
ADMISSIONS
THE CORPS STARTS HERE

The Profession of Arms

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AGENDA

- “Profession” vs. Career
- The Uniformed Services
- Paths to Officership
- Service Academy vs. ROTC

Profession vs. Career



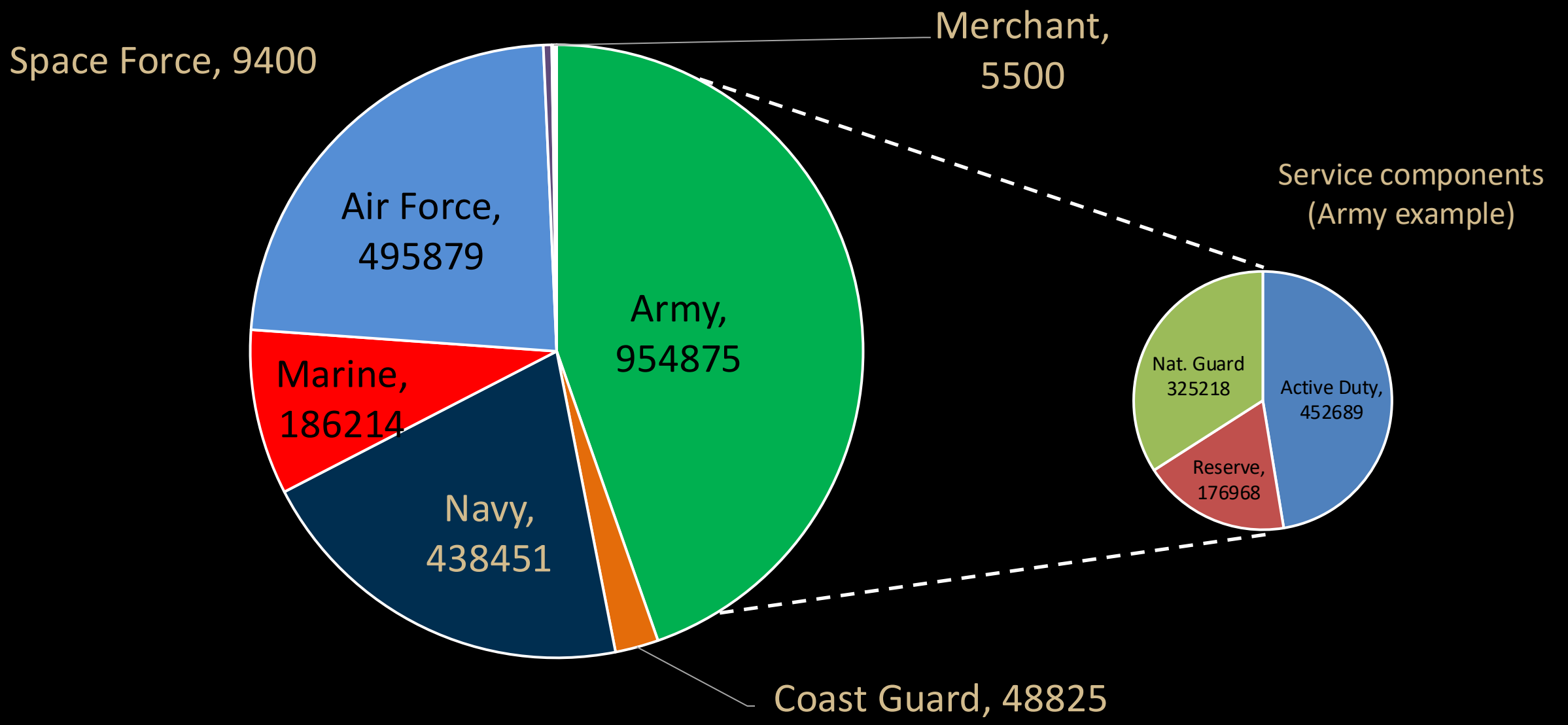








THE UNIFORMED SERVICES



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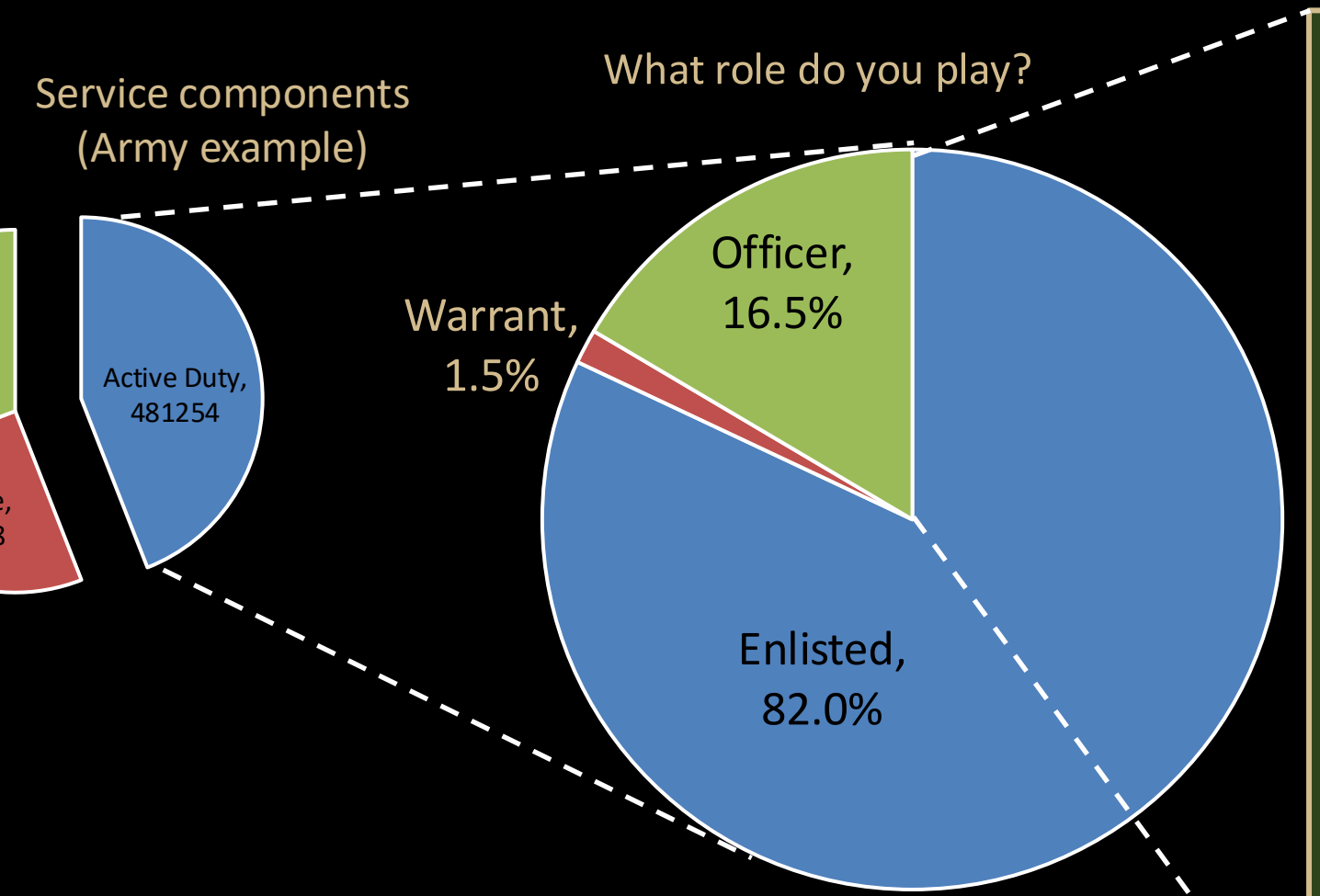


PRE-COLLEGE COMMISSIONING:

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC): **~70%**

Service Academy: **~15%**

POST-COLLEGE COMMISSIONING:

Officer Candidate School (OCS): **~10%**

Direct Commission: **~5%**

PRE-COLLEGE Paths to Officership

SERVICE ACADEMY



"ONE SIZE FITS SOME"

- World-class education, training and faculty
- Intensive, immersive military environment
- Not as much free time over summers
- B.S. degree only
- Commission into Active Duty only
- Fully Funded tuition/room/board/etc.

