



# U.S. Secret Service Technical Security Investigator

## Career Path

Technical Security Investigators (TSI) are assigned to the Technical Security Division (TSD) of the U.S. Secret Service. TSD is responsible for providing a secure environment for all protectees at permanent and temporary locations throughout the world. TSD is also responsible for providing technical expertise and operational support for criminal investigations.

A Technical Security Investigator provides technical expertise and operational support by identifying hazards and implementing countermeasures. The duties of a Technical Security Investigator include, but are not limited to the following:

- Installation and operation of technical surveillance equipment in support of criminal investigations
- Installation and maintenance of intrusion detection, video management, and access control systems
- Detection and mitigation of technical surveillance hazards
- Development and implementation of countermeasures to explosive threats
- Development and implementation of fire/life-safety/hazmat rescue protective countermeasures and personnel evacuation plans
- Development and implementation of countermeasures to chemical, biological, and radiological threats
- Coordination of local, state and federal agencies for National Special Security Events



## Training

New recruits undergo intensive training where they must successfully complete the 12-week Uniformed Police Training Program (UPTP) at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC).

Upon successful completion of training at FLETC, recruits obtain 10 weeks of specialized instruction at the U.S. Secret Service's James J. Rowley Training Center (JJRTC) outside Washington, D.C. There they receive tailored training in all aspects of the agency's protective and investigative missions. Upon graduation from JJRTC, trainees are sworn in as Technical Security Investigators of the U.S. Secret Service.

### TSI training subjects included:

- Police Procedures
- Firearms Training
- Control Tactics
- Driver Training
- Community Relations
- Criminal Law
- Emergency Medicine
- Laws of Arrest
- Search and Seizure
- Physical Fitness

Classroom study is supplemented by on-the-job training. Throughout their careers Technical Security Investigators are regularly tested for firearms proficiency and physical fitness, and they frequently participate in advanced training programs that augment their ability to carry out the U.S. Secret Service's unique integrated mission of protection and investigations.



## Qualifications

To be considered for the position of Technical Security Investigator applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Be at least 21 years of age at time of application and younger than 37 at the time of referral to the selecting official to continue in the application process unless you have previous service in a Federal civilian law enforcement position covered by special civil service retirement provision, including early or mandatory retirement. Applicants with veterans' preference must be at least 21 years of age at time of application and younger than 40 at the time of referral to the selecting official to continue in the application process
- Possess a valid U.S. state motor vehicle operator's license at the time of appointment and must maintain license while employed in the position
- Have uncorrected vision no worse than 20/100 binocular; correctable to 20/20 in each eye. Applicants must meet the vision requirement at the time of application
- Be in excellent health and physical condition
- Complete interviews
- Pass an Applicant Physical Abilities Test
- Qualify for a TS/SCI clearance and undergo a complete background investigation, to include driving record check, drug screening, medical and polygraph examinations

## Benefits

- Administratively Uncontrollable Overtime (AUO) that provides an opportunity for Technical Security Investigators to receive up to an additional 25 percent of their annual base pay
- Employees are eligible for low-cost life insurance
- Employees and their immediate family members are eligible for membership in low-cost federal health benefit plans
- Annual leave earned at the rate of 13 to 26 days per year, based on length of employment. Prior federal civilian or military service is credited, as authorized
- Sick leave accumulated at the rate of 13 days per year without limit
- Paid holidays
- Comprehensive retirement benefits. Retirement credit may be granted for prior military or federal government service in certain circumstances as authorized by law. Consult a Human Resources representative for further information
- Eligibility for participation in Flexible Spending Account Program (a tax-favored program offered to employees to pay for eligible out-of-pocket health care and dependent care expenses with pre-tax dollars)
- May be eligible to participate in the following programs: Child Care Subsidy Benefit; Student Loan Repayment; Tuition Assistance \*As funds are available
- Paid Parental Leave

## Conditions of Employment

Certain demands are required of all Technical Security Investigators of the U.S. Secret Service. These include, but are not limited to:

- Working long hours in undesirable conditions on short notice
- Traveling away from home for periods up to 30 days, and sometimes longer
- Carrying a firearm while performing duties and maintaining firearms proficiency. You will be ineligible to occupy this position if at any time you have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, unless you received a pardon or your conviction was expunged or set aside
- Carrying out assignments in the areas of both protection and investigations
- Relocating to the Washington, DC area and other duty stations throughout the U.S.
- The Secret Service prohibits employees from having visible body markings (including but not limited to tattoos, body art, and brandings) on the head, face, neck, hand and fingers (any area below the wrist bone)

*For further information about career opportunities with the U.S. Secret Service, please call the U.S. Secret Service Employment Line at 1-888-813-USSS (8777) or TTY: 202-406-5370*

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