

ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT



- **Do you take lateral transfers from other police departments?**

Yes. BOFPC Rules allow for us to create two eligibility lists; one for new recruits and one for certified Police Officers/laterals. These are separate and independent applications which will be clearly noted and do not necessarily run at the same time.

- **Must I be a Wilmette resident?**

No. There is no residency requirement for this position.

- **I have an Associate's Degree and military experience. Is that acceptable in lieu of a four year degree?**

No, a four year (Bachelor's) degree is required for this position, regardless of other experience and/or education.

- **I have not graduated from my college with a four year degree yet, but will by test date. Will that allow me to meet the four year degree requirement?**

Yes, if that can be verified by the testing date. Candidates who have bachelor's degrees when they file their applications shall submit such proof when applying.

- **Can I receive "credits" or "points" for Military or other Law Enforcement experience?**

No credits or points are given for these items and they cannot be accepted in lieu of a 4 year degree. However, these types of experience may contribute to higher test scores.

- **Do traffic citations and other minor offenses count against me?**

They may, depending on the seriousness and frequency of the violations. The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners will make that determination.

- **What must my age be by the date of the examinations in order to qualify for application?**

You must be 21 years of age, but under 35 years of age by the application deadline.

- **What is the vision requirement?**

The eye exam requirement (far or distance vision) is 20/40 regular or corrected.

- **What is your policy on re-application?**

If you are not successful in this testing process, we invite you to test again the next time the Department offers a testing process.