

EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE **START HERE, START NOW**

IF YOUR GOAL IS TO GET A JOB IN THIS FIELD,
START PREPARING EARLY.

HIGH SCHOOL

Besides your regular courses, try to satisfy your curiosity of nature by studying the sciences such as biology, chemistry, and math. Learn to be a good speaker and writer. These are important skills for the wildlife employee to have. Join fun outdoor-oriented clubs in your school such as scouting, Future Farmers of America, or 4-H. Be involved with local conservation clubs which help improve habitat for wildlife and help teach others about hunting, fishing, or trapping. Or just go out and study wildlife every chance you get.

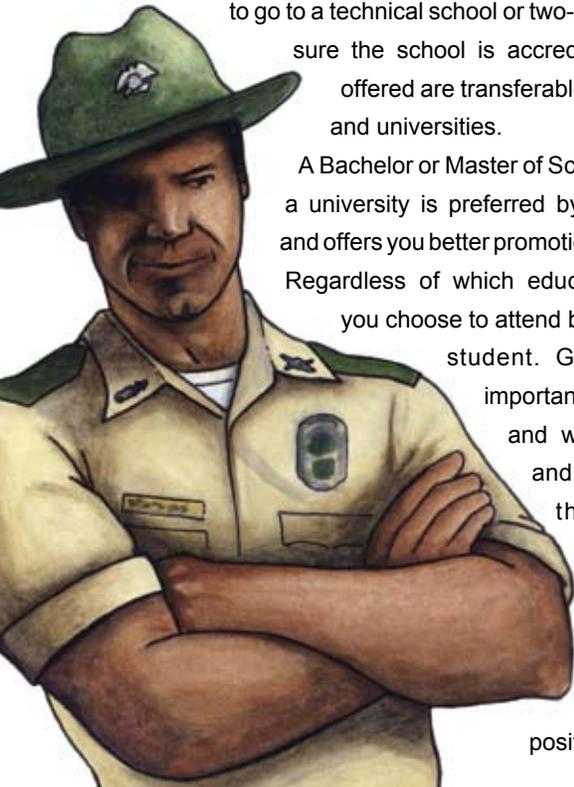
COLLEGE

It is practically impossible to obtain even an entry level position without a college education. Some colleges or universities do not offer a major in wildlife or fisheries management or law enforcement. If such a major is not available at the university of your choice, a major in biology, natural resources ecology or zoology with emphasis in mammalogy (the study of mammals), ornithology (the study of birds) or ichthyology (the study of fishes) would work.

UNIVERSITY VS. TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Most technical schools offer a two-year degree and have courses which will address most of the entry level requirements. If you choose to go to a technical school or two-year college make sure the school is accredited and courses offered are transferable to other colleges and universities.

A Bachelor or Master of Science degree from a university is preferred by most employers and offers you better promotional opportunities. Regardless of which educational institution you choose to attend be a conscientious student. Good grades are important. Jobs in fisheries and wildlife are limited and turnover is low; therefore, those with the highest grades will be in a better position to compete for the few available positions.



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CHANGE YOUR VIEW OF WORK

A love for the out-of-doors and for the sports of hunting and fishing are influences which may motivate you toward a career in fish and wildlife.

"Enjoy the outdoors? Then work in one of these jobs..."

Your Careers

WILDLIFE CRIME INVESTIGATOR
WILDLIFE OFFICER
FISH OR WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST
OUTDOOR SKILLS INSTRUCTOR
HATCHERY TECHNICIAN
OUTDOOR WRITER
WILDLIFE AREA MANAGER

Your Tools

"You get the tools you need..."

4X4 PICKUP	ATV
UNIFORM	FIREARMS
AIRCRAFT	BADGE
BINOCULARS	TOPNOTCH TRAINING
BOAT	ANIMAL TRAPS

Your Passions

"Here's the chance to do the things you love..."

TEACH OTHERS ABOUT WILDLIFE
LEARN HOW TO HUNT AND FISH
HELP ENDANGERED ANIMALS
ENFORCE WILDLIFE LAWS
WORK FROM YOUR HOME
RAISE AND STOCK FISH
WORK OUTDOORS
STUDY ANIMALS

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