



Service Academies and ROTC

If you are considering attending a military service academy, speak with your College Counselor, family, and teachers to get a full understanding of the commitment it requires. Be sure that a military academy is a good fit for you personally, academically, physically, and vocationally.

Application Process

You must receive a nomination from your senator or congressperson. Also, an evaluation of academic credentials, personal character and physical examination are considered in the application review. Consider taking the SAT/ACT early in the second semester of your junior year. The application is extensive and it is essential that you meet with your College Counselor early in your junior year to begin the process.

Academic Programs

Math, engineering, and the physical sciences continue to be strong at the service academies. Consider applying for summer programs at the academy of your choice in December or January of your junior year in order to better explore the option of attending a service academy.

Obligations

The service academy requires a change in lifestyle. It is very different from the traditional undergraduate experience. Investigate and comprehend the magnitude of the change and whether you are ready to fully embrace it on a daily basis. As a service academy graduate, you are obligated to give at least six years of military service in return for your free education. Determine whether this obligation is reasonable to you.

Starting the Application Process

Request and submit a pre-candidate questionnaire during your junior year. You may obtain a questionnaire from one of the service academies or a senator or congressperson. Meet with your College Counselor and indicate your interest. Listed below are the addresses for the Service Academies:

Candidate Guidance Office
United States Naval Academy
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(410) 293-4361
www.usna.edu

U.S. Military Academy
Director of Admissions
West Point, NY 10996
(845) 938-4041
www.usma.edu

U.S. Air Force Academy
Director of Admissions
USAFA/RRS
USAF Academy
Colorado 80840
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu

Nomination Process

You must be nominated in order to apply to a service academy. Write to each of your senators and your congressperson to ask if they would consider you as one of their nominees. The letter must include the following information: your name, address, phone number, date of birth, Social Security number, secondary school, year of graduation, name of your parents, and your first, second, third and fourth choices for academies. In turn, the senator or congressperson will contact you by letter with instructions on what to do next. The U.S. Coast Guard **does not** require a nomination by a senator or congressperson, although the evaluation process does use the same selection criteria as the other military academies.

U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Director of Admissions
15 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320
(800) 883-8724
www.uscga.edu

Complete Service Academy Application

Write to the individual service academy for an application.

Complete Fitness Exam

You will be sent information about how to complete your physical examination upon initial inquiry.

ROTC Scholarships

If you are interested in a ROTC scholarship, contact the Navy ROTC, Army ROTC, and/or Air Force ROTC at the following telephone numbers for more information. You might also consider meeting with local ROTC personnel at Arizona State University, the University of Arizona, Grand Canyon University, or Northern Arizona University to get a better understanding of the commitment ROTC programs require.

Navy - ROTC
(800) USA-NAVY

Army ROTC
(800) USA-ROTC

Air Force ROTC
(866) 423-7682

Marine ROTC
(800) MARINES

ROTC will provide a booklet that indicates what majors at particular colleges/universities they will sponsor. Upon graduation from college with a ROTC scholarship, you will be responsible to serve in the military for eight years (active duty and/or Reserves).