



Sheriff Mark Hunter

COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. As an applicant, it is your responsibility to complete this application in its entirety and ensure that it is properly signed and notarized before you return it. If there is a question that does not apply to you, fill N/A in the space provided.

In addition to the application, you must provide the documentation listed below before you will be processed through Human Resources. This list is to be returned with your application.

- Completed and notarized application
Copy of birth certificate
Documents of any name change from birth name
Copy of current driver's license
Copy of Social Security card
Copy of high school diploma or GED
Copy of college degree with transcript and resume (if applicable)
Copy of Basic Recruit Academy Certification (if sworn position)
Copy of State Exam scores (if sworn position)
Copy of Military Discharge-DD214 (if applicable)
Current photograph (not driver's license photo)
I have read and understand page two and three of this attachment (Initials)

If the above items are not included with your application, it will be considered incomplete and will not be processed. It is your responsibility to check off each item on the above list and initial each page of this document to ensure your packet is complete.

I appreciate your interest in the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and if you have any questions on this process, please contact our, Human Resources Director at 386-758-2130.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mark Hunter
Mark Hunter, Sheriff
Columbia County

Initials: _____

As a part of our interview process the Sheriff's Office will conduct a background investigation which may include accessing social media sites. In order to assist us in this process, please provide us a list of sites you subscribe to along with your user name:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

The following excerpt is from the current Uniform Policy regarding Visible Tattoo's. If you have any questions regarding this policy information, please contact the Human Resources Director.

Tattoos:

- a)** All members are prohibited from obtaining any tattoo that would be visible in any required uniform or work attire. A watch or other accessories, including a bandage, which is capable of concealing a tattoo that would otherwise be visible in a required uniform, is not acceptable. In addition to disciplinary action, members who violate this policy shall be required to have the tattoo removed at their own expense.
- b)** Members who were hired with existing tattoos are not required to remove or cover those tattoos unless deemed to be in violation of this General Order.
- c)** Tattoos that shall be considered to be in violation of this General Order are those that are deemed to detract from the professional appearance of the member or the uniform and/or are deemed racist, sexist, offensive, obscene, or excessive.
- d)** Any tattoo deemed to be in violation of this General Order that was obtained prior to hire shall be covered completely.
- e)** Examples of prohibited tattoos include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (1)** Tattoos that depict nudity or sexual acts;
 - (2)** Tattoos that display obscene, racist, sexist, or vulgar words or illustration;

(3) Tattoos that promote, support, or identify gangs, gang activity, or gang affiliation; and

(4) Any tattoo on the head, face, neck, scalp, or hand.

f) Effective October 1st 2011 members with existing tattoos upon hire that are not prohibited as outlined in this General Order may only have visible on each appendage a single tattoo that from its two (2) furthest points does not exceed four inches (4") in length.

g) The Chief Deputy or designee shall retain the right to evaluate the appropriateness of all visible tattoos as defined by this General Order.

In addition:

Intentional body mutilation, piercing, branding, or intentional scarring is prohibited. Examples include, but are not limited to: split or forked tongues; foreign objects inserted under the skin to create a design or pattern; enlarged or stretched out holes in the ears; and intentional scarring that is visible.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SUPPORT STAFF

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORM

The Sheriff's Office is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. We consider applicants for all positions without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, marital status, religion or any other legally protected status.

NOTICE: Attach a certified copy of high school diploma or approved G.E.D. to this application.

DATE: _____

POSITION APPLYING FOR: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Application must be typewritten or printed legibly in ink. All questions must be answered. Applications which are not complete will not be considered. If space provided is not sufficient for complete answers or you wish to furnish additional information, attach sheets of the same size as this application, and number answers to correspond with questions.

PERSONAL HISTORY

1. Full Name:

Last Name
First
Middle
Abbv.

2. Other: List all other names you have used including circumstances and time periods you used them. (For example: former name(s), alias(es), or nickname(s)).

Name	Circumstance	Dates From Mo./Yr.	Dates To Mo./Yr.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1. List chronologically all employment beginning with present employment, including summer and part-time employment while attending school. All time must be accounted for. If unemployed for a period, set forth dates of unemployment.

Name & Address of Employer	Dates Worked Mo./Yr.		Salary	Title or Position	Name of Supervisor	Reason for Leaving
	From	To				
Name				<input type="checkbox"/> Full <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time		
Address						
City, State, Zip						
Area Code & Phone No.						
Name				<input type="checkbox"/> Full <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time		
Address						
City, State, Zip						
Area Code & Phone No.						
Name				<input type="checkbox"/> Full <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time		
Address						
City, State, Zip						
Area Code & Phone No.						
Name				<input type="checkbox"/> Full <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time		
Address						
City, State, Zip						
Area Code & Phone No.						
Name				<input type="checkbox"/> Full <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time		
Address						
City, State, Zip						
Area Code & Phone No.						

