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Job Title:	Account Technician I (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Healthcare & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 05/05/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$3,124.00 - \$4,402.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC014
Bid ID#:	F00404

Under general supervision, conducts technical accounting work; utilizes the Programmatic and Administrative Accounting System (PAAS) and the Client Information System (CIS) and/or Key Information Delivery System (KIDS) to examine and analyze unidentified cash receipts; verifies electronic credit card authorizations for All Kids/Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities (HBWD)

Location: Bureau of Fiscal Operations, Hotline 2200 Churchill Road, Building - A, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62702

Contact Person: Linda Stout Bureau of Fiscal Operations 2200 Churchill, Building - A, 2nd Floor Springfield, Illinois 62702

217-785-9845 Office 217-782-1199 Fax



Job Title:	Account Technician II
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 05/13/16 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$3,371.00 - \$5,041.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Randolph County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC014
Bid ID#:	10-78-96143

Under direction of the Business Administrator, performs technical accounting work by maintaining a set of account books and posting financial information to journals, registers, ledgers and other related financial records and makes adjusting entries and reconciliations; serves as lead worker to Account Technician 1.

Work Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Chester Mental Health Center P.O. Box 31 Chester, IL 62233

Contact: Rhonda Dunning/Kim Holsapple, Human Resources (618) 826-4571, ext. 331 FAX: (618) 826-3229



Job Title:	Accountant (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Insurance
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 05/09/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$3,647.00 - \$5,342.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	DOI 12152

### Work Hours:

8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

#### Work Location:

Illinois Department of Insurance Finance & Administration/Insurance Tax Administration 320 W. Washington St Springfield, IL - Sangamon County

## Agency Contact:

A & R Shared Services Center 101 West Jefferson St., WIB Mail Code 5-110 Springfield, IL 62702 217-782-9993 217-782-9925 Fax



Job Title:	Accountant Advanced
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 05/09/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$3,969.00 - \$5,913.00 monthly \$47,628.00 - \$70,956.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	10-99-95830

Under direction of the Manager, Special Contracts, Administrative Vouchering & Staff Analysis, independently performs complex auditing and execution of accounting functions for administrative and community service contracts, travel vouchers, phone bills, and other C-13 payments for the Division of Family and Community Services (FCS).

Please submit applications to: Kelly Kindred Bureau of Employee Services 100 S. Grand Avenue East, 3rd Floor Springfield, IL 62762 FAX: 217-524-2116 PHONE: 217-557-0347



Job Title:	Activity Program Aide II
Agency:	Human Services
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 05/17/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$2,719.00 - \$3,779.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Lake County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC009
Bid ID#:	10-70-16-96165-0041

Under general supervision of the PSA/Active Treatment Program Administrator, plans and carries out a part of the Activity Therapy Program Services in the Kiley developmental disability facility; leads adults in appropriate activities; assists in the selection of individuals for industrial assignments; assist in the orientation of aides and volunteers. Submits planned activities to supervisor for approval and independently leads, guide or instructs individuals in specific activities.

Hours of work: Tuesday - Friday, 11:30am- 8:00pm and Sunday 9:00am-5:30pm Off Days Monday and Saturday

Contact: Human Resources Department Ann M. Kiley Center 1401 W. Dugdale Road Waukegan, Il 60085 fax: 847-249-0722



Job Title:	Administrative Assistant I - Opt K1
Agency:	Revenue
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 05/11/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$4,159.00 - \$6,218.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC028
Bid ID#:	DOR 12116

Under general direction, performs responsible duties as staff assistant to the Agency Procurement Officer/Contract and Procurement Manager; performs a variety of special project assignments relative to conducting studies and evaluating the effectiveness of procurement functions; coordinates special project assignments for the Agency Procurment Officer; composes a variety of technical correspondence; serves as liaison with the Department of Central Management Services (CMS), Procurement section, Printing section, e.g.; received and reviews commodities requests; serves as back-up receptionist for the office.

