

So you want to be a Smokejumper..

Step 1. You must have some experience suppressing wildland fires. If you have experience; go to step 2. If not see 1a.

1a. A great website to find a job in order to gain this necessary experience is the website www.usajobs.gov . Apply for any jobs that interest you.

Step 2. You must have enough experience to qualify for a GS-5 (see below).

Minimum qualifications for smokejumper rookie candidates (GS-5) are:

- 12 months of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-04 level duties; OR
- a 4-year course of study above high school leading to a bachelor's degree with either: 1) a major study in forestry, range management or agriculture; OR 2) a major in a subject-matter field directly related to the position; OR
- at least 24 semester hours in any combination of the following courses: forestry, agriculture, crop or plant science, range management or conservation, wildlife management, watershed management, soil science, natural resources (except marine biology and oceanography), outdoor recreation management, civil or forest engineering, or wildland fire science. No more than 6 semester hours of mathematics is creditable; OR
- a combination of education and experience that is directly related to the work of the position
- AND must have prior wildland fire suppression experience.

Step3. If steps 1 and 2 are complete, apply for a rookie candidate smokejumper position. For the most up-to-date information visit www.alaskasmokejumpers.com or

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-Good Luck!