



# UNITED STATES PROBATION EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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**Position Announcement #:** NYEP 26-02

**Position Title:** U.S Probation Officer (Presentence Division)  
New Hire and Transfer Opportunity

**Location:** Brooklyn, New York

**Grade/Salary:** CL 27-28 (\$70,392- \$137,165)

**Opening Date:** March 3, 2026

**Closing Date:** June 3, 2026

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## **POSITION OVERVIEW:**

The United States Probation Department for the Eastern District of New York is accepting applications for the position of U.S. Probation Officer within the Presentence Division. The department is comprised of two divisional offices (Brooklyn and Central Islip, New York), with the Brooklyn office being the headquarter office.

U.S. Probation Officers serve in a judiciary law enforcement capacity and assist in the fair administration of justice, provide community safety, conduct objective investigations, supervise persons under supervision, interact with outside agencies and community members, and prepare reports and present recommendations to the court.

Beginning Classification and Step will vary depending on qualifications, experience, and funding availability. Salary progression is based on acceptable performance. There is potential for promotion to a higher level without further competition.

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- U.S. Probation Officers in the Presentence Division conduct presentence investigations and prepare reports for the Court with recommendations for sentencing of individuals convicted of federal offenses. The preparation of these reports requires interviewing defendants and their families; summarizing defendants' prior criminal records and financial status; investigating the offense and contacting law enforcement agencies and attorneys, conducting home inspections, and collecting and verifying background data from various sources. The purpose of these activities is to gather the information needed to present factual reports to the Court for purposes of sentencing.

- Performs thorough and independent investigations of the offense, offense conduct, and victim impact by using appropriate investigative skills and relying on verified information sources.
- Seeks input from the parties, attorneys, case agents, and other sources to obtain information and evidence associated with each case.
- Obtains and analyzes criminal history information and acquires specific details and documents needed to assess a defendant's criminal record for consideration at sentencing. Interprets and applies policies and procedures, statutes, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, and relevant case law. Demonstrates thorough knowledge of these sources through accurate calculations and correct selection of sentencing options in the presentence report, the sentence recommendation and/or addenda, if applicable.
- Investigates employment, sources of income, lifestyle, and associates of defendants to assess and identify mitigating and aggravating sentencing factors, risk and likely future compliance under supervision and the need for correctional treatment, monitoring and counseling.
- The United States Probation Department for the Eastern District of New York's [mission](#) is to make the community safer by facilitating the fair administration of justice, providing opportunities for positive change while maintaining professional integrity, dignity, and respect for all. As a partner in the national federal probation system, the office is guided by the Charter for Excellence.

### **REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Applicants must possess a four-year degree from an accredited college or university in a field of academic study such as criminal justice, criminology, psychology, sociology, human relations, business or public administration, which provides evidence of the capacity to understand and apply the legal requirements and human relation skills involved in the position. In addition to possessing a four-year degree, applicants must also have 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 defined as progressively responsible experience, gained after completion of a bachelor's degree, in such fields as probation, pretrial services, parole, corrections, criminal investigations, or work in substance/addiction treatment. Experience as a police officer, custodial or security officer, without any criminal investigative experience, is not creditable.

Additionally, transfer applicants must be current Federal Probation/Pretrial Services Officers in good standing, to include consistent, high quality past job experience/performance.

### **PREFERRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE:**

- Experience as a probation officer on a federal, state or county level is desirable.

- Knowledge of federal law and the criminal justice system and how it relates to the roles and functions of a United States Probation Officer.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills. Superior attention to detail.
  
- Knowledge of automated/internet resources and systems available for conducting background checks, criminal histories, and other investigative databases.

### **MAXIMUM ENTRY AGE:**

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

### **MEDICAL AND BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS:**

The duties of U.S. Probation Officers require the investigation and management of persons under supervision who present physical danger to officers and to the public. In the supervision, treatment, and control of these persons, these duties require moderate to arduous physical exercise, including prolonged periods of walking and standing, physical dexterity and coordination necessary for officer safety, and use of self-defensive tactics. On a daily basis, officers face unusual mental and physical stress because they are subject to danger and possible harm during frequent, direct contact with individuals who are charged with criminal offenses or convicted of committing federal offenses.

The medical requirements for law enforcement officer positions are available for public review on [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov) by searching for Officer and Officer Assistant Medical Requirements. Prior to appointment, the selectee considered for this position will undergo a medical examination, complete a ten-year background investigation and a drug screening. Upon successful completion of all components, the selectee will be appointed provisionally, pending a favorable suitability determination by the Court. In addition, as conditions of employment, 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.

### **BENEFITS:**

Employees of United States Probation Department are not covered by the Office of Personnel Management's civil service classification system or regulations.

Employees of the United States Probation Department are Judicial Branch employees under the United States Courts. Judicial employees serve under an "excepted appointment," and are considered "at-will" employees. Probation officers participate in the Federal Law Enforcement Hazardous Duty Retirement program.

Creditable time in service in other federal agencies, or the military, will be added to judiciary employment when computing employee benefits. Positions are subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer (direct deposit).

The Federal Benefits package includes, but is not limited to:

- Paid Annual Leave
- Paid Sick Leave
- 11 Paid Holidays
- Retirement Benefits
- Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), a 401(k)-styled program with a government match of up to 5%
- Health Insurance
- Dental and Vision Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Disability Insurance
- Long-Term Care Insurance
- Flexible Benefits Program which includes medical and dependent care

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Applicants must submit a complete application packet to include all the required documents listed below in **one PDF** document:

- Letter of interest, which indicates your knowledge, skills, and experience as they relate to this position (Include vacancy announcement number)
- Resume
- Completed [Federal Judiciary Branch Application for Employment – AO78](#)
- College Transcripts

**Qualified applicants should upload their documents using our HR Employment Application System located at:**

**[HR Employment Application System](#)**

**All Submissions must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the closing date.  
Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Due to the volume of applications received, the United States Probation Department will only communicate with those individuals who will be selected for the writing skills assessment and/or interviewed for open positions.

The United States Probation Department, Eastern District of New York is not authorized to reimburse candidates for interview or relocation expenses.

The Department reserves the right to modify the conditions of this job announcement, to withdraw the announcement, or to fill the position sooner than the closing date, any of which may occur without prior written or other notice.

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