Agency Contact: A & R Shared Services Center 101 West Jefferson St., WIB Mail Code 5-110 Springfield, IL 62702 217-558-0962 217-782-9925 Fax



Job Title:	Administrative Secretary
Agency:	Illinois Courts/Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts
Salary:	\$33,568.00 / Year
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	154

Under general supervision, the Administrative Secretary verifies citations in draft dispositions by using reporters, statute books, treatises, and on-line material; edits drafts for substance, style, and grammar, spelling, and word choice; recognizes discrepancies in draft disposition's characterization of case or material; and tracks progress of various projects. The duties include all general office, including vouchering payment, answering and routing phone inquiries, photocopying, faxing, e-mail, transcription, word processing, data entry on case-management system, filing, making labels and folders, ordering supplies, maintaining library, inventory, and other duties, as assigned.

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m Fourth District Appellate Courthouse 201 West Monroe Street Springfield, IL 62794

Shirley Wilgenbusch (217) 558-6789



Job Title:	Arson Investigator I
Agency:	State Fire Marshal
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 05/09/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$4,144.00 - \$6,033.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Jefferson County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC029
Bid ID#:	50-50-SFM16-006

Under general direction of the Division Director of Arson, investigates fire scenes to determine cause and origin of fire for the purpose of bringing criminal charges against individual(s) who would be responsible for such crime. Makes arrest of suspected arsonist. Provides documentation for prosecutable action. Upon request, provides advice and direct assistance to local, other state and federal law enforcement agencies. Work within judicial system and assist local fire departments.

Work Location: Office of the State Fire Marshal Jefferson County - Home Based

Agency Contact: Robert Huck Public Safety Shared Services Center 1301 Concordia Ct. Springfield, IL 62702 217-557-6010 ext. 4217 217-782-8916 – Fax



Job Title:	Assistant Inspector General
Agency:	Executive Inspector General *
Closing Date/Time:	Continuous
Salary:	\$4,167.00 - \$6,667.00 monthly
Job Type:	Exempt
Location:	Cook County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	03292016

Responsible for drafting final summary reports for investigative cases. Final summary reports include: documentation of allegations, investigative steps taken, evidence adduced, analyses of ethical and legal implications, findings and recommendations for appropriate action.

Ensures compliance with internal and external reporting and other statutory obligations by maintaining case logs, providing input on monthly reports, investigative status reports, and reviewing responses and other documents stemming from the issuance of founded reports.

9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Office of Executive Inspector General 69 W. Washington Street, Suite 3400 Chicago, IL 60602 Division of Human Resources 312.814.1789



Job Title:	Boiler Safety Specialist
Agency:	State Fire Marshal
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 05/09/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$8,005.74 / Month
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	DuPage County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC008
Bid ID#:	50-50-SMF16-001

Under general direction, performs technical duties of an inspectional and consultative nature in the administration of the Illinois Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act.

Work Hours: Mon-Fri 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Work Location: Office of the State Fire Marshal DuPage County - Home Based

Agency Contact: Robert Huck Public Safety Shared Services Center 1301 Concordia Ct. Springfield, IL 62702 217-557-6010 ext. 4217 217-782-8916 – Fax



Job Title:	Budget Analyst I
Agency:	Office of Management and Budget
Closing Date/Time:	Sun. 05/15/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$3,417.00 / Month
Job Type:	Exempt
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Bid ID#:	001

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget is seeking to hire a Budget Analyst I. The Budget Analyst I will be based in the main office in Springfield, IL. This position is a great opportunity for someone that is passionate about finance and public policy. Job duties include, but are not limited to:

Makes recommendations and provides technical assistance on budget levels for agencies and programs, taking in to account administration priorities, availability of resources and impact on programs.

• Assists in the negotiation of issues related to the budget or state programs, which may include reviewing, researching and recommending alternative budget strategies.

