



Military Enlistment

Military Service offers qualified high school graduates a good salary and free job training. They also provide discipline and structure, as well as many opportunities for career advancement and travel. Most branches of the military require a high school diploma; however, you should contact recruiters to determine requirements.



Benefits: When young people enlist, they obligate themselves to active duty from two to six years. Besides basic pay and free education and training, the enlistee also receives free housing and free medical and dental care. The **Post 9/11 GI Bill** provides enlistees with excellent opportunities for college while in the military and after your military commitment. Contact military recruiters for a more specific list of benefits.

Basic Training: Basic training is usually 6-10 weeks of intense mental and physical preparation in which enlistees receive classroom instruction, exercise, and field training. Enlistees also learn discipline, self-control, physical endurance, and respect for authority.

Military Checklist: Military Service Websites:

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| _____ Contact local recruiter | - www.airforce.com | - www.spaceforce.mil |
| | - www.goarmy.com | - www.uscg.mil/ |
| _____ High School Diploma | - www.marines.mil | |
| | - www.nationalguard.com | |
| | - www.navy.com | |

JROTC & ACADEMIES

AIR FORCE	www.airforce.com 214-222-0989	NATIONAL GUARD	www.nationalguard.com 1-800-GO-GAURD
ARMY	www.goarmy.com 972-219-7083 1-888-550-ARMY	NAVY	www.navy.com 972-436-6527 1-800-USA-NAVY
MARINES	www.marines.mil 972-221-6195 817-868-8025		

ROTC. College students who take ROTC will enter the military as officers. For additional information refer to the section entitled “Military Higher Education Opportunities.”

The Academies. Academically gifted students may find excellent educational opportunities at the four military academies. The **Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard** each have their own academies, **West Point**, the **Naval Academy**, the **Air Force Academy**, and the **Coast Guard Academy** respectively. All academies offer a free four-year college education to the students they accept. Students interested in applying to one of the academies should start the process during the spring of their junior year. Additional information is included in the section entitled “Military Higher Education Opportunities.”



MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES

Because of the extremely keen competition for an academy nomination, students are urged to apply to every nominating authority which your eligibility allows, (i.e. students' two senators, their congressman, Presidential

nomination, Vice Presidential nomination, Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans Organization nomination, etc.) A list of current congressional representatives is located in the Appendix. Students selected for an academy receive four years of college tuition, room, board, fees, and a monthly salary, part of which must be used for expenses. After graduation from an academy, a student is obligated to be on active military duty for five years. You will need to begin the application process by sending a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire. You should begin completing papers and counselor recommendations or write the appropriate Academy for information.

*Students should contact the Academy of their choice soon after January 31 of their junior year and send a written request for an application to your State Senator or Representative in April of their junior year to allow adequate time to meet all requirements. **All application requests must be postmarked before October 31.*** E-mail requests can often go astray and are unreliable for this purpose. It is recommended that the student initiate the application process for this highly competitive nomination. As young adults anticipating attendance at an academy, students are expected to exhibit a high degree of maturity and responsibility. This initial act should reflect their actual desire to attend.

Files MUST be complete by November 1. The Academy Nomination Selection Board meets in early December and cannot consider files that have not been completed by the NOVEMBER 1st deadline.

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