

So, You Want to Be a . . . FBI Agent

Introduction

FBI agents are special agents for the United States government tasked with investigating dangerous criminals and threats to national security while upholding the Constitution and laws. Becoming an FBI agent is a highly competitive, rigorous, and selective process. After the application process, new agents undergo over 800 hours of training at the FBI Academy in academics, case exercises, firearms, operational skills, and fitness before graduating and receiving their first assignment.

Types of Careers

- Terrorism
- Espionage
- Cyber-attacks and high-tech crimes
- Major criminal threats
- Corrupt government officials
- Violent street gangs
- Child predators
- Serial killers
- White-collar crime
- Threats to civil rights

Education

The minimum employment requirements include a bachelor's degree from a U.S.-accredited college or university.

Other Requirements/Information

The FBI application process is a year-long process that starts with the applicant's resume and college/university transcripts and ends with the Physical Fitness Test (PFT) and conditional appointment offer.

Additional requirements include:

- Initial eligibility – must be a U.S. citizen, able to obtain a top security clearance, comply with the FBI drug policy, and be between the ages of 23 and 37.
- Physical requirements – must pass the PFT consisting of sit-ups, timed 300-meter sprint, push-ups, and timed 1.5-mile run
- Successfully complete the new agent 20-week training – new agents are sent to a basic field training course at the Academy, which the field guide describes as “a 19-week interview during which they are continually assessed.”

For More Information

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