E-mail: jobs.omb@illinois.gov

**Attention Personnel:** 603 Stratton Building

Springfield, IL 62706

Fax: 217-524-4876



Job Title:	Budget Manager
Agency:	Illinois Courts/Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 05/23/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$70,279.00 / Year
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	157

The Budget Manager works closely with the Assistant Director - Administrative Services Division to analyze and monitor all financial transactions involving funds appropriated to the Supreme Court for the operation of the judicial branch. The Budget Manager utilizes current financial protocols aimed at collecting, recording, analyzing and reporting complex financial reporting and develops new strategies where warranted. Through the use of spreadsheets and Access databases, the Budget Manager prepares ad hoc reports and reviews current financial documents for use by the Assistant Director and AOIC Director in reviewing, monitoring and developing varying levels of financial documents.

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts Administrative Services Division 3101 Old Jacksonville Road Springfield, IL 62704

Barb Black (217) 524-6429



Job Title:	Business Manager
Agency:	Corrections
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 05/06/16 4:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$4,377.00 - \$6,878.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	IDOC29-40-16-0123

Under general direction of the PSA, Sourcing Supervisor, serves as procurement liaison between the Shared Services Sourcing, Purchasing, and Contract Management Units. Serves as a liaison with the Department of Central Management Services, Procurement Services Division.

Work Location: Public Safety Shared Services Center 1301 Concordia Ct. Springfield, IL 62702

Agency Contact: Robert Huck Public Safety Shared Services Center 1301 Concordia Ct. Springfield, IL 62702 217-557-6010 ext. 4217 217-782-8916 – Fax



Job Title:	CE IV Senior Resident Engineer
Agency:	Transportation
Closing Date/Time:	Tue. 05/10/16 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$5,800.00 - \$9,230.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	3
Bid ID#:	IPR#40993

The position is accountable for the supervision of all field activities involved in the construction of one highly complex project or multiple related projects in a highway district. The position is also responsible for supervising the layout, inspection, and documentation of all projects assigned and for ensuring compliance with the contract plans, specifications, and special provisions.

Technical Applications (PM 1080) **must be received** by the Bureau of Personnel Management, Room 113, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764 (Fax# 217/557-3134) or emailed to DOT.CO.BPM.EmploymentApplications@illinois.gov by **Tuesday, May 10, 2016**, 4:30 p.m. Please include address, daytime phone and position for which applying if not already listed on application. Applicants will be notified in writing to schedule interviews.

NOTE: Applications will be accepted from qualified permanent DOT employees only. Please be advised that if a high volume of applications are received, the applications may be screened to establish a smaller pool of applicants for interview. The screening will be based on the information contained in the application.

To view the entire job posting and to download a Technical Application, please visit: <u>http://www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/employment/index</u>



Job Title:	CE V Maintenance Field Engineer
Agency:	Transportation
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 05/16/16 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$6,315.00 - \$10,210.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	IPR#40881

This position is responsible for planning, coordinating and controlling the maintenance activities in an assigned area; manages the operating budget and manpower to guarantee optimal allocation and scheduling of resources; and oversees right-of-way and road surface maintenance.

Technical Applications (PM 1080) **must be received** by the Bureau of Personnel Management, Room 113, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764 (Fax# 217/557-3134) or emailed to DOT.CO.BPM.EmploymentApplications@illinois.gov by **Monday, May 16, 2016**, 4:30 p.m. Please include address, daytime phone and position for which applying if not already listed on application. Applicants will be notified in writing to schedule interviews.

NOTE: A copy of each applicant's ACTIVE Illinois Professional Engineer License must accompany application for this position. Please be advised that if a high volume of applications are received, the applications may be screened to establish a smaller pool of applicants for interview. The screening will be based on the information contained in the application.