2. Have you ever been dismissed or asked to resign or had any disciplinary action taken against you from any employment or position you have held? Yes No

3. Have you resigned, or left a job by mutual agreement following allegations of misconduct or unsatisfactory job performance? Yes No If yes to question #2 or #3, please provide details.

4. Have you ever applied to or performed paid or unpaid services for a law enforcement agency not listed as an employer? Yes No If yes, please provide name of agency and date of application or service.

5. Do you own a business, or are you a partner or corporate officer in any business or organization not listed previously as a current or former employer? Yes No

6. Does this business do business with the Sheriffs Office or County? Yes No If yes to question #5 or #6, please provide name and address of business, corporation or organization and describe your relationship or position.

RESIDENCES

1. Actual places of residence for past three (3) years – list chronologically all addresses, including residences while at school and in military. For college on campus residences, give dormitory name, city and state. If residences in military service cannot be shown as street address, indicate complete military unit designation and location by city and state. If post office box, give location of post office.

Dates Mo./Yr.		Apt. No.	Street Address	City	County	State
From	To					

ARREST HISTORY/COURT DATA

1. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No
2. Have you ever been detained by any law enforcement officer for investigative purposes or to your knowledge have you ever been the subject of or a suspect in any criminal investigation? Yes No
3. Have you ever been fingerprinted for any reason (arrest, job application, military, etc.)? Yes No
If yes to questions #1, #2 or #3, please provide details.

4. Have you or your spouse ever been a plaintiff or a defendant in a court action? (Include any liens, lawsuits, bankruptcy, domestic violence injunctions, etc.) Yes No If you answered yes, give date, place or court, case number, names of involved parties, nature of action, and final disposition.

DRIVING HISTORY

Answer if you will be required to operate a vehicle as part of your job.

1. Are you a licensed Florida automobile operator or chauffeur? Yes No License No.: _____

Date of Expiration: _____ Restrictions: _____

2. Do you hold or have you ever held an operator or chauffeur license in another state? Yes No If yes, please provide state(s), name used and approximate dates license(s) was/were held.

3. Have you received during the past five (5) years a ticket or been charged with a traffic violation? Yes No

4. Have you ever been denied issuance of a license or have you ever had a license suspended or revoked? Yes No
If yes to questions #2, #3 or #4, please provide complete details including why license was revoked or the disposition of the charge.

5. Have you ever had automobile insurance refused, withdrawn, or revoked? Yes No If yes, please provide complete details.

MILITARY HISTORY

1. Are you registered for Selective Service? Yes No

If yes, your Selective Service Number: _____

Classification: _____ Date of Classification: _____

Address of Local Board: _____

2. Have you ever served in the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes No

Branch of Service: _____ Highest Rank: _____

Active Duty Dates: From: _____ To: _____ From: _____ To: _____

3. Date of Discharge: _____

4. Are you now or have you ever been a member of a reserve unit or the National Guard? Yes No

5. If yes state the branch of service, name and location of your unit and whether you attend drills, meetings, or camps:

6. Was any type of disciplinary action taken against you in the service? Yes No If yes, please provide:

Date: _____ Place: _____

Nature of Offense: _____

Action Taken: _____

7. **VETERANS' PREFERENCE:** Check the appropriate block if you are claiming veteran's preference. **Documentation substantiating your claim must be furnished at the time of application.**

- 1. A veteran with a service-connected disability who is eligible for or receiving compensation, disability retirement or pension under public laws administered by the U.S. Veteran's Administration and the Department of Defense.
- 2. The spouse of a veteran who cannot qualify for employment because of a total and permanent disability or the spouse of a veteran missing in action, captured or forcibly detained by a foreign power.
- 3. A veteran of any war who has served on active duty for 181 consecutive days or more or who has served 180 consecutive days or more since January 31, 1995 and who was honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States of America if any part of such active duty was performed during a wartime era, excluding active duty or training.
- 4. The unremarried widow or widower of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability.

Have you claimed and been employed using veteran's preference since October 1, 1987? Yes No

If "yes," please give name of employer: _____

NOTE: Under Florida law, preference in appointment shall be given first to those persons included in #1 and #2 above, and second to those persons included in #3 and #4 above. If an applicant claiming veterans' preference for a vacant position is not selected for the vacant position, he/she may file a complaint with the Division of Veterans' Affairs, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Suite 311-K, Largo, FL 33778-1630.