ROTC

"FLEXIBILITY"

- Army: 200+ host and 1000+ partner schools
- Student FIRST, athlete SECOND, cadet THIRD
- Various scholarship opportunities
- Commission into Active or Reserve component
- Various locations, majors, intensity level, etc.
- Fully Funded tuition/room/board/etc.

Different paths, similar outcome

AFTER THE 4-YEAR CADET EXPERIENCE,

YOU'LL GRADUATE WITH *BOTH*:

A Bachelors Degree

(USMA = tier 1, Ivy League-caliber B.S.)





A "license to lead," commissioned as a US Army Officer

(USMA = active duty)

BRANCH OPPORTUNITIES / JOB FIELDS

- Adjutant General
- Air Defense Artillery
- Armor
- Aviation
- Chemical Corps
- Cyber
- Engineers
- Explosive Ordinance Disposal
- Field Artillery
- Finance
- Infantry
- Logistics
- Medical Corps
- Medical Service Corps
- Military Intelligence
- Military Police
- Signal Corps

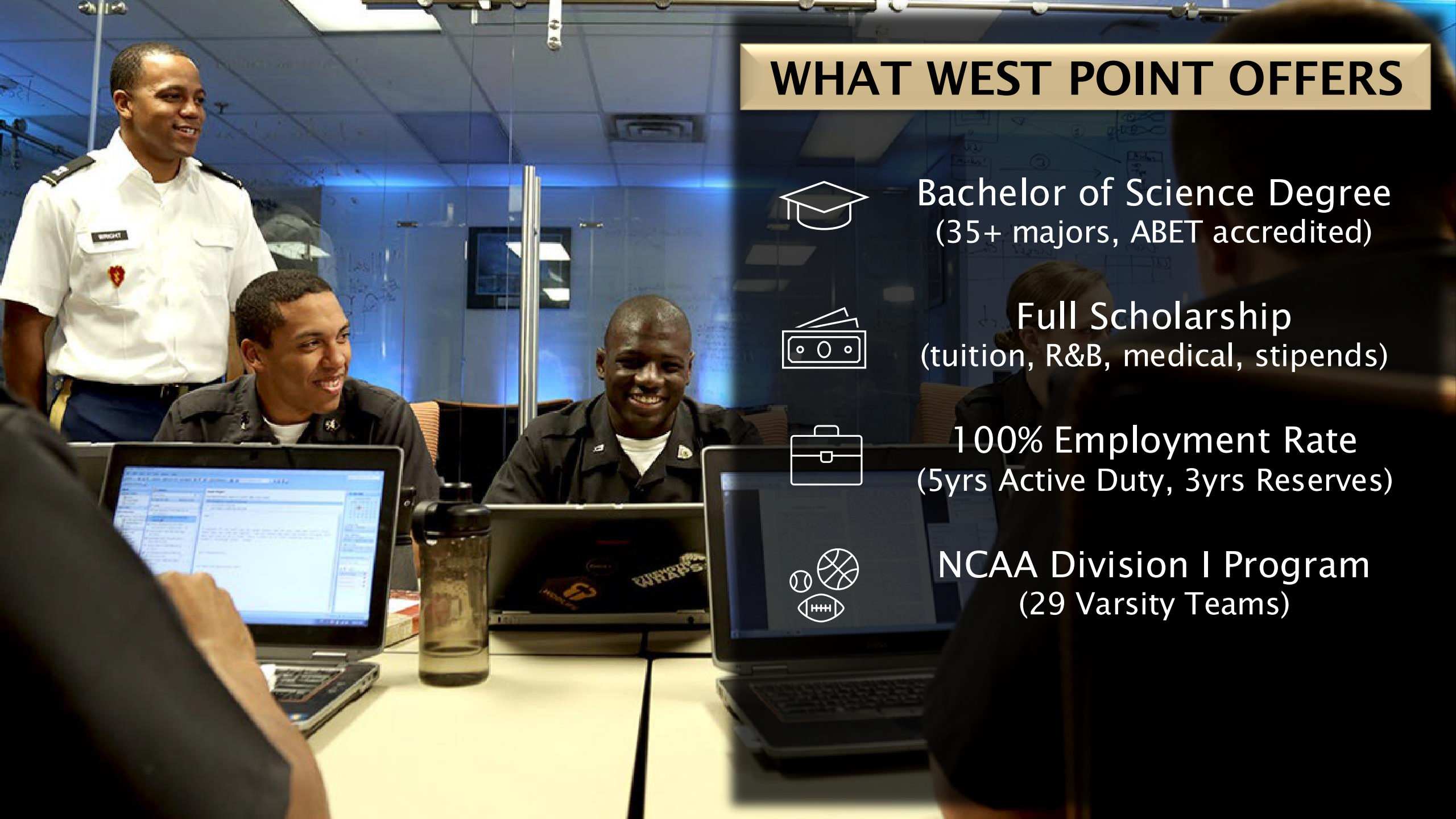
Follow-On Career Opportunities:

