

Georgia State Defense Force Recruitment Process

SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE to visit our website www.gasdf.com and learn more about the Georgia State Defense Force. For more information, just click on the 'Join' tab. A web form will prompt you for some basic information. Within a few days you will receive an email invitation inviting you to attend a virtual Orientation session. SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET STARTED!



Orientation

During the virtual Orientation session, staff will provide an overview of the Georgia State Defense Force and its many component units. The recruiting process will be explained and you will be given an opportunity to ask questions. You will be emailed an application packet containing an application form and security background check form. Just complete the forms, scan and return by email (or mail to the indicated address) along with a copy of your driver's license or other qualified ID and a copy of your DD214 or equivalent if you are prior military. It will take approximately 4 to 8 weeks for your security background check to clear. Once that happens you will be notified by email and given instructions when and where to report to MEPS. During the recruiting process you will be given an opportunity to choose which GSDF unit you want to serve in. If you are located in north Georgia please consider 1st Brigade, the "boots on the ground" field unit for north Georgia with units located in Dahlonega, Marietta, Rome and Winder. 1st Brigade soldiers have the opportunity to serve in mission response statewide.

MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station)

You will receive email instructions to report to MEPS on a weekend day for entry processing. Be sure to bring with you all the required forms specified in the email. At MEPS you will complete additional entry paperwork, receive career counseling and have sexual harassment & equal opportunity briefings. You will complete a medical history form and report for medical evaluation where medical staff will determine your height & weight, check your blood pressure and evaluate your medical history. From there you will proceed to Duty Level Testing. After all of that is complete you will take the Military Oath of Enlistment and be officially sworn in. You will return to MEPS another day for CPR and First Aid training. And you will receive a list of online courses that you will need to complete while waiting for the next phase: IET.

IET (Initial Entry Training)

IET is designed to teach you all the basics you need to know before reporting to your first duty assignment. Training takes place one weekend per month for three consecutive months. The training usually takes place on Saturday and Sunday. An overnight stay may be required.

Training topics include: Drill and Ceremonies, Uniform Wear and Maintenance, Personal Appearance, Rank/Grade Insignia, Military Date and Time, Basic Military Communications, SALUTE Report, Basic Knots, Guard Duty and Traffic Control, Search and Rescue, Military Customs and Courtesies, Land Navigation, Operational Security, Awards and Decorations.

Training exercises are conducted for: Drill and Ceremonies, SALUTE Report, Voice Communications, Guard Duty and Traffic Control, Land Navigation, Search and Rescue, Pace Count.

Examinations test your understanding of Drill and Ceremonies, Wear and Appearance of the Uniform, Rank/Grade Insignia, Military Date and Time, Land Navigation and Search and Rescue.

Assignment

After you have completed your initial training the GSDF G-1 section (Personnel) will issue orders for you to report to your first assignment. If positions are available, you will be assigned to the unit you chose during the MEPS.

As a GSDF soldier you will have the opportunity to participate in monthly drill, annual training and many missions such as PTAE (Pre-mobilization Training Assistance Element), OPFOR (Opposing Force), SAR (Search and Rescue), DSCA (Defense Support to Civil Authority), Community Support and other activities of the GA ARNG (Georgia Army National Guard) and the GA ANG (Georgia Air National Guard).

You will have the opportunity to attend additional specialty training when offered such as Search and Rescue I & II, Chainsaw/Debris Clearing, Basic Life Support, Basic Rappel Course, Master Rappel Course, Water Survival Course and Wilderness First Aid.

Opportunities are available to participate in special units such as Color Guard, Funeral Honor Guard and Marksman Team.

After sufficient time in grade you can continue your PME (Professional Military Education) with additional leadership schools as you advance in rank and are eligible. BLC (Basic Leadership Course), ALC (Advanced Leadership Course), SLC (Senior Leadership Course), BOLC (Basic Officer Leadership Course) and CWCC (Captain Warrant Officer Career Course).

Georgia State Defense Force Candidate Requirements

All GSDF recruits are required to undergo a security background check. This information will be kept confidential. All applications will be handled on an individual basis. While certain convictions do not bar entry, it will be very important to be honest when filling out the security packet as falsification of information will be grounds for dismissal.

All members of the GSDF are required to possess a high school diploma or equivalent, are between the ages of 18 and 64, a US Citizen or Legal Resident. Due to the cost of training and processing time of new personnel, the GSDF requires a minimum two (2) years commitment to serve.

The GSDF will prohibit any form of discrimination based on race, religion, national origin or gender in conduct of the activities of the command. The GSDF will provide an equal opportunity for advancement or selection to position. The GSDF policy on sexual harassment is clear and unequivocal. All GSDF members are entitled to serve in an environment free from any form of sexual harassment.

All personnel will be evaluated by the medical staff to determine their eligibility to serve in the GSDF. Each soldier will be assigned a Duty Level based on medical assessment and duty level testing.

Some waivers for age and weight may be available if in overall good health.

Height/Weight Standards				
Maximum Allowable Weight in Pounds For Age				
	Age	Age	Age	Age
Height	21 - 27	28 - 39	40 - 51	>=52
(inches)	M/F	M/F	M/F	M/F
58	NA/120	NA/124	NA/131	NA/137
59	NA/124	NA/128	NA/135	NA/142
60	148/132	153/135	157/142	160/147
61	154/136	158/139	162/146	165/151
62	158/142	162/145	168/153	170/159
63	164/146	168/150	173/157	175/162
64	169/150	173/155	179/162	181/166
65	175/155	179/159	184/166	187/171
66	179/162	184/165	189/172	192/176
67	186/164	191/169	197/178	203/183
68	191/169	197/175	202/183	206/189
69	197/173	202/179	209/188	215/193
70	203/179	208/184	215/193	218/199
71	208/183	213/189	220/198	226/203
72	214/189	220/194	227/204	230/211
73	220/194	225/200	232/210	236/217
74	226/201	232/207	239/217	245/222
75	233/206	238/213	246/224	249/230
76	238/213	245/220	251/230	254/237
77	245/219	252/225	259/236	263/243
78	252/224	258/231	266/241	269/248
79	258/230	265/236	273/248	276/256
80	264/235	271/242	280/254	283/262

Duty Level Testing

DL1 Unrestricted Duty

- Walk 1 mile in 20 min or less wearing 30 lb Load Bearing Equipment (LBE) or Pack
- Carry stretcher with 3 others containing 150 lb person over a distance of 100 yards on flat terrain
- Climb 100 steps wearing standard GSDF LBE or Pack

DL2 Limited Duty

- Walk 1 mile in 20 min or less wearing 20 lb LBE or Pack
- Carry stretcher with 3 others containing 150 lb person over a distance of 50 yards on flat terrain

DL3 Restricted Duty

- Walk 1 mile in 25 min or less with 1 full canteen or hydration system

DL4 Garrison Duty

- No testing required

Additional testing may be required for optional training

Join the all-volunteer Georgia State Defense Force
Contact a recruiter today!

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