New York State Police - Trooper Candidate Processing

Tattoo or Body Art Declaration

Name:

Last (4) SSN # **DOB:**

To be eligible for appointment to the New York State Police, applicants for the position of Trooper must comply with State Police policy which requires all members to present a neat and professional appearance at all times.

1. Body art depicting criminal associations, intolerance, or extremist ideologies is strictly prohibited, regardless of body location. Examples will include, but not be limited to:
   - Depictions of violence, death, or criminal activity.
   - Obscene, sexually explicit, or vulgar art, words, or language.
   - Initials, acronyms, symbolism, or words that represent criminal or historically oppressive organizations or activities.

2. The following types of body art should not be visible while on-duty or whenever a Member is representing Division in an official capacity, regardless of whether a Member is in uniform or business attire:
   - Depictions or expressions of profane language, or death.
   - Nudity or lewd imagery.
   - Symbols or words indicating racist, sexist, discriminatory views, or references to death (skulls, grim reaper, etc.).
   - "Scorekeeping" related to police activity.
   - Partisan political expression.
   - Symbols, depictions, or wording that are otherwise contrary to Division's values.

3. No unapproved body art will be visible when Members are in uniform, except for a single band tattoo of no more than 3/8" width on one finger.

4. Body art on any portion of the head, neck, or facial area is prohibited.
   Note: Neck to include V-neck portion of short sleeve shirt.

5. Any tattoo only visible with the use of ultra-violet light must still adhere to the requirements.

6. Body or facial piercings will not be visible while a Member is in uniform or other business attire.

To continue the application process, you must provide the following information:

Describe all tattoos, brands, body piercings or other body art regardless of whether the body art would be visible in uniform or not. Include the location, complete description, and symbolic meaning (if any) of the tattoos, brands, body piercings or other body art that you have:

CANDIDATE CHECK next to the appropriate response – choose only one:

- ◯ I DO NOT have any tattoos, brands, body piercing or other body art.
- ◯ I DO NOT have any tattoos, brands, body piercing or other body art that would be visible while on-duty and in uniform or other business attire. I have not concealed or attempted to conceal any tattoo(s), branding(s) or body art.
- ◯ I HAVE one or more tattoos, branding, body piercing or other forms of body art that would be visible while on-duty and in uniform or other business attire. I understand that if I am hired and my tattoo/body art does not comply with the standards above, I must be fully covered while on-duty. I understand that being fully covered includes, wearing a properly fitted uniform shirt, special detail pants, Division-issued arm sleeves, or business attire with no portion of the body art showing.

Applicant Name (Print) Date:

Applicant Signature