



STATE OF MAINE
Department of Public Safety
MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY
15 Oak Grove Road
Vassalboro, Maine 04989



Dear Applicant:

The Basic Law Enforcement Training Program is an 18-week residential program that is run twice a year at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro, Maine. This program is open, on a space available basis, to persons who meet the enclosed entrance requirements. Tuition for the program is set by the Board of Trustees and is currently \$10,000.00.

Completion of this program does not guarantee your employment as a law enforcement officer. It does enable you to state to prospective law enforcement employers that you have fulfilled the mandatory training requirements of a full time municipal, county or state law enforcement officer. Upon employment, you will be eligible to take the **Maine Law Enforcement Officer's Certification Examination.**

The application process for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program is mandated by the Director of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Those meeting the entrance requirements will be placed on a roster and accepted into the program on a space available basis. Preference will be given to individuals who have been hired as law enforcement officers by a governmental entity.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Desjardins, Director
Maine Criminal Justice Academy

PHASE I

(In this phase, the below information must be submitted to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy)

1. **Application and Personal History Statement:** Applicants must complete and submit the Maine Criminal Justice Academy *Application for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program*. This form covers personal, employment, military service, financial, legal, motor vehicle operation and school history information. Applicants will submit all required information and an official copy of any degrees conferred to the applicant as well as other requested documentation. The application will be reviewed by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Selection Committee. A non-refundable \$150.00 application fee must accompany the application. Incomplete applications will be rejected;
2. **Reading and Writing Examination:** Applicants will provide a copy of the **ALERT** examination results. This reading and writing examination is offered monthly at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. There is a fee to take this exam. Candidates failing the exam must wait at least six months before being allowed to take the exam again;
3. **Physical Fitness Assessment:** The physical fitness examination is offered monthly at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. There is a fee to take this test. Applicants must meet the 40th percentile for their age and gender. Candidates failing the examination may retake the exam at any time. Exam results must be within one year of date of application to the school. All applicants will be retested 30 days prior to the start of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program and no candidates will be accepted unless they meet the 40th percentile. **ALERT** and **PT** scores **MUST** be included with this application. Applicants will **NOT** be considered without passing **ALERT** and **PT** scores **AT THE TIME THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED**.
4. **Application Review and Personal Interview:** A selection committee appointed by the Director will review all applications, interview and recommend candidates to the Director in order of their finish.

PHASE II

(Applicants in this phase have received a conditional offer of acceptance to the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program and continue screening)

The following information is required in this phase of the application process:

1. **Medical Fitness:** The applicant's medical fitness will be evaluated by a licensed physician who will submit the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Medical Evaluation Form to the Academy. Applicants are responsible for any fees associated with this evaluation;
2. **Background Investigation:** All applicants will undergo an extensive background investigation according to the standards set forth in the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Background Investigation Manual. Background Investigations must be conducted by a law enforcement agency or a private investigator licensed by the Maine Department of Public Safety. Applicants are responsible for any fees associated with this investigation;
3. **Psychological Evaluation:** Applicants shall undergo a psychological evaluation by a licensed psychologist or licensed psychological examiner according to the standards set forth in the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Psychological Evaluation Form. Applicants are responsible for any fees associated with this evaluation;
4. **Polygraph Examination:** Applicants shall undergo a polygraph examination by a person licensed as a polygraph examiner by the Maine Department of Public Safety according to the standards set forth in the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's Law Enforcement Polygraph Examiner's Manual. Applicants are responsible for any fees associated with this examination.

Maine Criminal Justice Academy

Pre-Employment Application for Basic Law Enforcement Training Program

Application Checklist

This checklist is designed to assist applicants in the application process for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program.

Phase One:

Have You:

- **Completed** and submitted your Application and Personal History form;
- Submitted with a non-refundable \$150.00 fee along with application;
- Submitted official copies of any college degrees held;
- Submitted a copy of your driver's license, and any other information requested in the Application;
- Completed the ALERT Examination and submitted a copy of the results;
- Completed the Physical Fitness Evaluation and submitted a copy of the results.

