



## Choosing Campus Security Jobs as Careers

**Security jobs are often dangerous in nature and require a commitment to responsibility and a level of maturity that comes from experience and maturity. Those in these positions are charged with protecting school campuses across the country, whether they're high school, junior colleges, or major universities.**

Job requirements vary by district and each school has its own guidelines it uses when screening potential [employment](#) candidates. The universal requirements include a lack of convictions and or charges of a criminal nature, which are enough to disqualify a candidate. This is verified through standard background checks. There must be no history of drug abuse, spousal abuse or other crimes. [Job candidates](#) must also be willing to work shifts, weekends and holidays. Often, campuses require applicants be in good physical condition. Many times security personnel are armed with firearms.

Educational requirements vary. However, a background in this field is beneficial. Training courses such as firearm safety, self defense and sometimes public safety courses are advantageous. Most often, campus security is authorized to enforce local ordinances and laws, depending on where the educational institution is located. Campus security officials are often the first on scene during any emergency, whether it's a criminal violation, weather event, or accidents. They ensure campus activities are run according to campus guidelines and provide escorts when needed. Further, they work at all sporting events, both on and off campus as needed.

Security personnel work closely with local law enforcement to ensure preventative measures are in place to protect the campus as a whole. They take reports of thefts, motor vehicle accident reports and any reports of assault. Because of these responsibilities, campuses generally provide money in their budgets to attract and keep the best qualified personnel. Salaries vary from campus to campus and even state to state, but due to the importance of campus security, wages are

usually generous. Annual salaries for those with the minimum of experience are around \$30,000. Again, these numbers vary greatly based on campus size and state budgets.

Promotion potential is always available and those who show loyalty and commitment are rewarded with promotions to SR. officers and even departmental lead positions. Still, there must be a genuine effort put forth. Some of these efforts include suggestions on how to better security. Whether it's better lighting suggestions or ATM safety, those who show the leadership abilities through continuing safety measures benefit greatly in these [jobs](#).

For those looking to secure [employment opportunities](#) with campuses, the first step is to contact schools and universities in his area. The job candidate should be prepared to provide an accurate and current resume as well as any certifications in training courses. Candidates should also be prepared to supply samples for drug analysis as well as explanations for any criminal investigations (even misdemeanors).

As mentioned above, salaries will vary, but those with the most experience often earn close to \$60,000. Benefits packages are usually offered as part of employment and are usually similar to what's offered to other campus personnel. Vacation, 401(k) and insurance are common and because many schools are part of state retirement plans, many have their own contributions matched by the state employer's unions. These benefits, as well as job security, are only a few of the reasons campus security jobs will remain in demand.

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