- Special Forces
- Psychological Operations
- Civil Affairs
- Space Operations
- Judge Advocate Corps
- Other Functional Areas

THE WEST POINT MISSION

To **build**, **educate**, **train**, and **inspire** the Corps of Cadets to be **commissioned leaders of character** committed to the Army Values and ready for a lifetime of service to the **Army** and **Nation**.





WHAT WEST POINT OFFERS

Bachelor of Science Degree
(35+ majors, ABET accredited)

Full Scholarship
(tuition, R&B, medical, stipends)

100% Employment Rate
(5yrs Active Duty, 3yrs Reserves)

NCAA Division I Program
(29 Varsity Teams)



2025 NATIONAL RANKINGS

Forbes:

#1 Public School Among Employers

U.S. News:

#3 Top Public Schools
#3 Undergrad Engineering Programs
#10 National Liberal Arts Colleges

Princeton Review:

#3 Most Engaged in Community Service
#8 Best College Library
#9 Best Counseling Services
#9 Most Accessible Professors
#10 Best Health Services

Scholar Winners (All-Time):

#5 Most Rhodes Scholars (104x awarded)
#7 Most Marshall Scholars

ABOUT WEST POINT



HISTORY

- Established in 1802
- 16,000-acre training area
- 1 Hour from NYC
- America's First:

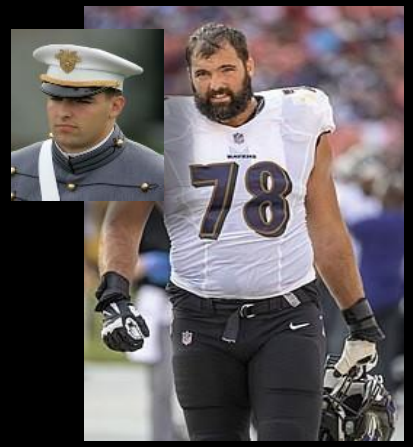
  - Military Academy

  - Engineering School

Take a Virtual Tour

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

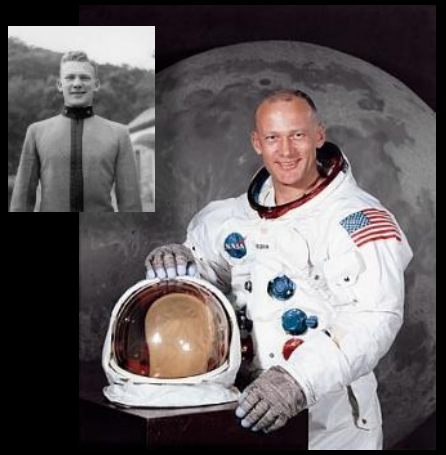
- 2 US Presidents
- ~ 20 US Astronauts
- ~ 40 Congressional Representatives
- ~ 80 Medal of Honor Recipients
- ~ 90 Olympic Athletes
- ~ 100 Rhodes Scholars



