

**PROBATION/COURT SERVICES EMPLOYMENT/PROMOTION APPLICATION**

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS COURTS – PROBATION DIVISION  
3101 OLD JACKSONVILLE ROAD, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62704-6488**

**A.** Mr.  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs.  Last Name First Name MI  
 Ms.  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maiden Name (If applicable) e-mail address

**B.**  Employment  
 Promotion

**C.** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address County

\_\_\_\_\_ **D.** ( ) -  
 City State Zip Code (Area Code) Telephone Number

**E.** XXX - XX - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last four digits of Social Security Number

**F.** U.S. Citizen YES  NO   
 U.S. Citizenship applied for: YES  NO

**G. LEVEL OF POSITION(S) APPLIED FOR:**  
 Non-Supervisory  
 Supervisory  
 Chief Managing Officer/Non-Director  
 Chief Managing Officer/Director

**H. FUNCTIONAL PREFERENCE(S):**  
 Adult Probation  
 Juvenile Probation  
 Juvenile Detention

**I. COOK CO. PREFERENCE**  
 Adult Probation  
 Juvenile Division  
 Social Service

**J. LOCALITY PREFERENCE:** Identify below the judicial circuit(s) to which you are applying. If you are applying to a multi-county circuit and do not wish to apply to all counties in that circuit, identify your county preference(s) within the circuits. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

Circuit and County Preference(s), if applicable:					
1.	Circuit:	2.	Circuit:	3.	Circuit:
	County:		County:		County:

**K. EDUCATION INFORMATION:** All applicants not presently employed in Illinois probation/court services departments must submit copies of certified college transcripts with this application.

Transcript attached       Transcript being sent directly from school

Names of colleges or universities attended	Address	Name of Major	Type of degree earned	Date of degree (Mo/Yr)

**L. EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND:** List prior work experience in probation/court services, and/or juvenile detention/residential services. Attach separate sheet if necessary.

Name and address of employers	Position and job description	Name and phone # of Human Resource Manager	Dates of employment From (Mo/Yr) To	

*I understand that I may be required to submit proof of previous employment, education or any other statements in this application. I certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

**M.** \_\_\_\_\_  
 WRITTEN SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

# Instructions for Probation/Court Services Employment/Promotion Application

Pursuant to the provisions of 730 ILCS 110/15, all applicants must be certified by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) Probation Division as meeting the minimum qualifications for probation/court services personnel as defined in the **Policies Governing Hiring, Promotion and Training of Illinois Probation Court Services Personnel** in order to be eligible for employment or promotion by probation and court services departments in Illinois. Upon their eligibility being certified, applicants will be notified in writing that they are eligible for employment or promotion, subject to circuit court or departmental application requirements and selection criteria, which may exceed minimum state qualifications.

## I. Minimum Qualification Requirements

The following is a summary of the minimum requirements for employment in probation/court services in Illinois. Promotional applicants should refer to the **Policies Governing Hiring, Promotion and Training of Illinois Probation/Court Services Personnel** (revised July 1, 1998), prior to completing their application. A copy of these policies is available at probation/court services departments, chief judges' offices, and, the Springfield and Chicago offices of the AOIC Probation Division.

A. Any person employed by the Probation or Court Services Department of any County or circuit shall be:

1. A citizen of the United States;
2. A resident of the State of Illinois within 90 days of the date of his/her appointment. A circuit court may impose more restrictive residency requirements by circuit court rule or departmental policy;
3. Otherwise generally qualified as provided by law of rule of the court. Circuit court policy may establish more restrictive employment qualifications.

B. The following are specific minimum qualifications, by position level, for probation/court services personnel.

"Non-Supervisory" is defined as a probation or court services officer with no professional staff under his or her administrative direction or control. Any person employed in a non-management, non-supervisory position shall have:

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, preferably with major course work in criminal justice, psychology, sociology, social work, or related social services.

### 2. Supervisory Personnel

"Supervisor" is defined as a probation or court services manager with one level of professional staff under his or her direction or control. Any person employed in a supervisory position shall have:

- a. A master's degree in management, public administration, criminal justice, or social services, and one or more years employment in probation/court services. For juvenile detention personnel, this required year of employment must be in juvenile detention/residential services.
- b. A bachelor's degree and two or more years employment in probation/court services. For juvenile detention personnel, at least one of the required years of employment must be in juvenile detention/residential services.