To view the entire job posting and to download a Technical Application, please visit: <u>http://www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/employment/index</u>



Job Title:	CE V Metals & Miscellaneous Products Engineer
Agency:	Transportation
Closing Date/Time:	Fri. 05/06/16 4:30 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$6,315.00 - \$10,210.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Bid ID#:	IPR#40878

This position is accountable for managing the activities of the Bureau of Materials and Physical Research's Metals and Miscellaneous Products Sub-unit which develops and evaluates policies and procedures pertaining to metals and miscellaneous material products. This includes developing and evaluating test procedures for metals and miscellaneous products and supervising inspection programs.

Technical Applications (PM 1080) **must be received** by the Bureau of Personnel Management, Room 113, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62764 (Fax# 217/557-3134) by **Friday, May 6, 2016**, 4:30 p.m. Please include address, daytime phone and position for which applying if not already listed on application. Applicants will be notified in writing to schedule interviews.

NOTE: A copy of each applicant's ACTIVE Illinois Professional Engineer License must accompany application for this position. Please be advised that if a high volume of applications are received, the applications may be screened to establish a smaller pool of applicants for interview. The screening will be based on the information contained in the application.

To view the entire job posting and to download a Technical Application, please visit: <u>http://www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/employment/index</u>



Job Title:	Chemist I (Upward Mobility Target Title)
Agency:	Environmental Protection Agency
Closing Date/Time:	Thu. 05/12/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$3,969.00 - \$5,913.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Sangamon County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	16-035

Under direct supervision of the Organic Analysis working supervisor, performs professional organic chemical analysis on environmental samples; submits highly complex data to the supervisor, or a higher-level specialist for further and final interpretation; utilize a computer-based data system to identify and measure chemical compounds; prepares a summary of results for the supervisor following Quality Control (QC) according to the applicable Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Work hours: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday Location:825 N. Rutledge, 4th Floor, Springfield, IL

Contact: Linda Traylor IEPA 1021 North Grand Avenue East MC#37 PO Box 19276 Springfield, IL 62794-9276 217/782-2074 Fax: 217/524-6907



Job Title:	Child Protection Specialist
Agency:	Children & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Wed. 05/11/16 5:00 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly \$52,524.00 - \$78,972.00 annually
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Madison County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	1637011-375849

Under direction of the team supervisor, receives and investigates reports of physical and sexual abuse and neglect reported by mandated and other sources; assesses immediate safety and risk factors of involved children and takes necessary protection action; makes recommendations about investigative findings; implements short-term services, including concrete services directly or through family advocates; on a rotating basis, assigned to 24 hour "on call" duty in addition to normal assignments, to ensure that services are provided as mandated by statute and policy.

### Supervisor: Regina Parker

Contact: Brenda Hart DCFS Personnel 10 Collinsville Avenue # 301 East St. Louis, IL 62201 Phone: 618-583-2135 Fax: 618-583-2059 Email: <u>Brenda.Hart@Illinois.gov</u>



Job Title:	Child Protection Specialist - Opt SS
Agency:	Children & Family Services
Salary:	\$4,377.00 - \$6,581.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Lake County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	2
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	Waukegan Inv. 2016 (Bilingual)

Under direction of the team supervisor, receives and investigates reports of physical and sexual abuse and neglect reported by mandated and other sources; assesses immediate safety and risk factors of involved children and takes necessary protection action; makes recommendations about investigative findings; implements short-term services, including concrete services directly or through family advocates; on a rotating basis, assigned to 24 hour "on call" duty in addition to normal assignments, to ensure that services are provided as mandated by statute and policy; translates and interprets, both orally and in writing, for Spanish speaking clients.

#### **Contact:**

Lora Busse-Fleck Northern Regional Personnel 8 E. Galena Boulevard, Suite 401 Aurora, IL 60506 Phone: (630) 801-3575 Fax: (630) 801-3530 Email: Lora.Busse-Fleck@illinois.gov



Job Title:	Child Support Specialist I
Agency:	Healthcare & Family Services
Closing Date/Time:	Mon. 05/16/16 11:59 PM Central Time
Salary:	\$3,969.00 - \$5,913.00 monthly
Job Type:	Full-Time
Location:	Peoria County, Illinois
Number of Vacancies:	1
Plan/BU:	RC062
Bid ID#:	CS3365

Under direction, calculates financial obligations and support balances related to child support accounts; interprets and reviews support orders, both judicial and administrative, for case review and entry into the system; resolves customer service issues in a Call Center environment through direct customer contact.

