



West Point

- Visit the West Point **[APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TIMELINE.](#)**
- In order to be an eligible candidate for West Point, an individual must:
 - Be between the ages of 17 and 22 on July 1 of the year you enter West Point
 - Be a U.S. Citizen (**[See Information for International Cadets for exceptions](#)**)
 - Not be married
 - Not be pregnant
 - Not be legally responsible for child support
- The Candidate Questionnaire opens to high school juniors on **February 1, 2025.**
- Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) application for juniors opens **February 1, 2025.** An SLE application doubles as the first step of a West Point application; however, please keep in mind that completing an SLE application is not an obligation to complete a West Point application or attend West Point
 - Session Dates: **TBD**
- Recommend applying for congressional nominations when you are a candidate, preferably during the **spring of your junior year.**
 - Candidate kits for admission will be available on or about August 15 as applicants enter their senior year in high school.
- Schedule your DoDMERB medical exam **no later than the winter of your senior year (Dec 1).**
 - Your name will not be forwarded to DoDMERB for scheduling unless you have completed over half of your application:
 - Candidate Fitness Assessment
 - Candidate Personal Data Record
 - Candidate Activities Record
 - School Official Evaluations
 - Candidate Statements
 - Academic Transcripts for High School or College
- Nominations are due to West Point by **January 31** of the year the candidate would enter.
- SAT/ACT scores due to West Point by **January 31.**
- Applications are due for admission to West Point (**[Westpoint.edu](#)**) **January 31 of the year the candidate would enter.**
- Cadet Basic Training begins **the first Monday closest to July 1 each year.**

Questions for West Point:

For more detailed information, visit westpoint.edu

Q: What is the recommended GPA for acceptance into West Point? Is the requirement simply “top 20% of class?”

A: To qualify academically at West Point you should have an above average high school or college academic record and a complete transcript. You should perform well on the ACT or the SAT. A complete transcript of your academic achievement will be evaluated to determine your qualification..

Q: Are ACT/SAT scores required for admission at West Point?

A: Test scores are required, and applicants may choose either the SAT or the ACT. Take the tests as many times as desired/needed. There is no penalty for multiple attempts, and results are super-scored, meaning the best performance in each category will be considered.

Q: How many community service/volunteer hours are recommended for West Point? How many extra-curriculars?

A: West Point does not have a minimum requirement for community service/volunteer hours or extra-curricular activities, but examples of community and school involvement and leadership activities are greatly encouraged. To make your application strong, you are encouraged to take part in extracurricular activities that demonstrate leadership skills and potential. In general, it is better to seek leadership positions within a few extracurriculars than to participate in many.

Q: What is the final application deadline to West Point? Are there any supplemental materials (essays, teacher evaluations, interviews, etc) due after the application deadline?

A: Everything must be completed by January 31.

Q: When are individuals notified if they are an official candidate for West Point?

A: Candidates are notified immediately upon opening an application that they are an official candidate. Notifications of qualification will begin after the applicant’s full file has been completed and evaluated by the admissions committee. These notifications will vary depending on the file completion date of the applicant.

Most appointments will be tendered prior to April 1 for candidates who have completed all application requirements. Candidates must accept or decline their appointment offers no later than May 1.

Q: Where can individuals get assistance with their application for West Point?

A: If you have specific questions not answered here, contact your regional admissions team either by email or by phone during business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm Eastern Time).

The United States Naval Academy



- Applications to become an official candidate for the class of 2029 are now open.**
For those applicants that attended the 2024 Summer Seminar, that counts as the preliminary application for admission.
- You can submit a preliminary application if you: will be a senior in high school in the fall of 2024 or have previously completed high school including current college students looking to transfer.
- New applications for the Class of 2029 will not be accepted after **January 31, 2025**.
- ACT or SAT tests that are taken before **January 31** will be accepted, even if the results arrive after January 31. Test scores from a test taken with accommodations will not be accepted.
- In order to be considered as a candidate, you must obtain a nomination from an official source. These sources normally include U.S. Representatives or U.S. Senators who represent your Congressional District or State, respectively, or the Vice President of the United States.
- You are required to participate in an official interview with a Blue and Gold Officer to complete your application.
- All candidates should contact their state's Blue and Gold Officer upon receipt of their official candidate electronic letter: email is the preferred communication method for most Blue and Gold Officers.
- All electronic forms included in the application for admission, including the Candidate Fitness Assessment and official transcript(s), are due to the Office of Admissions by **January 31** of the prospective year of entry. All service-connected nomination paperwork is also due by **January 31**.
- The USNA uses a "rolling admissions" selection process. Most candidates will be notified of their final status by **April 15**.
- All appointees should notify the Admissions Office of their intention to accept or decline by **May 1**.