PERSONAL REFERENCES & ACQUAINTANCES

Personal References: Give three (3) references (not relatives, former or present employers, fellow employees, or school teachers) who are responsible adults of reputable standing in their communities, such as property owners, business or professional men or women, who have known you well for the past three (3) years. If retired, give former occupation.

Complete Name		Home Address: _____
(Last, First, Middle)		City, State & Zip: _____
Yrs. Acq.	Occupation	Home Phone: () _____
		Business Address: _____
		City, State & Zip: _____
		Business Phone: () _____

Complete Name		Home Address: _____
(Last, First, Middle)		City, State & Zip: _____
Yrs. Acq.	Occupation	Home Phone: () _____
		Business Address: _____
		City, State & Zip: _____
		Business Phone: () _____

Complete Name		Home Address: _____
(Last, First, Middle)		City, State & Zip: _____
Yrs. Acq.	Occupation	Home Phone: () _____
		Business Address: _____
		City, State & Zip: _____
		Business Phone: () _____

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

1. List all professional, trade businesses or civil activities and offices held:

Name	City & State	Present (list position held & describe activity)

2. Are you now or have you ever been a member of any foreign or domestic organization, association, movement, group or combination of persons which has adopted, or shows a policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny other persons their rights under the Constitution of the United States, or which seeks to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means? Yes No
3. At the time of your membership, participation, or contribution, did you know of any unlawful aims of the organization? Yes No If yes to question #2 or #3, explain including name of organization and location.

CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE HISTORY

1. Applicant's Current Address:

Address

City

County

State

Zip Code

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Telephone Number

E-Mail

2. Applicant's Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

3. Are you now able to perform the duties set forth in the job description or task analysis related to the position for which you have applied? Yes No

4. If a test or examination is required for this position, would you be able to take this test or examination? Yes No

5. Please provide name and address of next of kin or other person to be contacted in case of an emergency:

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

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Home Phone

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Business Phone

6. Please provide the name and address of your personal or family physician to be contacted in case of an emergency:

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

()

Business Phone

DRUG HISTORY

The information contained herein MAY BE a confidential medical record under the Americans with Disabilities Act if the applicant is a rehabilitated drug or alcohol abuser or under section 119.071(4)(b) whether the medical information, if disclosed, would identify the applicant.

1. Do you currently use any narcotic or controlled substance, such as cannabinoids, PCP, hallucinogen; methaqualone, hashish, cocaine, LSD, amphetamines, heroin, steroid, opiates, barbiturate, benzodiazepine, a synthetic narcotic, a designer drug, or any drug of a similar nature, or have you used such a narcotic or controlled substance within the last year? Yes No

2. Have you ever illegally experimented with or used any narcotic or controlled substance such as, but not limited to: cannabinoids, PCP, hallucinogen; methaqualone, hashish, cocaine, LSD, amphetamines, heroin, steroid, opiates, barbiturates, benzodiazepine, a snythetic narcotic, a designer drug, or any drug of a similar nature?

Yes No If yes, please complete the following:

a. Drug: _____

b. How taken: _____

c. Last time illegally experimented with or used: _____

3. Do you now or have you ever illegally obtained, possessed, supplied, or sold any narcotic or controlled substance such as, but not limited to: cannabinoids, PCP, hallucinogen; methaqualone, hashish, cocaine, LSD, amphetamines, heroin, steroid, opiates, barbiturates, benzodiazepine, a snythetic narcotic, a designer drug, or any drug of a similar nature?

Yes No If yes, please complete the following:

a. Drug: _____

b. Circumstances: _____

c. Number of times illegally obtained/possessed/supplied/sold: _____

d. First time illegally obtained/possessed/supplied/sold: _____

e. Last time illegally obtained/possessed/supplied/sold: _____

4. Do you now or have you within the last year, abused or illegally obtained, possessed or sold any prescription drug?

Yes No If yes, provide details, including drug, date, and circumstances.

5. Do you claim to be a rehabilitated alcohol, narcotics or drug user of any of the controlled substances as set forth above? Yes No If yes, provide details.

I understand that the "Applicants Certification" applies in all respects to the responses provided in this "Confidential Employee History" and "Drug History."