Work Hours: 8:30 - 5:00

Peoria Regional Office 401 Main Street Peoria, Illinois 61602 (Peoria County)

Agency Contact: Leslie Guennewig 509 S. 6th Street Springfield, IL 62701

Work#: (217) 557-3900 Fax#: (217) 524-3960



## **CMS EMPLOYMENT**

Testing is offered on easy to use touch screen computers. Applicants are allowed at least 90 minutes to answer the questions on automated tests. On tests with a larger number of questions or more complex questions (Human Resources Assistant & Associate; Data Processing Specialist & Administrative Specialist; Disability Claims Adjudicator Trainee; Insurance Analyst II; Revenue Tax Specialist Trainee; Social Services Career Trainee; Telecommunicate Trainee), more time is allowed to complete the exam.

Public use copiers are not available at the Assessment Centers. Therefore, it is important that applicants bring with them copies of their application for <u>each</u> title and test option for which they want to test.

Chicago Office: James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph, Suite 3-300 Chicago, IL 60601-3220 (312) 793-3565 (voice) Illinois Relay Center 800) 526-0844

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY ONLY -- Flexible Schedule Testing Check in time for tests - clerical and non-clerical is anytime between 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



## What is the CTA Second Chance Program?

The CTA Second Chance Program is an initiative offered in conjunction with the City of Chicago and social service agencies throughout the city. Working closely with the Department of Family and Support Services, hard-to-place individuals are given an opportunity to obtain full-time employment and training which may enable a start of a long-term, meaningful career.

## How to apply

Jobseekers need to actively participate in one of the 13 designated agencies' work readiness programs. The CTA Second Chance program is in regular communication with the agencies listed below. The agencies' top participants are referred to CTA for the bus servicer and rail car servicer Second Chance positions.

## Click Here For the 13 Designated Agencies

## What are the eligibility requirements and qualifications?

- Job seekers interested in participating must:
- Reside within the City of Chicago
- Be 18 years or older
- Participate in 8-10 weeks of Job Readiness Training and obtain a certificate of completion from one of the13 referring agencies.
- Second Chance participants that are referred are required to be released from the following:
- House arrest (wearing metal band/bracelet)
- o Drug/alcohol program (i.e. Methadone treatment)
- Work release center



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## How many Second Chance positions are available?

Up to 265 Second Chance participants may be employed by CTA in one calendar year. Start and end dates per Second Chance participant are on a rolling basis.

## How long does the program last?

Based on job performance and attendance, a participant may serve for 12 months or more.

## How much does the program pay?

Participants are paid at a rate of \$10.00 per hour and may work up to 40 hours per week. Pay checks are issued on a bi-weekly pay period.

## How is a participant selected?

As positions become available, CTA contacts the referring agencies. Referring agencies recommend applicants who they have screened and who have successfully completed the job readiness program.

### Once the referring agency recommends an applicant, what happens?

- Applicants are fingerprinted for background processing.
- Applicants complete a medical review.
- If the applicant passes background and medical what are the next steps?
- Orientation/pre-hire
- Applicants attend a new employee orientation thoroughly outlining program guidelines, eligibility requirements, job functions, placements, and Union participation.
- Completion of all hiring documentation and application inserts



- Training
- Participants are required to complete a (paid) safety training prior to reporting to assigned work location.
- The overall performance and attendance/tardiness of each apprentice is scored.
- Supervisors and apprentices are required to review the scoring of the evaluations, solicit feedback and address any questions or concerns.
- Agencies provide individual case management on each apprentice and maintain periodic contact.

