Ten steps to a law enforcement career

Many candidates for law enforcement positions are unsuccessful due to problems which occurred earlier in their lives. Here are some of those critical areas:

Don’t do drugs, or if you do, stop now!
Many agencies make provisions for teenage experimentation, but use beyond that, and you may be disqualified.

Don’t let alcohol get you into trouble
Alcohol abuse leads to a host of disqualifying areas including fights, domestic violence, DUI’s, and poor health.

Protect your driving privilege
Your DMV record will be known. Excessive citations, accidents, license suspensions can disqualify you.

Make fitness a way of life
Law enforcement can be a strenuous profession. Your safety and the safety of those around you depends on your being physically fit.
PAY YOUR BILLS!
A credit check will be conducted during the background portion of the hiring process. Your ability to maturely handle your finances will be evaluated.

HONESTY IS ITS OWN REWARD
Many candidates are disqualified for lying, cheating, or stealing. Honesty is the core value of the law enforcement profession. If you are dishonest do not consider law enforcement as a career.

SHARPEN YOUR WRITING SKILLS
As a peace officer, probation officer, or correctional officer you are what you write. Incident reports live far beyond the incident they record. Your effectiveness in law enforcement depends on your ability to write well.

YOUR WORK HISTORY IS IMPORTANT
Avoid terminations or even the appearance of an unstable work history. Your former employers will be contacted as part of the background check. Make sure they have something good to say about you.
STRENGTHEN YOUR SELF ESTEEM!
Law enforcement officials are required to take charge during critical incidents. You should be confident, outgoing, personable and able to interact fairly with all individuals regardless of their status.

SET YOUR VALUES AND KEEP THEM!
As a law enforcement official you have a duty to serve your fellow citizens. To protect law abiding, the innocent, the weak, and the peaceful from victimization. It is your duty to respect the constitutional rights of all individuals without prejudice to gender, race, sexual orientation, religion, education, physical disability or status.