

SERVICE ACADEMY FACT SHEET

The following guidelines are provided by the academies for applicants who may be eligible to be considered for an appointment.

- * A candidate must be of good moral character and be an American citizen (except for the limited quotas of international midshipmen specifically authorized by Congress) by the date of induction into an academy.
- * U.S. Air Force, Military, and Naval Academies require the candidate to be at least 17 years of age, but not have passed the 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A cadet must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents, and be of good moral character.
- * U.S. Merchant Marine Academy requires that the candidate must be at least 17 years of age, but not have passed the 25th birthday by July 1 of the year of induction.

U.S. Air Force Academy

Candidates who have received appointments in previous years had SAT scores ranging between **590 - 670** verbal and **620 - 700** Math. ACT scores ranged between **26 - 29** English; **27 - 32** reading; **28 - 32** math; and **27 - 31** science reasoning. The SAT and ACT math scores count more heavily than English. Candidates who score below **590** verbal and **620** math on the SAT or below **27** math/science reasoning and **26** English/reading on the ACT normally will **not** be competitive for an appointment. The highest SAT/ACT score will be used. The highest score may be taken from two different testings; therefore, to be competitive, the candidate is encouraged to retest one or more times. Extracurricular activities participation and leadership are an important part of the evaluation. **All** activities including athletics, all-league or all-state recognition, selection as a team captain, leadership in a school club or student government, participation in scouting or the Civil Air Patrol, and involvement in church or community activities or an after-school job are important areas of the Academy's evaluation. Students **must** rank in the upper **40** percent of their class; however, **57%** of the cadets rank in the **upper 10** percent.

Start the application process through the website: www.usafa.edu or contact the Director of Admissions, Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
Ph # (719)333-3070

U.S. Military Academy (West Point)

The Military Academy does not utilize minimum SAT/ACT scores; however, the mean SAT scores of a recent class are **629** English and **648** Math; Mean ACT scores were **29** English, **29** Math, **28** SciReas, and **30** Read. The scores from all four of the ACT sections are considered by the Military Academy. The highest SAT/ACT scores will be used and may be taken from two different testings. Extracurricular activities participation and leadership are an important part of the evaluation. **All** activities, including athletics, individual recognition, selection as a team captain, leadership in a school club or student government, participation in scouting, and involvement in church or community activities or an after-school job are important areas in the Academy's evaluation. Approximately **72 percent** of the entering class comes from the **top twenty percent of their high school class**.

Start the application process through the website: www.usma.edu or contact the Director of Admissions, West Point, NY 10996-1797
Ph # (845)938-4041

U.S. Naval Academy

Previous classes at the Naval Academy have been composed of midshipmen who scored as follows: **73%** scored **600 and above** on the **SAT Verbal** or **26 and above** on the **ACT English**; **87%** scored **600 or above** on the **SAT Math** or **26 and above** on the **ACT Math**. Minimum SAT qualifying levels are **530** verbal and **570** math; minimum ACT qualifying levels are **22** verbal and **24** math. However, in order for a candidate **to be competitive**, he/she **should have at least 600** on the SAT in **both** verbal and math; or **26** on the ACT in **both** English and math. Extracurricular activities participation and leadership are an important part of the evaluation. **All** activities, including athletics, individual recognition, selection as a team captain, leadership in a school club or student government, participation in scouting, and involvement in church or community activities or an after-school job are important areas in the Academy's evaluation. **Eighty-two** percent of the midshipmen are **from the top twenty percent of their high school class**.

Start the application process through the website: www.usna.edu or contact the Director of Admissions, USNA, Annapolis, MD 21402-5019
Ph # (410)293-4392

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

The average SAT scores for midshipmen in attendance are **535** verbal and **586** math. ACT averages are **23** verbal and **28** math. **Minimum SAT scores are 500 Verbal and 550 Math.** Achieving a **total score of 1050 without** having a **minimum of 500 Verbal and a minimum 550 Math DOES NOT** meet the Academy's minimum test score requirements. ACT minimums are **22 English** and **26 Math** with a **minimum composite of 23.** Additional criteria examined by the admissions office, include recommendations from school officials, history of extracurricular activities, and other evidence of character, leadership, and potential for academic achievement. Most midshipmen rank in the **upper 40 percent of their high school class.**

Start the application process through the website: www.usmma.edu or contact the Director of Admissions, Kings Point, NY 11024--1699
Ph # (516)773-5391

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

There are **no congressional nominations** to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Applicants must contact the academy directly between July 1 and December 15 prior to entrance the following June.

Start the application process through the website: www.cga.edu or contact the Director of Admissions, New London, CT 06320
Ph # (860)444-8500

All academies require candidates to pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). The academy to which the candidate has applied will initiate the scheduling of the examination with the Department of Defense. Once taken, the examination may be used for all service academies and four year ROTC scholarship programs.

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