Phase Two:

Have You:

- Completed a medical examination by a licensed physician and returned the Medical Evaluation Form to the Academy;
- Completed a thorough background investigation conducted by a law enforcement agency or a licensed private investigator approved by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy according to the standards in the Maine Criminal Justice Academy Background Investigation Manual and had the Agency / Investigator forward the results to the Academy;
- Completed a psychological evaluation by a licensed psychologist or licensed psychological examiner and have the psychologist or psychological examiner forward the results to the Academy;
- Completed a polygraph examination by a polygraph examiner approved by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy according to the standards for Law Enforcement Applicant Testing and have the results forwarded to the Academy.

Pre-Employment Application to the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program

Time Line for Acceptance of Students:

Phase One:

- Application Period- for fall (August) class, applications are accepted from January 1 to March 1. For spring (January) class, applications are accepted from July 1 to September 1.
- Interview / Review / conditional acceptance of candidates: March, or September, respectively.

Phase Two: Must be complete and submitted to the MCJA no later than 45 days prior to the start of the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program, for which the student is applying.

- Background;
- Psychological evaluation;
- Medical evaluation;
- Polygraph evaluation;

Final acceptance into the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program will be approximately one month prior to the start of the school.

Basic Law Enforcement Training Program Tuition Student Application

Phase I



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Application and Personal History Questionnaire

The following application and questionnaire is used for consideration of admission into the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. This questionnaire is used to ensure that applicants meet the basic entry standards for the school and to evaluate their suitability as law enforcement officers.

Prior to admission into the school, and as part of the selection process, candidates will be interviewed by a selection committee, undergo a thorough background investigation, medical, psychological, and polygraph screening. All expenses incurred in the application process will solely be the responsibility of the applicant.

Information on the application must be legible. Read the instructions and questions carefully before answering required information. If you need additional space to answer questions, record that information on an additional sheet(s) of paper and attach it to the application form.

Applications lacking requested information will not be considered. Any falsification of information requested shall be grounds to deny admission into the Program and shall be considered evidence of the applicant's moral character in future applications to any Academy program.

There is a non-refundable \$150.00 fee which is due with the application. No application will be processed until said fee is received.

PART 1

Applicant's Name:			SSN:	
(LAST)	(FIRST)	(MIDDLE)		
Date of Birth		Phone		
		(Home)	(Other)	
Home Address				
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	
Maiden / other name(s) used:				
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Height:		Weight:
Color of Eyes:		Color of Hair:		
U. S. Citizen: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If No, provide evidence of legal status:				
I am applying for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program beginning in the <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Of (year) _____				

Part II

Have you ever made application for pre-employment law enforcement training to this or any other state? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Have you ever been denied entrance to any pre-employment law enforcement training Program in this or any other state? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, please explain)			
List in chronological order, present to past, all criminal justice experience.			
Department:	Address:	Dates of Employment	Reason for Leaving

Part III

The following questions relate to your educational background:			
Have you graduated from High School? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
High School attended:		City/ State:	
Dates of attendance:			
From:		To:	
If you have not graduated from High School, have you successfully completed a GED examination?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		State where GED completed:	Date of Completion:
Have you attended college? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, check one of the following for highest degree held: <input type="checkbox"/> Associates <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain)			
Do you hold a valid motor vehicle operator's license?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		State of Issuance:	License Number:

Part IV

In chronological order, present to past as accurately as possible, list all employers. Include military service in proper sequence, temporary or part-time jobs, and periods of unemployment. If you need more space, attach an additional sheet(s) of paper to the back of this application.