Signature of the applicant as usually written

Date

Witnessed by:

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that my employment will be contingent upon the results of a complete background investigation. I am aware that any omission, falsification, misstatement or misrepresentation will be the basis for my disqualification as an applicant or my dismissal from the Sheriff's Office. I agree to the conditions and certify that all statements made by me on this application are true, correct and complete, to the best of my knowledge. I further fully understand and consent to a polygraph examination concerning the veracity of my responses to the information requested on this application or which is discovered as a result of the background investigation, or any physical examination or drug test. I also understand that I may be fingerprinted. I understand that this employment application shall become the property of the Sheriff's Office and that it and the information received in response to the background examination are public records.

I further understand and agree that my employment will be contingent upon the results of a complete drug test.

I understand that the use of drugs or alcohol is not permitted, during work or duty time, whether paid or unpaid, in the areas, including vehicles, where work is performed by employees or appointees.

I understand that my continued employment may be contingent upon the results of medical or psychological examinations that I may be required to take during the term of my employment.

I further authorize the Sheriff's Office or agent of the Sheriff's Office, without need of further authorization, to obtain medical records allowed by law if I claim rights to payment or receipt of any benefit pursuant to state or federal law.

I further agree to execute any authorization as may be required by the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) for health care providers to release the necessary medical information to process my application for employment.

I understand and agree that any employment offered to me will be contingent upon my acceptance of compensatory time off, instead of cash, in payment for overtime hours that I work, to the extent allowed by law. I understand, however, that the Sheriff has the absolute discretion to periodically substitute cash, in whole or part, for my accrued compensatory time.

I understand that unless otherwise defined by applicable law, any employment relationship with this office is "at will", which means that the employer may discharge me at any time with or without cause and that this "at will" relationship may not be changed unless authorized in writing by the Sheriff.

I authorize any of the persons or organizations referenced in this application to furnish information, personal or otherwise, regarding my ability and fitness for employment with the Sheriff's Office and I release all such parties from any and all liability for any damage that might result from furnishing such information to the Sheriff's Office.

I agree to conform to the rules, regulations and orders of the Sheriff's Office and acknowledge that these rules, regulations and orders may be changed, interpreted, withdrawn or added to by the Sheriff's Office, at its discretion, at any time and without any prior notice to me.

I understand an investigation will be conducted on all of the information listed on this application. Because of this, are you aware of any information about yourself or any person with whom you are or had been closely associated (including relatives, roommates) which might tend to reflect unfavorably on your reputation, morals, character or ability? Yes No
If yes, provide your version or explain fully any such incident.

Signature of the applicant as usually written

Date

Witnessed by:

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WAIVER
Authority for Release of Information

TO: Concerned Person or
Authorized Representative of
Any Organization, Institution
or Repository of Records

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.: _____

EMPLOYING AGENCY REQUESTING BACKGROUND INFO: _____

I hereby authorize any employee or authorized representative bearing this release, or copy thereof, to obtain any information in your files pertaining to my employment records including, but not limited to, achievement, attendance, personal history, disciplinary records, medical records, credit records, and criminal history records. I hereby direct you to release such information upon request of the bearer. This release is executed with full knowledge and understanding that the information is for the official use of the requesting agency. Consent is granted for the agency to furnish such information, as is described above, to third parties in the course of fulfilling its official responsibilities. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records, and employer, education institution, physician, hospital or other repository of medical records, credit bureau or consumer reporting agency, including its officers, employees, and related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. A photocopy of this form will be as effective as the original.

I hereby authorize the National Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, or other custodian of my military record to release information or photocopies from my military personnel and related medical records, including a photocopy of my DD 214, Report of Separation, to:

Florida State Statute 768.095 titled employer immunity from liability; disclosure of information regarding former employees states: – An employer who discloses information about a former employee's job performance to a prospective employer of the former employee upon request of the prospective employer or of the former employee is presumed to be acting in good faith and, unless lack of good faith is shown by clear and convincing evidence, is immune from civil liability for such disclosure of its consequences. For the purposes of this section, the presumption of good faith is rebutted upon a showing that the information disclosed by the former employer was knowingly false or deliberately misleading, was rendered with malicious purpose, or violated any civil right of the former employee protected under chapter 760.

Pursuant to Section 943.13 (4), (5) and (7) F.S., Chapter 2001-94, Laws of Florida, disclosure of information is required unless contrary to state or federal law. Civil penalties may be available for refusal to disclose non-privileged legally obtainable information.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Applicant's Address

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF _____

Before me personally appeared _____ who says that he/she executed the above instrument of his/her own free will and accord, with full knowledge of the purpose therefore.

Sworn and subscribed in my presence this _____ day of _____, _____. My commission expires on _____.

Notary Public

Personally Known – or – Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: _____