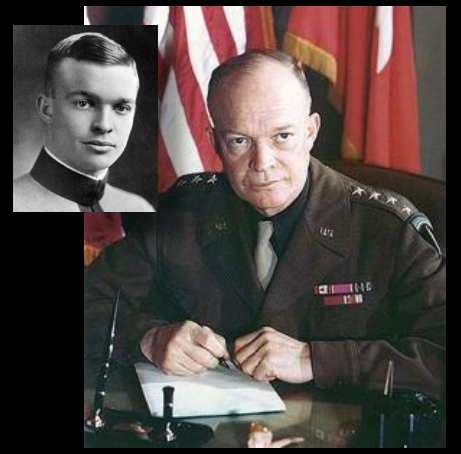
Alejandro Villanueva
Baltimore Ravens Off. Tackle
Class of 2010



LTG(R) Nadja West
44th Army Surgeon General
Class of 1982



Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin
First Moon Mission
Class of 1951



Dwight Eisenhower
34th President of the USA
Class of 1915



Mike Krzyzewski
Coach at Duke
Class of 1969



Alex Gorsky
CEO, Johnson & Johnson
Class of 1982



Benjamin O. Davis Jr.
Tuskegee Airman
Class of 1936



Douglas MacArthur
General of the Army
Class of 1903



ACADEMIC



PHYSICAL



MILITARY



CHARACTER

CADET LIFE



BEING A CADET

PLEBE	=	FRESHMAN
YEARLING	=	SOPHOMORE
COW	=	JUNIOR
FIRSTIE	=	SENIOR

A DAY IN THE LIFE

Monday – Friday



- Small class sizes (15-18)
- Faculty are subject matter experts in their fields
- 30% Civilian Professors, 20% Permanently assigned active-duty Army officers, and 50% military officers on 2 to 3-year assignments.

Student Achievements

Rhodes, Gates, Marshall, Hertz, Fulbright, Olmstead, Truman, and Mitchell Scholarships

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

FOUR-YEAR ACADEMIC JOURNEY

6:1 Student to Faculty Ratio

PLEBE (Freshman)		YEARLING (Sophomore)		COW (Junior)		FIRSTIE (Senior)	
Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Mathematical Modeling	Calculus I	Probability & Statistics	Science (Choice)	Engineering Sequence I	Engineering Sequence II	Engineering Sequence III	Military Leadership IV
Chemistry	Physics	Foreign Language I	Foreign Language II	Information Technology II	Advanced Composition	History of Military Art I	History of Military Art II
Psychology	Information Technology I	Philosophy	Physical Geography	International Relations	Lifetime Sport	Law	Elective
History I	History II	American Politics	Economics	Military Leadership III	Elective	Elective	Major Course
Composition	Literature	Military Movement	Survival Swim	Major Course	Major Course	Major Course	Major Course
Military Leadership I	Boxing	Military Leadership II	Major Course	Major Course	Major Course	Major Course	Major Course

Core | Leadership | Major | Engineering | Physical

35+ ACADEMIC MAJORS

Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Majors

- Aerospace Engineering
- Applied Statistics & Data Science
- Biology
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Science
- Cyber Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Geospatial Science
- Kinesiology
- Mathematical Sciences
- Mechanical Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Operations Research
- Physics
- Systems & Decisions Science
- Systems Engineering

Humanities & Social Science Majors

- American Politics
- Behavioral Sciences
- Economics
- Engineering Psychology
- English
- Foreign Area Studies
- Geography
- History
- International Affairs
- Law & Legal Studies
- Management
- Philosophy
- War Studies
- World Languages

14+ Minors, including:

- American Foundations
- Applied Statistics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Bioengineering
- Cyber Security
- Engineering Management
- History
- Mathematics
- Nuclear Science
- Photonics
- Robotics
- Regional Studies
- Space Science
- Terrorism Studies

Every Cadet an Athlete

D1 NCAA Teams

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Diving
- Football
- Golf
- M. Gymnastics
- M. Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Rifle
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Softball
- Sprint Football
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- W. Volleyball
- M. Wrestling

Club Teams

- Boxing
- Crew
- Cycling
- Fencing
- Martial Arts
- Handball
- M. Volleyball
- W. Wrestling
- Water Polo
- and more!

