

POLK STATE COLLEGE

KENNETH C. THOMPSON INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Law Enforcement Academy Entrance Requirements

General Requirements:

- (1) Be at least 19 years of age.**
- (2) Be a citizen of the United States.**
- (3) Be a high school graduate or it's "equivalent" as the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission has defined by rule.**
- (4) Only an Honorable Discharge from the Military will be accepted (a General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions may be considered).**
- (5) Any person who, after July 1, 1981, pleads guilty or nolo contendere to or is found guilty of any felony or misdemeanor involving perjury or a false statement is not eligible for employment or appointment as an officer, notwithstanding suspension of sentence or withholding of adjudication.
Notwithstanding this subsection, any person who has plead nolo contendere to a misdemeanor involving a false statement, prior to December 1, 1985, and has had such record sealed or expunged shall not be deemed ineligible for employment or appointment as an officer.**
- (6) Any person who is convicted of, or pleads to, a domestic violence charge is not eligible to be an officer (Federal Statute)**

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Driving Disqualifiers:

- (1) Conviction or guilty plea to DUI as defined in 316.193, F.S., during the sixty (60) months prior to the date of the application, but not more than one (1) total lifetime.**
- (2) Conviction or guilty plea to giving false information to a police officer.**
- (3) Leaving the scene of an accident without reporting the accident, or reckless driving during the sixty (60) months prior to application.**
- (4) Accumulation of more than twelve (12) points on the applicant's driver's license during any thirty-six (36) month period, prior to application.**
- (5) Conviction or guilty plea to Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer.**
- (6) Driving record that demonstrates repeated offenses and flagrant disregard for traffic laws.**
- (7) Suspension of driver's license for non-payment of insurance or non-payment of traffic fines more than twice during the sixty (60) months prior to application.**

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Drug Disqualifiers:

- (1) Use or experimenting with marijuana within twenty-four (24) months prior to submitting an application.**
- (2) Use or experimenting with hard drugs with sixty (60) months prior to application.**
- (3) The sale, procuring for another, or distribution in any form ever.**

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