Steps fo t e ted States Mil ta y Academ ies Appl cat o P ocess

Mission Stat nt

The mission of the U.S. service academies is to provide instruction and experience to all cadets so that they graduate with the knowledge and character essential to leadership and the motivation to become career o ficers in the U.S. military.

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter an Academy, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- Of good moral character
- Unmarried with no dependents
- At least 17, but less than 23 years of age by July 1 of the year you would enter.

Selections

I t k s a we l-round d progr m of lead rship, academic, a d athletic pre aration to be one of the f w who can m et the Service A ademies h gh a miss on standards and the fier e omp t t o s for appointment. Carefu y consi er the characteristics of d dication, esire to serve o hers, ab lity to a c pt discipline, sense of duty, and morality, and the enjoyment of cha lenge in deciding if you want to pursue an Academy education.

Acade c Preparation

It is recommend d that young p r on who aspire to go to one of the ervice cademies take a co lege preparatory cu iculum in high school that stre s s English and Math. Also, they should plan on taking the ACT and SAT test as early as possible and more than once.

Physical Preparation

During th admi sio proc pros ective cadet wi l giv n the Candidate Fitne s Ass s nt. A l three acad mie hav the ame phy cal fitnes events: the bask tba th ow; pu l-ups (me & women) or fl x d- rm h ng (wome); shu tle run; mod fied sit-ups; push-ups; and th on -mile run. The purpose of the e t sts is to evalua e a candidate's upper body strength and endurance. Please check with each academy on their spec fic requirements for the Ca didate Fitness Asse sment.

General Infor tion

The minimum SAT scor s for the academies re 500 v rbal and 500 math. The av r ge SAT co at the academies are 5 0-620 verbal and 630-710 math. Th ni ACT score f the academies are 21 English, 19 Soc al Studies, 24 the tics, and 24 N tural S ience. The ver g ACT or r 23-27 En lish; 24-29 Social Stu i s; 27-32 Mathematics; 28-32 Natural Science (minimum and average cores are slightly higher for the Naval Academy). Virtua ly a l cadets are from the top 25% of their high school cla s.

h tp: /www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-biden/academy-nominations/steps

10 TIPS TO I O AN D IN TTIN INTO ON OF TH S LIT INSTIT TIONS:

1. Get the grades. inety percent of cadets were in the top 20% of their class. But, the academies want well-rounded people. Good grades are a starting point, not the finish line.

2 Practice testing. The ACT and SAT are cr tical. Scores listed under “general Information” on the General Application she t.

3. Be an athlete. ot everyone is an intercollegiate athlete, but most cadets play intramural sports, face fitness tests and undergo strenuous physical training.

4. Be a leader. The academies are looking for leaders. Participation in clubs and extracurricular activities is not enough. Become a club o ficer or class o ficer. Work hard to earn school, athletic and community awards. Awards separate you from th pack.

5. Be involved in the community. Leaders care. Show you care by routinely volunteering or working in community programs.

6. Ace the interview. Y ur interview with th a ademy liaison o fic r is a big deal. You wi l be ask d about citizensh p, reasons for tending and even b ut cu rent vents. Read the newspaper before your interview. Practice with your family. Answer in clear, though ful sent nces.

7. Know your Congressman. Y u need an o ficial nomination to ge int th academies (exc pt the Coast Guard Academy). These co fr m S nat rs, Congressmen, the Vice Presiden and the President. Apply to a l the sources, but get to persona ly know the ones you can. V lunteer in their o fice. Write them le ters. Make app intments to see them.

8 Go for more than ne. C ngressman and Senat rs have a limited numb r of nominations for each academy. By considering a l f ur ademi s you increase your chances f ge ting in.

9. A tend summer programs. Eac academy o fers progr ms for exceptional students during the summer befor their senior y ar. Thes r gr ms provide an up close look at the academies and what cadet life is like. Your counselor can help you apply.

10. Start now! Whi e the ac demi s don't start o f cial applic tions unt l your jun or y ar in high sch ol, you should start ear y Write and get the r -candidat qu stionnaires nd cand date kits. Talk to your high school c unselor. Talk to your Congress n. Mee the academy liaison o ficer for your area. Let everyone know you have a dream and a plan to make it real.

h tp: /www.military.com/join-armed-forces/us-military-academies-overview.html

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Air Force Ac e
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- **Loc tion:** Colorado Sprin s, Colorado
- **m Enroll nt:** 4,461 (all under raduate)
- **mi No n tionm Require nt:** From a member of Con ress
- **Servicem Require nt:** Five years in the Air Force

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- **Loc tion:** Annapolis, Maryland
- **m Enroll nt:** 4,441 (all under raduate)
- **mi No n tionm Require nt:** From a member of Con ress g
- **Servicem Require nt:** 5 years or lon er

Co st Gu r Ac e
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- **Loc tion:** New London, Connecticut
- **m Enroll nt:** 963 (all under raduate)
- **mi No n tionm Require nt:** None. Admissions are entirely merit-based. g
- **Servicem Require nt:** 5 years in the Coast Guard

Merch nt Marine Ac e
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- **Loc tion:** Kin s Point, New York
- **m Enroll nt:** 986 (all under raduate)
- **mi No n tionm Require nt:** From a member of Con ress
- **Servicem Require nt:** At least 5 years

West Point
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L c tion: West Point, New Yo k

- **m Enroll nt:** 4,487 (all under raduate)
- **mi No n tionm Require nt:** From a member of Con ress
- **Servicem Require nt:** 5 years in the Army; 3 years in the Reserves