Intramurals

- Basketball
- Flag Football
- Soccer
- Handball
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Floor Hockey
- Sandhurst
- and more!



4 YEAR MILITARY EXPERIENCE

1ST SUMMER	CADET BASIC TRAINING (CBT) *6 WEEKS*
2ND SUMMER	CADET FIELD TRAINING (CFT) *4 WEEKS*
3RD & 4TH SUMMER	CADET LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (CLDT) CADET TROOP LEADER TRAINING (CTLT) TRAINING DETAILS (Leading CBT or CFT) MILITARY QUALIFICATION SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT (IAD)



BROADENING OPPORTUNITIES

Semester Abroad
- Brazil
- China
- France
- Israel
- Other Service Academies

Internships *(IAD)*
- White House
- Congressional Offices
- Government Agencies: FBI, NASA
- Training With Industry

Military Qualification Schools
- Airborne
- Air Assault

* examples







100+ CADET CLUBS

Sports

Military

Hobbies

Language & Culture

Religious

Academic

Support

WHAT IT TAKES TO JOIN THE LONG GRAY LINE

West Point seeks well-rounded candidates who demonstrate:

- Excellent academic ability
- Leadership potential
- Overall fitness

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be 17—22 years old
- Must not be married
- Must not be pregnant or have legal obligation to support a child



USMA Application

Deadline:
January 31st

Source:
www.westpoint.edu



Medical Qualification

Deadline:
April 15th

Source:
Initiated by USMA
Managed by DoDMERB



Nominations

Deadline:
Varies by office

Source:
Congressional websites

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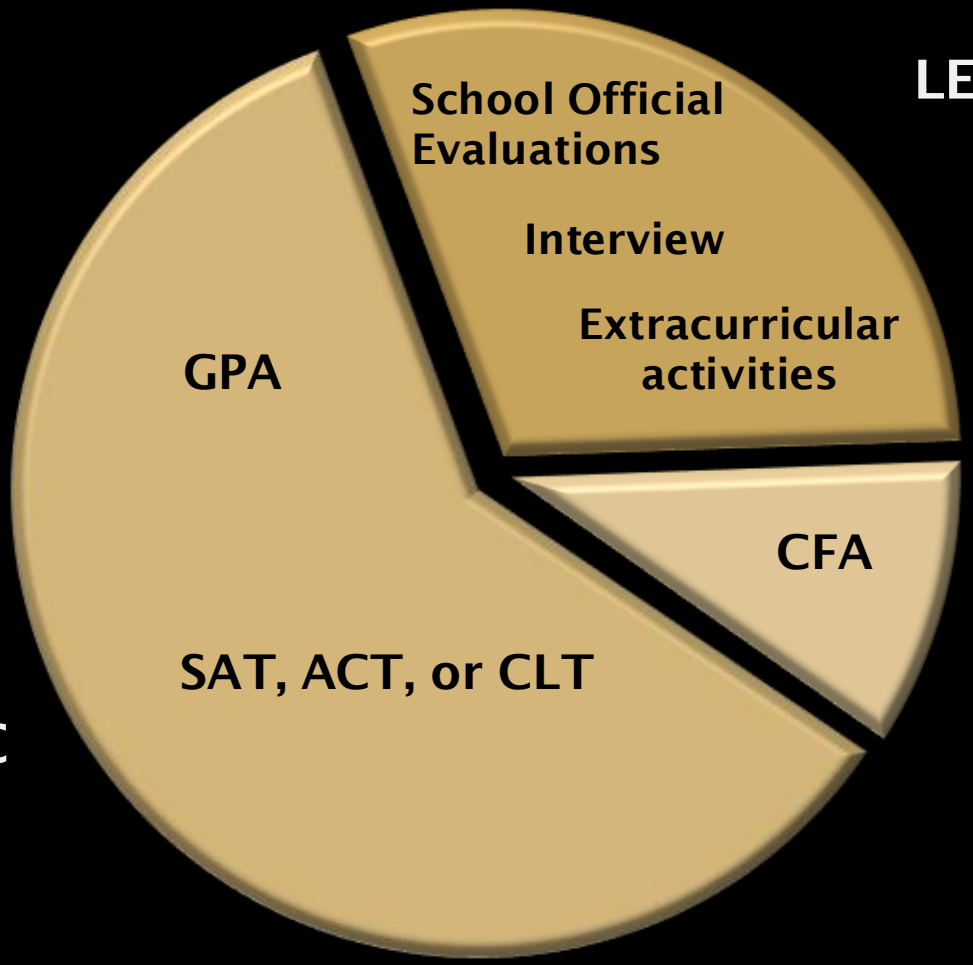