### 3. Chief Managing Officer/Non-Director

"CMO/Non-Director" is defined as a probation or court services manager with two or more levels of professional staff under his or her administrative direction or control, but who is not the head of the department. Any person employed in a CMO/Non-Director position shall have:

- a. A master's degree in management, public administration, criminal justice, or social services, and three or more years of employment in probation/court services, at least two of which are at a supervisory level. For juvenile detention personnel, at least one of the required years must be in juvenile detention/residential services.
- b. A bachelor's degree and five or more years employment in probation/court services, at least three of which are at a supervisory level. For juvenile detention personnel, at least one of the required years of employment must be in juvenile detention/residential services.

### 4. Chief Managing Officer/Director

"CMO/Director" is defined as a probation or court services manager with two or more levels of professional staff under his or her administrative direction or control, and who is the head of the department. Any person employed in CMO/Director position shall have:

- a. A master's degree in management, public administration, criminal justice, or social services, and five or more years of employment in probation/court services, at least three of which are at a supervisory or administrative level. For juvenile detention personnel, at least two of the required years of employment must be in juvenile detention/residential services.
- b. A bachelor's degree and seven or more years of employment in probation/court services, at least four of which are at a supervisory or administrative level. For Juvenile detention personnel, at least two of the required years of employment must be in juvenile detention/residential services.

C. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts may, upon request of the chief circuit judge or his/her designee showing good cause, grant reasonable extensions for compliance with the citizenship and residency requirements.

## II. General Application Instruction

The following are general application instructions that apply to all employment/promotional applicants. **See next page for specific instructions.**

- A. Please print out and sign three (3) copies of the application form. The first copy must be sent to the Probation Division at the address at the top of the form. The second copy must be sent to the Chief Judge's Office of the judicial circuit to which you are applying. The third copy is retained by the applicant.
- B. The role of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) Probation Division in the hiring and promotion of probation/court services personnel is limited to certifying the eligibility of the applicant in terms of the minimum qualifications stated in Part 1, A and B, above. Circuit court and/or probation/court services department hiring policies and procedures control the actual selection process and may be more restrictive than the minimum State requirements. Applicants are advised to inquire about and comply with circuit and/or departmental policies and procedures.
- C. It is the **responsibility of the applicant** to insure that the proper copy of the Employment/Promotion Application form, along with his/her **final certified official college transcript(s)**, is forwarded **simultaneously** to both the AOIC Probation Division and to the Chief Judge(s) of the appropriate circuit(s). **Probation departments are under no obligation to consider applicants who do not submit application(s) to the appropriate Chief Judge(s) offices(s).** It is highly recommended that the applicant also forward a **current resume** to the Chief Judge(s).
- D. An applicant may apply to more than one judicial circuit. If the applicant does wish to apply to more than one circuit, he/she must send a copy of the Employment/Promotional Application form to the Chief Judge's Office of **each** circuit of preference.
- E. Upon establishing an applicant's qualifications, the Probation Division will send a letter of certification to the applicant, and the applicant's name will be placed on a list of eligibles. **This certification of the applicant's eligibility completes the AOIC Probation Division's responsibility regarding the application.** The fact that the applicant is eligible does not mean that he/she will be granted an interview or be offered a position by the judicial circuit(s) he/she has specified.
- F. An applicant will remain on the eligibles list of the circuit(s) of preference for one year, unless otherwise removed. An applicant can request, in writing to the AOIC Probation Division, a **one year extension on a circuit(s) eligibles list(s)**, for a maximum of two years on the list(s) without having to reapply.

### III. Specific Application Instructions

The following are specific instructions for filling out and forwarding the appropriate copies of, and attachments to, the "Probation/Court Services Employment/Promotion Application" form. The instructions are keyed to the letters on the application form.

- A. Enter last name, first name, and middle initial. Also, if applicable, enter your maiden name and e-mail address.
- B. Check the appropriate box, indicating whether this is an employment application or a promotional application.
- C. Enter street address, city, county, state, and zip code of your present legal permanent address.
- D. Enter the area code and telephone number of your present legal permanent address.
- E. Enter the last four digits of your social security number.
- F. Indicate your U.S. citizenship status (see Part 1, "Minimum Qualification Requirements").
- G. Enter the level or levels or the probation/court services position(s) for which you are applying (see Part 1, "Minimum Qualification Requirements" for the requirements for employment in, or promotion to, each of the four position levels).
- H. Enter the probation/court services functional area or areas that you would accept employment in under "Functional Preference(s)".
- I. If you are applying for a probation/court services position in the Circuit Court of Cook County, check the department(s) in which you would accept employment/promotion.
- J. Under "Locality Preference", identify the Illinois judicial circuit(s) [see Illinois Judicial Circuit Map] and the specific counties within the circuit(s) in which you would accept employment. If you do **not** indicate a county preference, it will be assumed that you would accept employment in all counties in that circuit. If you list more than one circuit, you must forward copies of the Application/Promotion form and your college transcript(s) to the appropriate Chief Judge(s). You may attach separate sheets listing your judicial circuit/county preferences if necessary. **Cook County has no circuit number. Please write 'Cook' as the Circuit.**
- K. Under "Education Information", if you are not presently employed in Illinois probation/court services, check whether the necessary certified college transcript(s) is attached to the Employment/Promotion Application or whether an official transcript(s) is being sent directly from the school(s).  
  