Employer:	Phone:		
Address:			
Employed	From:	To:	Position:
Supervisor's Name			
Reason for leaving:			

Employer:	Phone:		
Address:			
Employed	From:	To:	Position:
Supervisor's Name			
Reason for leaving:			

Employer:	Phone:		
Address:			
Employed	From:	To:	Position:
Supervisor's Name			
Reason for leaving:			

Employer:	Phone:		
Address:			
Employed	From:	To:	Position:
Supervisor's Name			
Reason for leaving:			

Employer:	Phone:		
Address:			
Employed	From:	To:	Position:
Supervisor's Name			
Reason for leaving:			

Current E-Mail Address – Mandatory. It is your responsibility to keep this current with the Academy:

All of the above information is true and factual to the best of my knowledge:

Applicant's Signature

Date

NOTARY INFORMATION

State: _____

County: _____

Subscribed to and sworn before me this _____ day of _____ 200_____

Notary Public (signature)

My Commission Expires

Notary (print name)

Basic Law Enforcement Officer Training Program Fitness Form

Name (applicant) _____ Maiden name _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Department _____ Title _____

Date of Birth _____ Age at Testing _____ Sex _____ Date of Test _____

Location of Test _____

Person(s) Supervising Test _____

Test Performance

Push-up Test: _____ Result _____ Pass _____ Fail

One Minute Sit-Up Test: _____ Result _____ Pass _____ Fail

1.5 Mile Run _____ Result _____ Pass _____ Fail

See reverse side for Physical Assessment Chart

I certify that I have taken and successfully passed the physical fitness assessment test and have passed the requirements for my age and sex categories according to the chart on the reserve side.

Signature of Officer

Date

I certify that the above applicant for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program meets the physical fitness standards as set by the Board of Trustees for admission into the school.

Chief Administrative Officer

Date

PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST STANDARDS:

The chart below shows the standards for the 40th percentile in each category.

FITNESS TEST	MALE AGE				FEMALE AGE			
	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59
One Minute Push-up Test	29	24	18	13	15	11	9	3
One Minute Sit-up Test	38	35	29	24	32	25	20	14
1.5 Mile Run	12:38	12:58	13:50	15:06	14:50	15:43	16:31	18:18

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Phase II



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PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION FORM

In order to be accepted into the ***Law Enforcement Basic Training Program***, an applicant shall undergo, and complete to the satisfaction of the employer, or in the case of a person not yet employed, to the Academy Selection Committee, an evaluation of the applicant's suitability to work as a law enforcement officer by a licensed psychologist or licensed psychological examiner with experience in psychological screening in the field of law enforcement. The evaluation shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees and shall include, at a minimum, an evaluation of the following characteristics: anxiety, mood, anger, anti-social characteristics, ability to accept criticism, ability to communicate, assertiveness, self confidence, ability to get along with others, judgment and verbal skills.

An agency presenting an individual for admittance into the program shall verify that the applicant has completed, to the satisfaction of the employer, an examination conducted by a licensed psychologist. In the case of a pre-employment candidate, the chairman of the Board of Trustee's selection committee shall verify that the candidate has satisfactorily completed an examination by a licensed psychologist.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____

Psychologist Name: _____

Office Address: _____

Date of Examination: _____

STATEMENT OF EMPLOYER

I hereby confirm that the above named applicant has completed to my satisfaction a psychological examination.

 Signature of Chief Administrative Officer

Date: ____/____/____



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POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION FORM

In order to be accepted into the ***Law Enforcement Basic Training Program***, an applicant shall successfully complete to the satisfaction of the employer and the Board of Trustees, or in the case of a person not yet employed, to the Academy Selection Committee and Board of Trustees, a polygraph examination conducted by a polygraph examiner who is either licensed in the State of Maine or has been previously approved by the Board. The examination shall follow the guidelines in the "Police Applicant Polygraph Testing" manual as approved by the Board.

An agency presenting an individual for admittance into the program shall verify that the applicant has completed, to the satisfaction of the employer, an examination conducted by a Certified Polygraph Examiner. In the case of a pre-employment candidate, the chairman of the Board of Trustee's selection committee shall verify that the candidate has satisfactorily completed an examination by a Certified Polygraph Examiner.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Home Address: _____

Polygraph Examiner's Name: _____

Office Address: _____

Date of Examination: _____

STATEMENT OF EMPLOYER

I hereby confirm that the above named applicant has completed to my satisfaction a polygraph examination conducted by a licensed or Board approved polygraph examiner.

