## Minimum Qualifications for a Wildlife Officer I

- You must be a citizen of the United States at least 21 years of age
- Bachelor's degree in natural science, criminology, criminal justice, or a related field. The formal education equivalent of a high school diploma; plus four years of certified law enforcement or military police experience. May substitute degree requirement with law enforcement experience and degree for required experience.
- Valid driver's license with good driving record
- No felony convictions
- Must pass physical, psychological, vision and hearing exams
- Must be able to swim
- Must be willing to accept assignment anywhere in the state
- Must complete the Commission's intensive 20-week enforcement training course
- Must work varied hours including weekends and holidays
- Must satisfactorily pass a thorough background investigation

For information about job qualifications, please contact the Human Resources Division, (501) 223-6317. To find a list of jobs currently advertised, visit www.agfc.com or call our job line, (501) 223-6303, or toll-free, (877) 731-JOBS (5627).

# **How To Apply**

Applications may be downloaded at www.agfc.com/employment or apply online at www.arstatejobs.com. Call the Human Resources Division, (501) 223-6317, to have an application mailed to you. Applications should be returned to:

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission ATTN: Human Resources Division 2 Natural Resources Drive Little Rock, AR 72205

Applications will be accepted only for currently advertised positions. "As an equal opportunity employer, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission will make any reasonable accommodation necessary to ensure equal employment."

# Minorities and women are encouraged to apply.

The mission of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is to wisely manage all the fish and wildlife resources of Arkansas while providing maximum enjoyment for the people.



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# Becoming a Wildlife Officer





## **Duties of a Wildlife Officer**

The duties of a wildlife officer are more varied than ever before. Their primary responsibility is to patrol their assigned county enforcing AGFC Regulations and Boating Laws while establishing and maintaining good relationships with the general public and in the communities they serve. Wildlife Officers are "State" law enforcement officers that are also required to enforce local, state, and federal laws as well.

Wildlife Officers present programs to schools, 4-H, Boy Scouts and other youth groups as well as civic clubs and other organizations. They teach Hunter and Boater Education classes, give radio and television interviews, answer nuisance animal complaints, assist other law enforcement agencies, assist with fish and wildlife management programs and perform many other duties.

A wildlife officer is called upon to work any hour, day or night and must work weekends and holidays. Regular days off are scheduled on weekdays. It is a full-time job, requiring the highest standard of personal and professional conduct.

## **Salary and Benefits**

- Beginning salary Grade C118 \$33,861 annually
- + Uniform allowance \$1,800 annually
- Partially paid group health insurance
- Annual and sick leave
- Eleven paid holidays per year
- Vehicle to conduct official AGFC business

The Commission is always looking for bright, versatile, highly motivated men and women to apply for jobs as wildlife officers. The competition is strong for these jobs. Normally, one out of every 20-25 qualified applicants will be accepted for employment.





## Enforcement Special Divisions Disaster Response Team

AGFC wildlife officers are often the first responders during natural disaster events that occur in their home county. The AGFC Enforcement Division also has a team of officers assigned for rapid deployment to catastrophes that occur throughout the state and in neighboring states. Disaster Response Team members receive specialized training in everything from storm spotting to domestic terrorism response, so they can be ready when disaster strikes.

### **Dive Team**

Wildlife violations sometimes take wildlife officers under the surface of the water and the AGFC Enforcement Dive Team is ready. This group of highly trained divers will respond to all areas of the state at any time, day or night. This team is trained to tackle the worst possible diving conditions, from body recovery to evidence searches. The dive team also patrols for divers who may be illegally harvesting game or endangered species .