

FBI Looking For Special Agents; Pay \$62-\$80G

Apply Until January 2019; No Fee Required

Need Bachelor's Degree or Higher And 2-3 Years' Work Experience

The FBI is looking for applicants for the position of Special Agent. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 29 of next year. There is no filing fee.

The salary range is \$62,556 to \$80,721 per year. Your pay may be adjusted depending on living costs in the area of the office where you are assigned.

Agents work at least 50 hours

a week and are compensated for overtime with Law Enforcement Availability Pay, which comes to 25 percent of salary.

Be an Investigator

Special Agents conduct criminal and national-security investigations. The agency says Special Agents must be "driven to find solutions to all types of problems, and willing to roll up your sleeves to get there; compassionate and respectful to

everyone you meet, be it a suspect, victim, or anyone in between; adaptable to a variety of situations, and able to keep a cool head in the face of challenges; well-spoken, well-written, and enjoy meeting, speaking, and collaborating with people from different backgrounds."

Special Agents must be prepared to move anywhere in the country on a temporary or long-term basis; work holidays, weekends and odd hours as needed; maintain physical fitness; carry a firearm; and participate in arrests, search warrants and other assignments which may be dangerous.

Applicants can apply in one of six specialties: law-enforcement or military veteran, education background, accounting/finance background, science/ technology/ engineering/math (STEM), linguist/ foreign- language specialist and legal/criminal investigation background. Each of these specialties has a separate job announcement at usajobs.gov giving more specifics about how to qualify.

The FBI also looks for certified public accountants, lawyers, pilots and people trained in emergency medicine.

Required Background

In general, to qualify for the test you must be at least 23 years old and no older than 36 (you may not be appointed after age 37). You must be a college graduate and have three years of work experience. Jobs that qualify include any occupation that requires a college degree; any position that includes managerial, supervisory or leadership duties; and professional or Olympic-style athletics.

Summer jobs, internships, seasonal positions, temporary employment and/or volunteer work are generally not considered. Applicants with advanced degrees must have two years of experience. For veterans, part-time work, internships and Reserve/Guard duty

count toward total experience, and volunteer work may be considered. Volunteer work that requires full-time participation, such as the Peace Corps, paid full-time graduate work programs and full-time fellowships may be considered work experience.

You must have a valid driver's license and at least six months of driving experience. You also are required to be a U.S. citizen. You must undergo a background investigation and qualify for a security clearance. You must also pass a medical examination and be in compliance with the FBI drug policy.

Core Competencies

The agency will use your application to judge you against the following core competencies: collaboration, communication, flexibility/ adaptability, initiative, leadership, organizing and planning, and problem solving/ judgment.

The application includes open-ended questions that will help determine where you stand. You are strongly encouraged to provide as much information as possible, and use the Situation, Action, Result format to describe the situation, the actions you took, and the resulting outcomes.

If you pass this stage, you will be asked to take a threehour computerized exam consisting of five different assessments: logic-based reasoning, figural reasoning, personality assessment, preferences and interests, and situational judgment. You can find a link to the test-preparation guide on the job announcement.

After the test, applicants are reviewed in person by a field-office recruitment team and then a group from FBI Headquarters. If you pass, there's another test followed by medical and physical-fitness exams and the background investigation.

Each job announcement has a link allowing you to apply online.