## What happens when the participant successfully completes the program?

- Participants in good standing receive a certificate of completion and letter of reference from CTA.
- Providing there are no additional arrests or convictions on the participant's record, the Second Chance program participant is encouraged to apply for CTA vacancies.

## Who can you call if you have questions?

If you still have questions about this program, you can contact the CTA Second Chance Hotline

- 312-681-2293.

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## **10 REASONS TO CONSIDER JOINING THE ARMED FORCES**

Whether you are considering the military out of a sense of Patriotism or duty, for action and adventure, or for a steady job in a depressed economy, there is something for everyone. Here are 10 reasons the military may be a good fit for you.





1. Patriotism, defending our nation, and a sense of duty. Military service is a time-honored way to serve others first. Walter Reuther is quoted as saying, "There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow men. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well." (Source). This quote sums up what it means to serve. When you join the military, you learn the true meaning of service.

2. Jobs in a down economy. The US has experienced a difficult economy over the last few years, including high levels of unemployment, rising costs, and the outsourcing of many jobs. If you are looking for employment, consider the military, which continues to offer jobs for those who are qualified medically and academically, and who do not have an extensive criminal record.

3. Pay and benefits. A new second lieutenant starts at over \$36,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to \$3,000, depending on where he or she is stationed. An enlisted person starts at around \$20,000 a year plus full benefits, not including added monthly allowances of up to \$1,500 depending on where he or she is stationed. Enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses can be over \$20,000. After serving only 3 years, some nuclear trained enlisted members in the Navy receive bonuses of \$90,000 for re-enlisting. Student loans can be relieved by up to \$65,000. The military is also one of the few places where you can get a full pension after serving 20 years or more. Military can reach 50-75% of the average of your final three years base salary. In some instances, you can receive more than 75% of your base pay in retirement.



4. Full medical coverage for you and your family. Military members are immediately eligible for full health care benefits for themselves and their immediate family members as soon as they enter the service, and if you stay through until retirement, you and your family can take these benefits with you when you leave the military. These health benefits extend to immediate family (e.g. spouses and children, and sometimes dependent parents). You may also be eligible for temporary military healthcare benefits after you leave the service.

5. Skills and training. The military provides advanced technical training in a variety of career fields and also offers opportunities for additional training when you are off-duty. Many military members are able to attend college that is often paid for by tuition assistance. You can use your training opportunities to advance within your career field, earn certifications or degrees, or prepare yourself to transition back into civilian life.

6. Leadership opportunities. Military leadership is a great way to get your resume for your next career. If you were to hire someone, would you want to hire someone with proven skills and experience and a degree, or someone right out of high school/college? Give me the experienced professional any day of the week! (More tips for creating your post-military resume).

7. Travel opportunities and vacation time. The military has installations all around the world and pays for you and your family to get there and back. Your off duty time is yours and you are free to travel and see the world. The military gives you 30 days of paid leave per year, not including weekends and federal holidays, depending on your job.



Benefits after Leaving the Service

8. Education opportunities after you leave the military. The new GI Bill pays veterans who served at least 36 months a monthly living stipend and full tuition to pay for college, after they leave the military. Depending on how long the service member commits, this GI Bill can be transferred to spouses and children.

9. Buy a home with no money down with a VA Loan. The Veterans Affairs office offers veterans a way to purchase a home with no money down through the VA Loan. This makes it easier to purchase a home while you are serving, or after you have left the service.

10. A military retirement is worth millions. An officer with 20 years of service, who earns over \$100,000 per year, could retire with a pension of over \$48,000 per year for life in his or her 40's and start a second career. Imagine earning over \$4000 per month for the rest of one's life, starting at age 42. This equates to an accumulative pay of \$480,000, \$960,000, \$1.4 million in 10, 20, and 30 years, respectively, in addition to having full health care coverage and an income from a second job, if desired. (Oh, and those numbers don't account for annual cost of living adjustments which increase your monthly pension).