30%
LEADERSHIP

15%
FITNESS

55%
ACADEMIC

MEDICAL QUALIFICATION

Department of Defense Medical Exam Review Board (DoDMERB)

DEADLINE:
April 15th

You must take and pass the full DoDMERB medical evaluation.

- Screening process may take 2 – 4 months
- If disqualified by DoDMERB, medical waivers may be considered for competitive candidates
- Medical waiver requests are then evaluated by USMA medical professionals for final determination

NOMINATIONS

CONGRESSIONAL

- Each member of congress may nominate up to 15 prospective candidates.
- Every candidate is eligible for:
  - 1x Congressional Representative
  - 2x Senators
  - Vice President
- Every congressional office has different nomination requirements.

House.gov & Senate.gov

SERVICE-CONNECTED

- Children of career military
- Children of veterans who are 100% disabled or are deceased
- Enlisted members of the U.S. Army, Reserve & National Guard
- ROTC and JROTC*

*non-Army JROTC - Honor Unit of Distinction

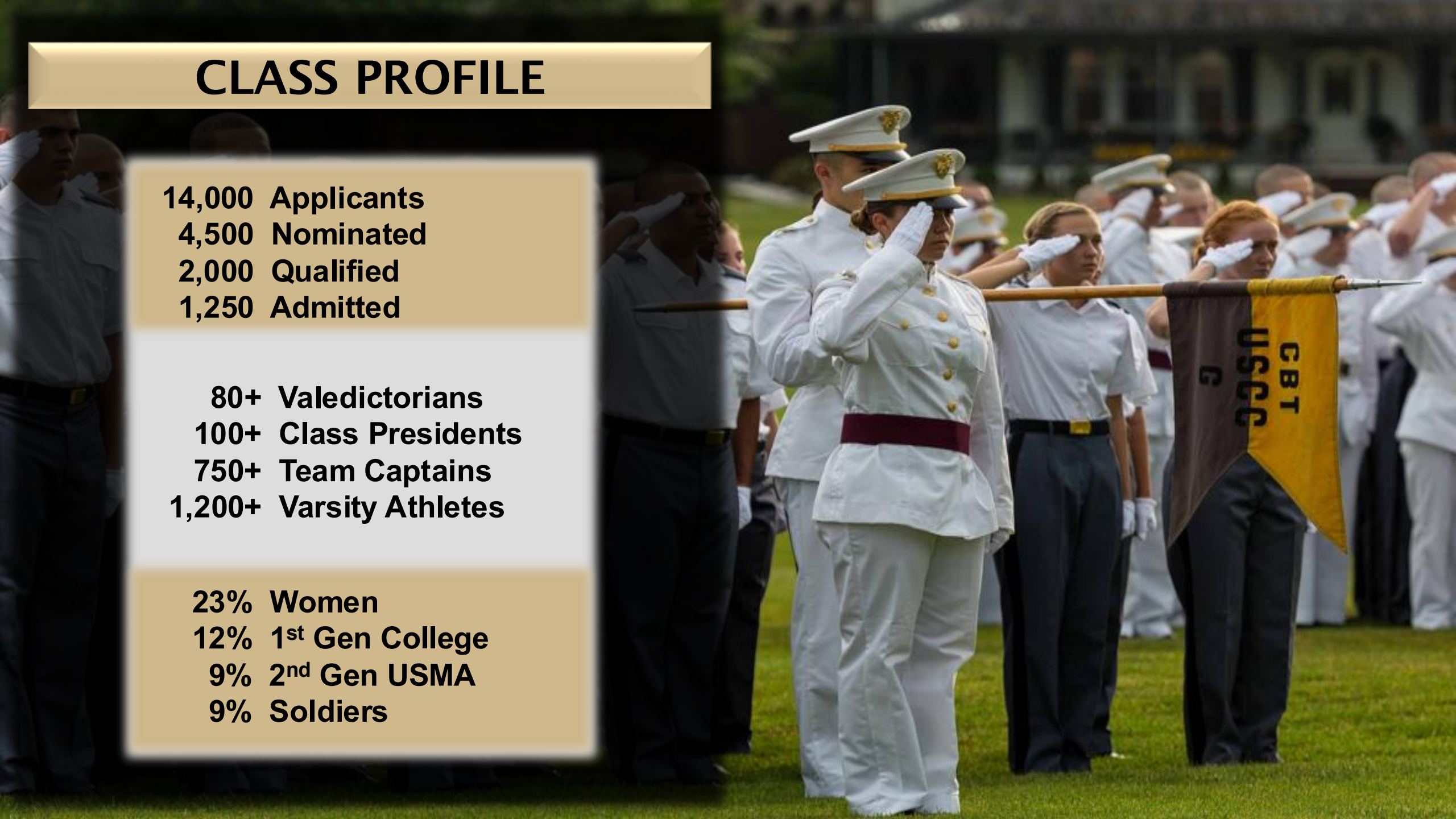
A nomination does NOT guarantee admittance.

