

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE AND CORRECTION OFFICER EXAM INSTRUCTIONS

We are able to provide financial assistance to cover the cost of the Suffolk County Police and Suffolk County Corrections Officer exam if:

1. You are **NOT** a Suffolk County resident that is a veteran, auxiliary police, members in good standing of a local fire district or ambulance company, volunteer CERT members or members of the Suffolk County Police Explorers program. If you are unemployed, recipients of MEDICAID, SSI, public assistance or in a training program under the Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Incentive Act administrated by a state or local agency.
2. If you **ARE** a Suffolk County resident with a family household income up to 125% of the federal poverty guidelines listed below:

### 125% of Federal Poverty Level

(Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/5-105.5)

Determined annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services

Family Size	Annual Income	125% Annual Income	125 % Monthly Income
1	\$12,140.00	\$15,175.00	\$1,265.00
2	\$16,460.00	\$20,575.00	\$1,715.00
3	\$20,780.00	\$25,975.00	\$2,165.00
4	\$25,100.00	\$31,375.00	\$2,615.00
5	\$29,420.00	\$36,775.00	\$3,065.00
6	\$33,740.00	\$42,175.00	\$3,515.00
7	\$38,060.00	\$47,575.00	\$3,965.00
8	\$42,380.00	\$52,975.00	\$4,415.00
For Each Additional Person Add	\$4,320.00	\$5,400.00	\$450.00

A family household includes all people occupying a housing unit with who are related to the individual by birth, marriage, or adoption. A house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a single room, is regarded as a housing unit when it is occupied or intended for occupancy as

separate living quarters; that is, when the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and there is direct access from the outside or through a common hall.

“Income: means a family household’s total gross income before taxes and withholdings are subtracted. The income of each member of a family household should be added together to determine income. Income calculations should include all paid earning (wages, salaries, or other income from employment or self-employment), survivor’s benefits, pension or retirement payments, interest, dividends, royalties, rental income, income from estates and trusts, alimony or child support payments received. Cash payments from assistance program such as unemployment insurance, workers compensation, Social Security, and Supplemental Security Income count as income.

Tax refunds and noncash benefits (such as food stamps, school lunches, Medicare/Medicaid, third party voucher payment programs, and housing subsidies) are not counted as income. Monthly support payments paid by a member of the household for a child or former spouse who does not live in the household may be disregarded. Asset testing is not required. In addition, the following receipts do not need to be counted as income: (1) capital gains people receive (or the losses they incur) from the sale of property, including stocks, bonds, a house or a car; (2) withdrawals of bank deposits; (3) money borrowed; (4) gifts; and (5) lump-sum inheritances or insurance payments.

Acceptable forms of proof of income for purposes of eligibility determinations may include but are not limited to: pay stubs (W-2); bank statements; tax forms and documents; or other local, state, or federal government documents. Proof of entrance in (or cross-referencing) other public benefits programs with income eligibility standards at or below 125% of the HHS federal poverty guidelines may also be helpful as a supplemental approach.

**PROOF OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION.**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS BASED ON A FIRST COME BASIS. THESE FUNDS ARE LIMITED. YOUR ELIGIBILITY DOSE NOT GURANTEE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.**

Individuals who are selected for this assistance will have a check sent to them made out to Suffolk County Civil Service.

Any person interested in taking the exam, Please send copy of attached application and income verification to:

Fax: (631) 289-4901 and/or email [sloehr@eoc-suffolk.com](mailto:sloehr@eoc-suffolk.com)