

MARYLAND STATE POLICE CADET PROGRAM

The Cadet Program is an opportunity for responsible young men and women to work for our Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. While working, Cadets gain a competitive salary and an inside knowledge of the Maryland State Police way of life, before making the transition to a Maryland State Trooper at the age of twenty and one half years old.

Applicants for the Cadet Position must meet the following qualifications:

- Must be between the ages of 17 and 19
- Must be a United States Citizen
- Must have a valid driver's license
- Must obtain a high school diploma or GED before hire date
- Must have excellent moral character
- Must have a clean drug and criminal history

The application process for the Maryland State Police takes an average of four to five months of testing and background investigation. Any student interested in the process should apply before graduation and before their 18th birthday, if possible. This would allow them the most opportunity in the program, due to the fact that all of their time as a Cadet would go towards their retirement as a Trooper. The best way to apply is to attend an Applicant Orientation. All of the dates for Applicant Orientations are listed on our website at www.mdsp.org. As an alternative, every State Police Barrack has a local Barrack Recruiter that can help your students begin the process and give them guidance throughout the process.

If you would like to schedule a time for our Recruitment Unit to visit your school, feel free to contact Sergeant Phillips, the Assistant Commander of the Recruitment and Selection unit, at 410-653-4478. We find that it is best to hold small information sessions for interested students, rather than set up a table in the lunchroom as the military does. We find that not many high school students want to walk up to a Law Enforcement Recruiter in front of all of his or her friends. We are willing to attend job fairs, as well as during or after school information sessions targeted to students interested in law enforcement.