

MILITARY INFORMATION

Selective Service

Remember, the law states that men must register with Selective Service when they turn 18. To register go to www.sss.gov.

Military Service Branches

At the sites below you can get in touch with recruiters, discover some of the jobs available in the military, and learn about the educational benefits you may be able to receive. Training varies in length and may include on the job training, classroom instruction, or both. If interested in enlisting in a branch of the Armed Forces, make sure to *research all of your options* before committing.

Air National Guard:	www.goang.com
Army National Guard:	www.arng.army.mil
U.S. Air Force:	www.airforce.com
U.S. Army:	www.goarmy.com
U.S. Coast Guard:	www.gocoastguard.com
U.S. Navy:	www.navy.com
U.S. Marines:	www.marines.com

Application to Service Academies

- ✓ **U.S. Military Academy** – West Point, NY
www.usma.edu
- ✓ **U.S. Naval Academy** – Annapolis, MD
www.usna.edu
- ✓ **U.S. Air Force Academy** – Colorado Springs, CO
www.usafa.af.mil

Preapplication:

If you are interested in one of the academies listed above and you are a junior, write to the admissions office and request a precandidate kit or apply online. You should receive general information about the institution, specific information on admission procedures, requirements, and a precandidate questionnaire. Complete the questionnaire and submit a copy of your high school transcripts to begin your file at the academy.

Preapplication can be done online at the following sites:

U.S. Military Academy	www.usma.edu
U.S. Naval Academy	www.usna.edu/admissions/preapplication
U.S. Air Force Academy	www.academyadmissions.com

Nomination:

You should apply at the same time to your Congressional representatives (two U.S. Senators, your Congressman and the Vice President) for a nomination to the academy. (Sample letters requesting a nomination are available in the Counseling Center). Each congressional representative may nominate a limited number of students to compete for a vacancy. In addition, Service-Connected Nominations may be available for certain candidates. Check the admissions literature for details and contact the offices below for further instructions.

U.S. Senator (NY)

Charles E. Schumer
James M. Hanley Fed. Bldg.
100 S. Clinton St.
PO Box 7318
Syracuse, NY 13261
315-423-5471

U.S. Senator (NY)

Hillary R. Clinton
James M. Hanley Fed. Bldg.
100 S. Clinton St.
PO Box 7378
Syracuse, NY 13261-7378
315-448-0470

Congressman

James T. Walsh
James M. Hanley Fed. Bldg.
PO Box 7306
Syracuse, NY 13261
Attn: Christa Glazier
315-423-5657

Timeline:

This process should commence in the spring of junior year if you wish to be considered by an early selection board. Boards may begin application review in the fall of your senior year. If you are serious about attending one of the military academies, you should fulfill all your application requirements as early as possible to enhance your chances of selection. Once you have been accepted to an academy, you must still receive a Congressional nomination.

Entrance Requirements:*

- U.S. citizen between ages of 17 and 22/23
- submit SAT or ACT scores
- pass a medical test
- submit recommendation from high school counselor and/or several faculty members
- receive a nomination
- submit high school record
- provide a record of activities
- pass a physical aptitude test

*Note that most accepted students rank in the top fifth of their class, earn SAT critical reading, math, and writing scores over 600, earn ACT composite scores of 26-30 and are very active in their school and community. Academies have very selective admission standards.

Other Military Academies

U.S. Coast Guard Academy – New London, CT

www.cga.edu

Applications are processed in the same manner as other four-year colleges. No nominations are required. Interested students should send information.

SUNY Maritime College – Throgs Neck, NY

www.sunymaritime.edu

Training for engineers and navigators for the commercial shipping industry. Students should apply through the common SUNY application. Nominations are not required.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point, NY

www.usmma.edu

Public institution offering maritime, military and engineering programs to train officers for the U.S. Merchant Marine and maritime industry. Students are encouraged to send for admission information.

Additional Military Sources of Funding*

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarships

The Armed Forces offer ROTC programs at most major colleges and universities where you can apply for the ROTC program of your choice. ROTC Scholarships are a great way to help finance your college education and you'll begin your service immediately following graduation as a commissioned officer in the Armed Service of your choice.

ROTC Army	800-USA-ROTC	www.goarmy.com/rotc/
ROTC Navy/Marine	800-NAV-ROTC	www.nrotc.navy.mil
ROTC Air Force	866-423-7682	www.afrotc.com

Montgomery GI Bill Program

While serving on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces, you can receive money for college expenses with a small monthly contribution from your salary. The Reserve and National Guard give you the opportunity to earn tuition benefits with no contribution from your pay. You can use these benefits while either a full-time or part-time student. The Montgomery GI Bill is available for both officers and enlisted personnel.

Montgomery GI Bill	800-893-LEAD
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U.S. Armed Forces College Fund Programs

The Army, Navy, and Marine Corps College Funds, when combined with the Montgomery GI Bill, can offer additional cash for college. Enlisting in the Air Force qualifies you for admission to the Community College of the Air Force, allowing you to earn an associate degree in applied science with credit for training, civilian course work, and credits by examination.

College Fund Air Force	800-423-USAF
College Fund Army	800-USA-ARMY
College Fund Marines	800-MARINES
College Fund Navy	800-USA-NAVY

*Information from US Armed Forces Brochure, *You Need Money for College*, 1998