CLASS PROFILE

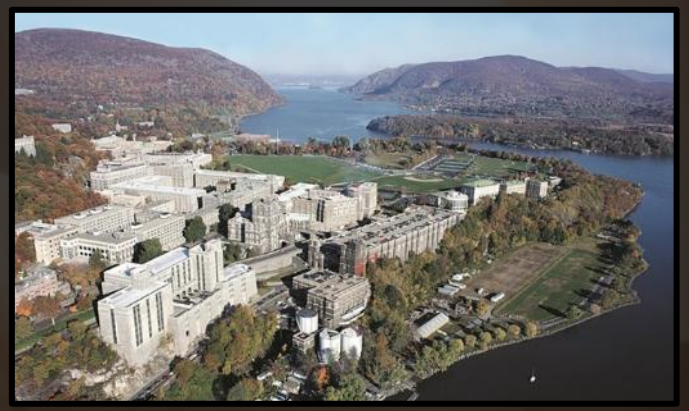
14,000	Applicants
4,500	Nominated
2,000	Qualified
1,250	Admitted

80+	Valedictorians
100+	Class Presidents
750+	Team Captains
1,200+	Varsity Athletes

23%	Women
12%	1st Gen College
9%	2nd Gen USMA
9%	Soldiers



ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



- **Connect with your local Field Force Representative**
- **Visit West Point on an Admissions Tour**
- **Attend an Admissions Event in your area**
- **Summer Leader Experience (SLE)**

  - Week-long immersion into the academic, military, and social life of West Point Cadets





Learn about SLE



APPLICATION STRATEGY

- Be proactive & complete the application early!
- Apply to all available nomination sources
- Train for and take the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Study & prepare for the SAT/ACT
- Seek opportunities to demonstrate excellence and leadership
- Your local Field Force volunteers are available to help you navigate the process!

Application Deadline: January 31st
Medical Deadline: April 15th

BEFORE YOU APPLY

ASK YOURSELF…

- Are you a leader?
- Are you mentally tough?
- Are you physically fit?
- Are you ready for the challenge?
- Are you interested in a career as an Army officer?

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QUESTIONS