The New York State Police continue to look for qualified candidates who are interested in becoming New York State Troopers. The New York State Police is an Equal Opportunity Employer that values diversity and encourages all individuals interested in public service to apply.

The State Police is seeking candidates who meet the qualifications to take the trooper examination which will be offered throughout the State, and on four separate Saturdays in October in New York City:

October 5th, 2013 – Lehman College
October 12th, 2013 Lexington Armory
October 19th, 2013 – Harlem Children’s Zone Armory
October 26th, 2013 – Lehman College

Those interested in becoming a New York State Trooper can apply on-line at: www.NYTROOPER.com. The Troop NYC recruiters can be reached at (917)492-7126, or by email at nycrecruit@troopers.ny.gov to answer any questions applicants may have.

Opportunities within the State Police include training and membership in specialized units as well as opportunities for advancement through the State Police ranks. Some of the specialized areas of expertise include positions such as: Crime Scene Evidence Technicians; Field Training Officers; K-9 Handlers; Firearms Instructors and Motor Vehicle Collision Reconstructionists. Troopers are also eligible for assignments to specialized details and units including: the Aviation unit; the SCUBA Team; the Special Operations Response Team, the Gun Investigation Unit; the Community
Narcotics Enforcement Team; and the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit. Troopers may also pursue assignments as investigators in the Bureau of Criminal Investigation or in a variety of other specialized units.

Several technology improvements have been added to the application process for the 2013 recruitment campaign. Applicants can now use PayPal to pay for the application fee in addition to a Visa or Master Card. The application has also been optimized for mobile devices such that anyone who wishes to use their phone or other portable device will find the process user friendly. To help reduce paper and mailing costs, applicants with military service can now upload their supporting documents as PDF or scanned images directly into their application. Lastly, applicants that provide an e-mail address will receive confirmation of their application submission. Notifications will also be sent when updates, such as changing a testing location or date, are made to their application on-line.

On-line applications must be submitted by Midnight EST September 8, 2013. Results from the examination will establish an eligibility list that may remain in effect for a maximum of four years.

Currently, a Trooper’s starting salary is $50,374 during Academy training. Upon Academy graduation, the salary increases to $66,905, and after one year to $71,261, with additional salary steps during the first five years of service. After 5 years, a Trooper’s salary increases to $84,739, with additional longevity payments through 25 years of service. Additional location compensation is provided for troopers assigned to New York City, Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester Counties.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR BECOMING A NEW YORK STATE TROOPER

Must be a citizen of the United States and be at least 20 years old by the application deadline, September 8, 2013.

Must not have reached their 30th birthday by the date of the application deadline; except the maximum age may be extended one year for each year of full-time active Federal military duty – up to a maximum of 6 years.

AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT:

Must be at least 21 years old to be appointed.

Must be appointed prior to 36th birthday, except the maximum age may be extended one year for each year of full-time active Federal military duty – up to a maximum of 6 years.

Must be a New York State resident and have a valid New York State driver’s license at time of appointment.

Must be able to pass a Physical Ability Test (PAT): sit-ups, push-ups and a one-and-one-half mile run.

Must be able to work rotating shifts any day of the week, including holidays.

Vision Requirements: uncorrected – no worse than 20/100 in each eye able to be corrected to 20/20 in each eye. Correction may be achieved using glasses, contact lenses, or surgery. Color blindness is disqualifying.
Must comply with New York State policy which requires all members to present a neat and professional appearance at all times. Tattoos, brands, body piercings and other body art shall not be visible while a member is in uniform or other business attire. The uniform includes the short sleeve shirt open at the front of the neck. In addition to visibility, some tattoos or brands may have symbolic meanings that are inconsistent with the values of the New York State Police.

Must possess a:

Graduate certificate from senior high school, Or,

New York State High School Equivalency Diploma, Or

Military GED certificate, Or

High School Equivalency diploma from another state converted to a NYS High School Equivalency Diploma,

AND

Must have completed 60 college credit hours at an accredited college or university at time of appointment.

Exceptions: 30 college credits may be waived, if the candidate has either:

Received an Honorable Discharge from the United States military after two years of active military service;

-or-

Successfully completed a Certified Police Officer Training Course approved by, or equivalent to a course approved by, the New York State Municipal Police Training council. A certified Peace Officer Training course does not qualify.

Must be of good moral character. A felony conviction or a dishonorable discharge, from any military service, is an automatic disqualifier.

Must successfully complete a medical examination, vision test, hearing test, background investigation including polygraph examination, and psychological evaluation to be appointed.