



**UNITED STATES PROBATION OFFICE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**No. 2009-10**

**OPENS: September 24, 2009 CLOSSES: Until filled**

**DUTY STATION: Middle District of Florida**

(US Probation reserves the right to reassign an employee to any location within the Middle District of Florida should the needs of the agency change. Travel within the state may be required).

**POSITION: United States Probation Officer**

(Several positions may be filled from this announcement without further advertising)

**SALARY RANGE: \$45,125 - \$87,903 (CL 27/1 - CL 28/61)**

\*commensurate with experience

**Position Overview:** Conduct investigations and prepare reports for the United States District Court, the United States Parole Commission, and the Federal Prison System, regarding the background and activities of offenders charged with, or having been found guilty of federal offenses; provide field supervision and counseling services to offenders in the community.

**Qualifications:** Qualifications for United States Probation Officers are prescribed and set forth as guidelines by the Judicial Conference of the United States. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in fields of study such as criminal justice, criminology, psychology, sociology, human relations, business, or public administration and at least two years of specialized experience or the completion of a master's degree in a field of study closely related to the position, or a Juris Doctor (JD) degree. Specialized experience is described as progressively responsible experience gained after completion of the bachelor's degree in such fields as probation, pretrial services, parole, corrections, criminal investigations, or work in substance/addiction treatment. Experience as a police, custodial, or security officer, other than any criminal investigation experience, is not creditable. Completion of or completion of one (1) academic year (30 semester or 45 quarter hours) of graduate education in a closely related field of study may substitute for one (1) year specialized experience.

**All qualification requirements must be met when application is filed.**

**Court Preferred Skills:** Applicants must possess good writing and oral communication skills. Proficiency in typing and computer usage is highly desirable. Ability to travel within central Florida.

**Physical Requirements and Maximum Entry Age:** The duties of probation officers require the investigation and management of alleged criminal offenders or convicted 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 and physical stress because they are subject to danger and possible harm during frequent, direct contact with individuals who are suspected or convicted of committing federal offenses.

As provided for in the Federal Employee's Retirement Act of 1986 (hazardous duty provisions), first time appointees to a covered law enforcement position must not have reached his or her 37th birthday at the time of appointment. The position allows for retirement at age 50 with 20 years of service and mandatory retirement at the age of 57.

**Conditions of Employment:** All selected candidates for appointment as a probation officer will be required to undergo a thorough background investigation, pre-employment drug testing, and a medical examination. Upon successful completion of the medical examination and drug screening, the selectee may then be appointed provisionally, pending a favorable suitability determination by the court. In addition, as conditions of continued employment, the incumbent will be subject to ongoing random drug screening, updated background investigation every five (5) years and, as deemed necessary by management for reasonable cause, may be subject to subsequent fitness-for-duty evaluation. The medical requirements and the essential job functions derived from the medical guidelines for probation officers and officer assistants are available for public review at <http://www.uscourts.gov/>.

Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or eligible to work in the United States.

**Benefits:**

- Paid sick and vacation
- Participation in health insurance program
- TSP (similar to a 401K)
- Minimum of 10 paid holidays
- Salary progression based on acceptable performance
- Mandatory Electronic Fund Transfers

**Application Procedure:**

Candidates **must** submit an application, resume, and signed copies of two most recent performance evaluations to:

Human Resources  
United States Probation  
P.O. Box 3905  
Tampa, Florida, 33601

Please reference vacancy announcement **No. 2009-10** in your cover letter.

[Click here for online application](#)

Only qualified applicants will be contacted and scheduled for the writing skills assessment. Incomplete applications will not be returned, retained, or considered. Please do not reapply for this announcement if you have previously submitted an application.

The position(s) will be filled in accordance with the Employment Dispute Resolution Plan (EDR) as adopted by the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida.