



Instructions to BLET Applicants

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Successful completion of Basic Law Enforcement Training is required for certification to become a sworn law enforcement officer in North Carolina.

Thank you for expressing interest in attending Basic Law Enforcement Training here at Durham Tech. Please review this email as it explains how to get started. BLET is otherwise known as a Police Academy or Sheriff's Academy and is a full-time endeavor for six months.

Our BLET programs typically run in the Fall and Spring. Durham Tech's Human Services and Public Safety Department have ongoing partnerships with both the Durham Police Department and Durham County Sheriff's Office.

In order to attend BLET, you must meet the following requirements. Persons can only attend BLET who intend on becoming a sworn officer and working with a law enforcement agency in NC. You MUST be sponsored, this is state law. (SEE ATTACHED LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP) It is always suggested that you speak with a recruiter from whichever agency (Police Department, Sheriff's Office, or State Law Enforcement) that interests you and apply with that agency. That way you are sponsored, hired, getting paid, and have medical insurance while attending BLET. Additionally, if you are hired the hiring agency will handle all entrance requirements for you. AFTER reviewing this email, let me know if you have any questions.

1. You cannot be a convicted felon.
2. You cannot have more than four Class B Misdemeanor Convictions.
3. Must be a United States or naturalized citizen.
4. Must have a valid North Carolina Driver's License.
5. Must be a high school graduate.
6. Must pass a nationally recognized reading comprehension test at a 10th grade level.
7. Must be 20 years of age by the end of BLET.



8. Must pass a required physical.
9. Must pass a psychological screening.
10. Must pass a drug test.
11. Must submit to and pass a thorough and complete background investigation.
12. Must be able to pass two agility tests by the end of BLET.

If you are good there. Here are the next steps:

1. You must obtain a certified criminal history check from each County/State in which you have resided in since the age of 16 from the County's Clerk of Court. A sponsoring or sponsoring and hiring law enforcement agency can help you with this.
2. You then would have to complete Forms F1, F2, F3, and F25 (See below links)
 - A. F-1 (Medical History Report) - <https://ncdoj.gov/download/111/medical-screening/361612/f-1-medical-history-report-11-2022-4.pdf>
 - B. F-2 (Medical Examination Report) - <https://ncdoj.gov/download/111/medical-screening/361613/f-2-medical-examination-report-11-2022-4.pdf>
 - C. F-3 (Personal History Statement) - <https://ncdoj.gov/download/114/law-enforcement/367080/f-3-le-personal-history-statement-04-2024-2.pdf>
 - D. F-25 (BLET Agency Conviction Check) - <https://ncdoj.gov/download/97/basic-law-enforcement-training/366210/f-25-blet-agency-conviction-check-06-2024.pdf>
3. If you have applied to the Law Enforcement agency of your choice but have been denied employment based on circumstances other than previously listed, you can still reach out to any North Carolina Law Enforcement Agency and request to be sponsored (A law Enforcement Department Head has to verify your acceptable criminal history and you cannot sponsor yourself). (I have provided a contact list with possible sponsors in Durham and Orange Counties) Sponsorship means that a Chief or Sheriff or designee can attest to the fact that you meet all North Carolina Criminal Justice and Standards Division requirements to become certified as a law enforcement officer. (See attached Letter of Sponsorship you would need to have completed)
4. If you can find a sponsor, and complete all listed forms (We would need a copy of everything and your sponsoring agency would likely need a copy of everything), you could then be admitted in BLET.
5. There would be no tuition fees, however you would be responsible to pay for required books and clothing (PT gear and uniforms). Approximately 1500.00.
6. BLET is a full-time endeavor with most weeks being Monday-Friday (6:00AM-6:00PM) for over six months.

Please contact us if you have any further questions.



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LETTER OF SPONSORSHIP FOR BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

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RE: Applicant Full Name _____

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

Dear Mr. Bishop,

I hereby confirm that our law enforcement agency will sponsor the above-named applicant’s participation in Durham Technical Community College’s Basic Law Enforcement Training Program beginning on _____.

By requesting the admission of this individual, I am attesting to the fact that a background check was conducted and revealed nothing that would prohibit this individual from being employed by a law enforcement agency. Furthermore, I attest that I am aware of nothing in this person’s character or reputation that would discredit my agency, law enforcement, or Durham Technical Community College.

In the event this individual is not currently employed by this agency, he/she understands that this sponsorship does not guarantee them employment with this or any other law enforcement agency, nor does this sponsorship express or imply in any way a guarantee of employment in law enforcement with this agency or any other agency in the future.

I further attest the above-named individual will be 20 years of age before taking the State Exam.

Regarding the items that we choose to provide or pay for, we acknowledge that neither Durham Technical Community College nor any of its employees or agents shall be liable for any damage or loss incurred as a result of its use during the academy.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Agency Representative Signature _____ Date _____

Agency Name _____