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DIPLOMACY PROTECTS THE WORLD

BE PART OF OUR LEGACY

The Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS) operates on a global platform to ensure that our nation can safely and securely conduct diplomacy. As the law enforcement and security arm of the Department, DS is a global leader in the protection of people, property, and information. Every diplomatic mission in the world operates under a security program designed and managed by DS.

As a member of the team, you will be responsible for continuing the DS legacy of providing safety and security, and meeting the challenges of protecting personnel and sensitive information at diplomatic locations worldwide.

Diplomatic Courier – The best job in the Department of State. We face new challenges every day.

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DELIVER THE DS SECURITY MISSION

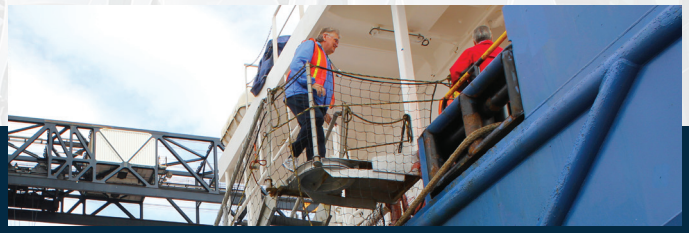
In 1918, the U.S. Army's "Silver Greyhounds" wartime courier service was formally assigned to the U.S. Department of State, laying the foundation for the Diplomatic Courier Service. Since its inception, the Diplomatic Courier Service has played a critical role in safeguarding materials sent from the Department to diplomatic posts.

Whether transporting a single diplomatic pouch or several thousand pounds of equipment, Diplomatic Couriers travel throughout the far reaches of the world to ensure the secure delivery of classified and sensitive materials. They work to fulfill a singular mission. And you can, too.

EXPERIENCE NEW CHALLENGES

As a Diplomatic Courier, you will be challenged constantly. You will enjoy the excitement of new opportunities at every turn. No two duties, nor two days, are ever the same.

Throughout your career, you will be responsible for managing projects and people; coordinating diplomatic pouch transportation worldwide; ensuring the security of classified pouches; and maintaining the chain of custody while crossing international borders. You will serve in multiple worldwide assignments—each distinct and challenging in its own right—and experience rare opportunities like facilitating U.S. Secretary of State visits or transporting NASA cargo destined for the International Space Station.



As a Diplomatic Courier in the Foreign Service, you will have rewarding opportunities to:

- **Secure and serve** - provide secure transport services for diplomatic pouches containing classified and sensitive material between U.S. diplomatic missions and the U.S. Department of State.
- **Experience new cultures** - embrace continually changing assignments in domestic regional offices and U.S. diplomatic facilities overseas, and live in culturally diverse environments throughout the world.
- **Explore new horizons** - serve in a near-constant travel status using conveyances such as passenger and cargo aircraft, trucks, trains, and ships.
- **Implement and instruct** - administer diplomatic pouch security training and training assistance programs for U.S. foreign affairs personnel and officials of designated foreign governments.

A Diplomatic Courier career is never the same, be it day-to-day, month-to-month, or even year-to-year. While serving in domestic assignments, Diplomatic Couriers are available for courier missions anywhere in the world at any time—always ready for a new challenge in a different location.

To apply, you must be a U.S. citizen with at least an Associate's degree or 60 credit hours from an accredited college or university and at least 20 years old to apply and at least 21 years old to be appointed. All candidates must be appointed to the Foreign Service one month before reaching the age of 60 (preference eligible veterans excepted).

To be considered, you must obtain a Top Secret security clearance.

To learn more about the requirements, visit **careers.state.gov/ds.**

In return for your service, you will have access to continued training and career development programs; health and medical coverage; federal retirement benefits; and generous paid leave. When serving overseas, you will receive paid housing or an appropriate housing allowance, and paid education for dependent children (K-12).

DIPLOMACY EMBRACES DIVERSITY

I am proud to be part of Diplomatic Security's collaborative effort to provide worldwide logistical support for classified pouch services.

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STRENGTH THROUGH INCLUSION

The U.S. Department of State is committed to creating a workforce that represents the diversity of America and aims to recognize its employees' rich experiences, talents, knowledge, and personal characteristics.

Diversity and inclusion are vital to the Department's global mission. They bring innovation and creativity to the workplace, encourage fresh perspectives that inspire new ideas, and spark positive change—both at home and abroad.

Diplomatic Couriers are a diverse group of individuals who represent all cultures, races, religions, and backgrounds. As members of the Diplomatic Security Service, they are adaptable, strategic thinkers from all walks of life. Given that travel and independence highlight their careers, Diplomatic Couriers benefit from their unique points of view and cultural awareness while serving under a broad range of conditions.