**A "certified transcript" should have the official seal of the school and the signature of the registrar. An "official transcript" is defined as a transcript that is forwarded to AOIC Probation Division and the appropriate Chief Judge(s) directly from the school.**
- L. Under "Employment Background", list all of your prior work experience in probation/court services, and/or juvenile detention/residential services. You may use additional sheets if necessary. **(List complete address (es) including zip codes, position and job descriptions, and the name and phone number of supervisor(s).)**
- M. Sign and date the application, certifying that you understand that you may be required to submit proof of previous employment, education or other statements in the application and that the information on the application is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

After you have finished filling out the application, it is your responsibility to forward a copy of the form to the proper location. Print a copy of the application and forward it, with a signature and the necessary attachments to:

**AOIC Probation Division  
3101 Old Jacksonville Road  
Springfield, IL 62704-6488**

Forward a copy to the appropriate Chief Circuit Judge (see list of Chief Judges of the Illinois Judicial Circuits for the appropriate address). If you wish to apply to more than one judicial circuit, you must send a copy of the application, transcript(s) and resume (recommended) to the Chief Circuit Judge of the other circuits of preference.

## Chief Judge's Offices of the Circuit Courts of Illinois

### Chief Judge's Office

Circuit Court of Cook County  
Richard J. Daley Center  
50 West Washington, #2600  
Chicago, IL 60602

### Chief Judge's Office

1<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Williamson County Courthouse  
200 W. Jefferson St.  
Marion, IL 62959

### Chief Judge's Office

2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
911 Casey Avenue, Suite HI-05  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

### Chief Judge's Office

3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Madison County Courthouse  
155 North Main, Suite 405  
Edwardsville, IL 62025

### Chief Judge's Office

4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Fayette County Courthouse  
221 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vandalia, IL 62471

### Chief Judge's Office

5<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Vermilion County Courthouse  
7 N Vermilion St  
Danville, IL 61832

### Chief Judge's Office

6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Moultrie County Courthouse  
10 S. Main Street, Suite 12  
Sullivan, IL 61951

### Chief Judge's Office

7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Sangamon County Complex  
200 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 530  
Springfield, IL 62701

### Chief Judge's Office

8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Adams County Courthouse  
521 Vermont St.  
Quincy, IL 62301

### Chief Judge's Office

9<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
130 S. Lafayette Street, Suite 30  
Macomb, IL 61455

### Chief Judge's Office

10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Peoria County Courthouse  
324 Main Street, #215  
Peoria, IL 61602-1363

### Chief Judge's Office

11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
McLean County Law & Justice Center  
104 W. Front Street, #511  
Bloomington, IL 61701

### Chief Judge's Office

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Will County Courthouse  
14 W. Jefferson Street, #439  
Joliet, IL 60432

### Chief Judge's Office

13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
LaSalle County Courthouse  
119 W. Madison, #202  
Ottawa, IL 61350

### Chief Judge's Office

14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Rock Island County Courthouse  
210 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Room #408  
Rock Island, IL 61201

### Chief Judge's Office

15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Ogle County Courthouse  
106 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 306A  
Oregon, IL 61061

### Chief Judge's Office

16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Kane County Judicial Center  
37W777, Rt. 38, #400A  
St. Charles, IL 60175-7536

### Chief Judge's Office

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Winnebago County Courthouse  
400 W. State, #215  
Rockford, IL 61101

### Chief Judge's Office

18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
DuPage County Courthouse  
505 N. County Farm Rd., #2015  
Wheaton, IL 60187-3907

### Chief Judge's Office

19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Lake County Courthouse  
18 North County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085-4359

### Chief Judge's Office

20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
St. Clair County Building  
10 Public Square  
Belleville, IL 62220

### Chief Judge's Office

21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Kankakee County Courthouse  
450 E. Court Street  
Kankakee, IL 60901

### Chief Judge's Office

22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
McHenry County Courthouse  
2200 N. Seminary Avenue  
Woodstock, IL 60098

### Chief Judge's Office

23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
DeKalb County Courthouse  
133 West State Street  
Sycamore, IL 60178

# Illinois Judicial Circuits Map

