, exercise mature judgment, and work harmoniously with others. Dependable, with a commitment to regular attendance. Knowledge of court operations. Fluent in English-Spanish is preferred.
- Specialized Experience obtained through progressively responsible experience as a probation officer, pretrial services officer, or in such fields as parole, corrections, criminal investigations, or work in substance/addiction treatment. Experience as a police, custodial or security officer, other than criminal investigation experience, is not creditable. Also, graduate degrees and/or academic standing based on grade point average (overall 2.9 or better on a 4.0 scale or 3.5 or better in related major field of study), class ranking (upper third), or membership in a National Honor Society may be creditable for portions of the required specialized experience. Experience within a federal or state probation setting would be preferred.
- Working knowledge of computer software such as WordPerfect and Windows are highly preferred.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND MAXIMUM ENTRY AGE:

- The duties of probation officers require the investigation and management of convicted criminal offenders who present physical danger to officers and to the public. In the supervision, treatment, and control of these offenders, these duties require moderate to arduous physical exercise, including prolonged periods of walking and standing, physical dexterity and coordination necessary to operate a firearm, and use of self-defense tactics. On a daily basis, these officers face unusual mental and physical stress because they are subject to danger and possible harm during frequent, direct contact with individuals who are convicted of committing federal offenses.
- Because officers must effectively deal with physical attacks and are subject to moderate to arduous physical exertion, applicants must be physically capable. Any candidate the court is appointing to an officer position will be subject to a

pre-employment medical examination. The applicant must be determined medically qualified prior to commencement of duties. For additional information on the medical guidelines, please visit [www.txwd.uscourts.gov](http://www.txwd.uscourts.gov) - click on Employment, then Officer and Officer Assistant Medical Guidelines.

- First time appointees to positions covered under law enforcement officer retirement provisions must not have reached their 37<sup>th</sup> birthday at the time of appointment. Applicants 37 or over who have previous law enforcement experience under the Civil Service Retirement System or the Federal Employees' Retirement System and who have either a subsequent break in service or intervening service in a non-law enforcement officer position may have their previous law enforcement officer experience subtracted from their age to determine whether they meet the maximum age requirement.

**BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION, DRUG SCREENING AND MEDICAL STANDARDS:**

Prior to appointment, the incumbent considered for this position will undergo an extensive medical examination and drug screening. Upon successful completion of the medical examination and drug screening, the incumbent may then be provisionally appointed. At such time, the incumbent will undergo an extensive Office of Personnel Management (OPM) background investigation. Continued employment will be contingent on successful completion of the OPM investigation. In addition, as a condition of employment, the incumbent will be subject to ongoing random drug screening, updated background investigations every five years and, as deemed necessary by management for reasonable cause, may be subject to subsequent fitness-for-duty evaluations and drug screening.

**BENEFITS:**

Benefits include participation in the retirement system, health and life insurance programs, holiday and leave accrual, and periodic salary increases. The Court is not authorized to reimburse candidates for travel or moving expenses. This position is subject to mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer participation for payment of net pay.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Qualified candidates must submit a cover letter, resume, and copy of college transcripts for Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree, if applicable, to Human Resources, U.S. District Court, 727 E. Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., Suite A-403, San Antonio, TX 78206, **to be received by June 20, 2014 (or until filled; however, priority consideration will be given to the applications received by initial deadline).**

**To be considered, the following must be included in the cover letter:**

- Position Title
- Job Number USPO 14-15
- Email Address
- Locations for consideration – In order of preference (ex: 1. Midland, 2. Del Rio, 3. Pecos), please do not indicate "all".
- Bilingual: English/Spanish or not – Fluency in English and Spanish is desirable but not required.
- Level of computer literacy – list software most often used
- Year in which Bachelor's Degree was received
- Date of Birth, including year born

*Should there be an interest by the candidate, he/she may be considered for other locations within the district and/or for a Probation Officer Assistant position, if eligible and qualified. The Court is not authorized to reimburse travel expenses for interviews or relocation. This position is subject to mandatory electronic direct deposit of salary payments. The best qualified candidates will be tested to determine level of skill/knowledge and final candidates will undergo a fingerprint and background check.*

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