

# MILITARY OPTIONS

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## **MILITARY ACADEMIES:**

### **ARMY MERCHANT MARINES**

United States Military Academy Kings Point, NY 11024  
606 Thayer Road  
West Point, NY 10996-1797  
(914) 938-4041

### **AIR FORCE NAVY**

United States Air Force Academy  
2304 Cadet Drive  
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025  
(719) 472-2520

### **COAST GUARD**

United States Coast Guard Academy  
15 Mohegan Avenue  
New London, CT 06320-4195  
(203) 444-8289

### **NAVAL ACADEMY**

United States Naval Academy  
117 Decatur Road, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018  
(800) 638-9156

## **COSTS:**

Full U.S. Government scholarships are awarded which cover tuition, room and board, medical and dental care, and a monthly allowance.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

The competition for entry into the academy is strong. Among candidates who meet all the eligibility requirements, the academies offer admission to only the most qualified. To be eligible for admission to any of the academies, a person must be at least 17 years of age, a citizen of the United States, of good moral character, academically and physically qualified, and take the SAT. In addition, candidates for the Army, Navy, and Air Force Academies must have a nomination to be considered for admission.

(Nominations are not necessary for admission to the Coast Guard Academy.) Most candidates seek a nomination from their members of Congress. It is not necessary to know Senators or Representatives personally to receive a nomination from them. The recommended time to apply for nomination is the spring of the junior year in high school.

The academies all offer a four-year program of study leading to a bachelor of science in one of many disciplines. Graduates receive a commission as a military officer and must serve on active duty for at least five years. Each year, about thirteen percent of the military's new officers are graduates of these four academies. For more information about the service academies see your counselor or contact your local recruiter.

**OTHER MILITARY OPTIONS:**

- Officer Candidate/Training School
- Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC)
- Direct Appointments
- Enlisted Commissioning Program

**IMMEDIATE BENEFITS:**

- Education and career training (technical and professional)
  - College degrees – associate, bachelors, graduate
  - Vocational or technical certificates
  - Certificate of completion of civilian apprenticeship programs
  - High school diplomas or equivalency documents
- Opportunity to become a commissioned officer through ROTC or military academies
- Travel
- Specific guaranteed training upon entry
- A community with a variety of attractions
- Medical and dental care
- Lower cost commissary and post exchange services
- Guaranteed pay
- Promotion opportunities
- A cadre of trained consultants and counselors, wide resources and references

**LONG-TERM BENEFITS**

- Montgomery GI Bill
- Scholarships and fellowships
- Pay bonuses
- Thirty-day paid vacation every year
- Certain housing, medical, and educational services for families
- Low-cost life insurance
- Insured loan for buying a home
- Lifetime retirement benefits after 20 years of service
- In career civil service, the veteran has absolute job retention rights over all non-veteran federal workers.

**ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT AID PROGRAMS:**

ROTC scholarships are competitive. The application process should start in the spring of the junior year. The final deadline for seniors is in the fall of the senior year.

If you are willing to serve for a period of time in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, you will find that some very generous scholarships and student aid programs are available to you. In some cases, you can receive an education first and serve an equivalent amount of time in the military after you graduate. There are also programs that permit you to enter the service first and accumulate money for an education while you complete your enlistment period.

The college scholarship programs pay all or part of your college tuition for up to four years of undergraduate study. You would be required to serve four years on active duty in the regular service as a commissioned officer after college graduation.

For more information, contact your local recruiting office.

**AIR FORCE**

1725 Santa Clara Drive, Suite 170  
Roseville CA 95661  
916-782-9141  
<http://airforce.com>

**MARINE CORPS**

1725 Santa Clara Drive, Suite 165  
Roseville CA 95661  
916-783-3886  
<http://www.marines.com>

**ARMY**

1725 Santa Clara Dr. Suite 180  
Roseville, CA 95661  
916-783-0445  
<http://www.goarmy.com>

**NAVY**

1725 Santa Clara Drive, Suite 160  
Roseville CA 95661  
916-786-8776  
<http://navy.com>

**ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

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Roseville CA 95678  
916-782-5888  
<http://www.1-800-GO-GUARD.com>