 Signature of Chief Administrative Officer

Date: ____/____/____

MAINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BACKGROUND STANDARD FOR ADMISSION TO AND/OR CERTIFICATION FOR A MANDATORY ACADEMY SCHOOL, RECERTIFICATION, OR WAIVER

In order to be accepted as a participant in mandatory academy law enforcement or corrections courses, or to be certified, recertified or request a waiver, an applicant must be of good moral character as determined by the hiring or sponsoring agency through a formal background check. These requirements and standards must be satisfied before consideration of such an application or certification. An agency presenting an individual for certification, admission to a mandatory Academy course, recertification, or for a waiver from training will attest that the individual meets the standard of having no disqualifying conviction*. In addition, the applicant shall certify under oath that he or she has no disqualifying conviction and that he or she has not engaged in disqualifying conduct #. A representative of the hiring or sponsoring agency must complete this form with the applicant, including an explanation to the applicant of #1 and #2 below.

INTERVIEW & STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

Applicant Name: _____ DOB: _____

Home Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

1. **Have you ever been convicted of any crime or attempted crime (including traffic crimes) or plead guilty to a deferred disposition that would constitute a disqualifying crime* as outlined on page 2?**

If yes, provide details on separate sheet, as well as a copy of the official Criminal History Record Information.

2. **In addition, have you ever engaged in conduct that would constitute disqualifying conduct# as outlined on page 2, regardless of whether you were charged?** _____

If yes, provide details on separate sheet, as well as a copy of the police report if there was police involvement.

I understand that the making of a false statement under oath is a crime punishable by law.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Personally-appeared the above-named _____ and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statement.

Date: _____

Notary Public (or other person authorized to take oath)

STATEMENT OF EMPLOYING OR SPONSORING AGENCY

The above-named applicant has been the subject of a background investigation, including the processing of fingerprint cards through SBI and FBI, and a BMV record inquiry, and in the case of an applicant for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program, a polygraph examination and a psychological examination, and such investigation has disclosed no conviction for a disqualifying conviction* or disqualifying conduct#, except for the conviction(s) for which a waiver is being sought.

Signature of Chief / Sheriff or Agency Head Date: _____

Personally-appeared the above-named _____ and made oath to the truth of the foregoing statement.

Date: _____

Notary Public (or other person authorized to take oath)

See page 2 for explanation of disqualifying conviction and disqualifying conduct#.

DISQUALIFYING CONVICTION*

A disqualifying conviction for which a waiver from the Board of Trustees is required includes the following:

1. Murder;
 2. Any Class A, Class B, or Class C crime or attempted crime;
 3. Any Class D crime or attempted crime conviction in the past ten (10) years (including OUI);
 4. Any Class E crime or attempted crime conviction in the past ten (10) years for which the crime is contained in Chapter 15 (Theft), Chapter 19 (Falsification in Official Matters), Chapter 25 (Bribery and Corrupt Practices), Chapter 29 (Forgery and Related Offenses), Chapter 31 (Offenses Against Public Administration), Chapter 35 (Prostitution and Public Indecency), Chapter 41 (Criminal Use of Explosives and Related Crimes), or Chapter 45 (Drugs) of the Maine Criminal Code, Title 17-A, Maine Revised Statutes;
 5. Guilty plea pursuant to a deferred disposition of murder or any crime or attempted crime classified in state law as a Class A, Class B, Class C or Class D crime or a violation of any provision of Title 17-A, chapter 15, 19, 25, 29, 31, 35, 41 or 45;
 6. Any conviction or adjudication as a juvenile of a Murder, Class A, B or C crime or attempted crime; or
 7. Any other conviction of a crime or attempted crime in another state or other jurisdiction that prohibits the same unlawful conduct described above.
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DISQUALIFYING CONDUCT#

Disqualifying conduct, regardless of whether the applicant was charged or convicted, for which a waiver from the Board of Trustees is required. Disqualifying conduct for purposes of the MCJA Board Policy is only the below conduct, if committed as an adult.

