The evaluation is broken down between sworn and non-sworn applicants.

Sworn applicants must complete 70% of the evaluation.

Non-Sworn applicants will be required to complete 50% of the evaluation.

The evaluation consists of:
- 1.5 Mile Run
- Push-Ups
- Swim

What does the fitness test consist of?

You can see these requirements by visiting www.dps.state.ms.us and clicking the Law Enforcement Officer’s Training Academy link.

Applicant Requirements:

Any candidate who is called to an interview must notify the interviewing agency in writing of any reasonable accommodation needed prior to the date of the interview.
Requirements for becoming a Conservation Officer

You must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

You must possess a valid drivers license.

You must have a minimum of sixty-four (64) semester hours at an accredited community college or University.

OR / Have an Associate Degree from an accredited community college.

OR / Pass the Law Enforcement Academy and have at least 5 years of previous law enforcement experience.

Have neither a conviction nor a plea of guilty or nolo contendere for a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;

Have not been discharged under conditions other than honorable from any branch of the U.S. armed forces;

Receive a favorable background investigation report;

Upon appointment and on a scheduled basis, pass a physical conducted by a licensed physician and meet minimum physical qualification standards;

Upon appointment and/or random selection, pass an alcohol/drug test conducted by a certified laboratory.

What are the duties of a Conservation Officer?

Enforce Mississippi’s Game & Fish Laws.

Enforce Mississippi’s Boat & Water Safety Laws.

Teach Hunter & Boating Education.

Educate the public on topics concerning state statutes & the agency in general through public talks & programs.

Officers possess enforcement powers conferred by statute and utilize these powers in the execution of their duties and responsibilities.

What steps do I take to become a Conservation Officer?

Decide if this is the career you really want.

All applications must be completed online at the Personnel Board’s website (wwwspb.state.ms.us).

The State Personnel Board will notify you if there is a problem with your application, or inform you if you have been placed on the list of eligibles.

What happens once I complete the Pre-PT Evaluation?

When will I expect to hear from MDWFP concerning my application?

We normally post a notice on our website, mdwfp.com, when recruiting a new cadet class.

If your name appears on the register you will receive a pre-interview packet.

What will the packet consist of?

A letter from the Training Coordinator with instructions on what you need to do, a contact person, and telephone number.

A checklist of the instructions as to what you will need to supply. (Example: Copy of Valid Drivers License, Copy of Social Security Card, Proof of Education, Copy of Law Enforcement Certificate).

A physical examination worksheet that will need to be completed by a licensed physician. (At your expense).

What happens once I complete the packet?

Once the packet is received by us, we will check it to be sure it is complete.

You will be required to complete an entry level fitness test. (You will be contacted by mail when and where)

You will be required to prove your ability to swim.

What happens once I complete the Pre-PT Evaluation?

Interviews will be scheduled for all applicants who successfully completes the evaluation.

Applicant will be notified of the time and place for them to report for their interview.

Available positions will be filled after the interviews.