Questions for The United States Naval Academy

For more detailed information, visit usna.edu

Q: What is the recommended GPA for the Naval Academy? Is the requirement simply “top 20% of class?”

A: The Naval Academy uses a whole person assessment in evaluating every candidate for admission. There is no specific GPA minimum. However, you should strive to be at least in the top 20 percent of your high school class.

Q: What are the minimum ACT/SAT scores for USNA?

A: There is no minimum SAT/ACT required for admission since we use a whole person assessment in evaluating each candidate. The USNA Admissions Board remains committed to a process which has proven to be a fair assessment of the “whole student”, where academic rigor, life experiences, unique circumstances, volunteer work, and leadership ability and attributes will continue to be evaluated.

Q: How many community service/volunteer hours are recommended for USNA? How many extracurriculars?

A: There is not a specific number of community service/volunteer hours recommended for admission. Volunteer work and community service are weighted in our whole person evaluation along with other athletic and non-athletic activities. For activities not included on our candidate activities form, a student may write them in for consideration by our Admissions Board.

Q: What is the final application deadline to USNA? Are there any supplemental materials (essays, teacher evaluations, interviews, etc) due after the application deadline?

A: New applications to the Class of 2029 will not be accepted after January 31st. By agreement, January 31 is the date in which Members of Congress must submit their nominations to the service academies. If eligible, students must also submit their service-connected nomination applications to the Office of Admissions by January 31.

Q: When are individuals notified if they are officially selected for USNA?

A: The Naval Academy begins notifying candidates if they are an official candidate in the beginning of April. If you are found qualified but do not receive a Letter of Assurance, you will be competing for an offer of appointment from within your nominating sources. Candidates will be notified of their status by April 15.



The United States Air Force Academy

- What to Expect in the Air Force Academy:** <https://youtu.be/hdYiAjG6TDw>
- Junior year of high school:** Summer Seminar Applications open on **December 1, 2024**. The Summer Seminar is a program for rising seniors and sessions for 2025 are **TBD**:
 - Please monitor www.academyadmissions.com for more details.
- March 1 to December 31:** Application window for the pre-candidate questionnaire open to juniors.
- Spring Semester of your junior year:** Application window for Congressional nominations. It is strongly recommended that applicants contact their U.S. Representative and Senators early.
- Applicants begin to be promoted to candidate status, and then the candidate portals open: **July 15–January 31**.
- Candidate Status** (all application forms available to the candidate):
 - Complete full application as quickly as possible, and no later than the deadline posted on the portal. **(Final deadline varies based on when an applicant becomes a candidate).**
 - Practice and take the Candidate Fitness Assessment.
 - Once in *candidate* status, follow instructions to be eligible for the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) medical examination.
 - Schedule and complete DoDMERB examination as quickly as possible.
- October to February:** Early offers (approximately 10-20% of all offers are made).
- December 31:** Final deadline to submit a pre-candidate questionnaire of senior year.
- January 31:** Final deadline to submit full application.
- April:** Most candidates who completed an application will know their admissions status by the April following their application. Notifications are made through a student's application portal.
- Preparatory School and Falcon Foundation:** If not selected for direct entry to the Air Force Academy, all candidates who complete an application are automatically considered for the Preparatory School or Falcon Foundation. Offers are typically made January through June.
- May 1:** National College Decision Day is the deadline to accept or decline admission.
- June:** The new class enters the Air Force Academy and the Summer Seminar sessions take place.

Questions for The United States Air Force Academy

For more detailed information, visit academyadmissions.com

Q: What is the recommended GPA for the USAFA?

A: Recent classes have averaged in the top three percent of their high school classes. A Prior Academic Record (PAR) is a measure of classroom performance and is based on a combination of your class rank and your GPA.

Q: What are the minimum ACT/SAT scores for USAFA?

A: There is no minimum SAT/ACT required for admission since we use a whole person assessment in evaluating each candidate. Students who score below 620 on the SAT's Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Test or below 580 on the Math Test will not be considered competitive for an appointment into the Academy. Similarly, those who score below 24 on the ACT's English/Reading Test or below 25 on the ACT's Math/Science Test will not be competitive.

Q: How many community service/volunteer hours are recommended for USAFA? How many extracurriculars?

A: There is not a specific number of community service/volunteer hours recommended for admission. Volunteer work/community service are weighted in our whole person evaluation along with other athletic and non-athletic activities. For activities not included on our candidate activities form, a student may write them in for consideration by our Admissions Board.

Q: What is the final application deadline to USAFA? Are there any supplemental materials (essays, teacher evaluations, interviews, etc) due after the application deadline?

A: New applications to the Class of 2029 will not be accepted after January 10th.

Q: When are individuals notified if they are officially selected for USAFA?

A: Most candidates who completed an application will know their admissions status by this time. All notifications will be made through a student's application portal.