1. Murder;
 2. Any Class A, Class B, or Class C crime or Attempted Crime (*formerly called felony crime*); or
 3. Conduct specified in 1 or 2 above in another state or other jurisdiction.
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WAIVER REQUEST PROCEDURE

A request of the Board of Trustees for a waiver of a disqualifying conviction* or disqualifying conduct# must be made by the employing or sponsoring agency, and must be made on the form provided by the Board for such purpose, and must include the additional information listed on the form. The form may be obtained by contacting the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, 15 Oak Grove Road, Vassalboro, ME 04989, and telephone 877-8000.

Effective September 15, 2017



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MEDICAL EXAMINATION FORM

TO THE PHYSICIAN:

Applicant: _____ has applied to participate in one of the programs listed below;
(PRINT NAME)

(Circle one)

1. Basic Law Enforcement Training Program
2. Law Enforcement Pre-Service Training Program
3. Basic Correction Training Program

This candidate should be free of medical conditions which would interfere with his/her ability to safely participate in and successfully perform certain activities including, but not limited to the following program requirements:

1. Basic Law Enforcement Training Program;

- Complete a run of up to 3 miles without stopping
- Perform sit-ups to the limit of his/her ability
- Perform bench presses or pushups to the limit of his/her ability
- Tolerate exposure to heat/cold/humidity/inclement weather
- Tolerate exposure to Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) or similar disabling chemical agents
- Climb/crawl/wrestle/box/lift/drag heavy weights
- Visually distinguish targets on the firing range during daylight and in low light situations
- Safely operate a motor vehicle at various speeds and under varying driving and road conditions during the day and night
- Safely handle various types of firearms
- Tolerate the psychological stress of law enforcement work
- Physically rigorous defense tactics training (joint manipulation/handcuffing/take downs kicks/strikes/ground fighting)
- Complete a physical assessment consisting of maximum effort 1.5 mile run/ 1 minute sit-ups/and 1 minute push ups
- Sustain this level of functioning for 12- 14 hours a day.

2. Law Enforcement Pre-Service Training Program:

- Complete a run up to 2 miles without stopping
- Perform sit-ups to the limit of his/her ability
- Perform bench presses or pushups to the limit of his/her ability
- Tolerate exposure to heat/cold/humidity/inclement weather
- Tolerate exposure to Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) or similar disabling chemical agents
- Climb/crawl/wrestle/jump/box/lift/drag heavy weights
- Tolerate the psychological stress of law enforcement work
- Physically rigorous defense tactics training (joint manipulation/handcuffing/take downs/kicks/strikes/ground fighting)
- Complete a physical fitness assessment consisting of maximum effort 1.5 mile run/1 minute sit-ups/and 1 minute push-ups
- Sustain this level of functioning for 12- 14 hours per day

3. Basic Corrections Training Program:

- Participation in a physical fitness program consisting of running, standing, power walking, and/or sports activity to the limits of the individual
- Physically rigorous defense tactics training (joint manipulation/handcuffing/take downs/kicks/strikes)
- Tolerate exposure to Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) or similar disabling chemical agents
- Tolerate the psychological stress of corrections work
- Climb/crawl/wrestle/jump/box/lift/drag heavy weights
- Participate in interactive use of force training

Sustain this level of functioning for 12- 14 hours a day

Based on a review of the corresponding program # _____ the above named candidate is:

- a. _____ Medically SUITABLE to participate in training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, OR
- b. _____ Medically UNSUITABLE to participate in training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for the following reasons: _____

Comments:

Are ADA Accommodations Requested? Yes No

Physician's signature: _____ Date _____

Physician name: (printed) _____

Candidate's signature: _____ Date _____

THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED TO INCLUDE REQUIRED SIGNATURE