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Requirements to enlist in the U.S. military

- <https://www.usa.gov/military-requirements>

Military Branch	Contact Information
Air Force	https://www.airforce.com/ : 1-800-423-USAF (1-800-423-8723) https://www.airforce.com/ways-to-serve/air-force-reserve : 1-800-257-1212 https://www.airforce.com/ways-to-serve/air-national-guard : 1-800-TO-GO-ANG (1-800-864-6264)
Army	https://www.goarmy.com/ and https://www.goarmy.com/explore-the-army/army-structure/reserve.html : 1-888-550-ARMY (1-888-550-2769) https://www.nationalguard.com/ : 1-800-GO-GUARD (1-800-464-8273)
Coast Guard	https://www.gocoastguard.com/ : https://www.gocoastguard.com/connect
Marine Corps	https://www.marines.com/ and https://www.marines.com/about-the-marine-corps/marine-corps-structure/marine-corps-reserve.html : 1-800-MARINES (1-800-627-4637)
Navy	https://www.navy.com/ and https://www.navy.com/who-we-are/about-navy-reserve/navy-reserve-roles-responsibilities : 1-800-USA-NAVY (1-800-872-6289)
Space Force	Contact the https://www.airforce.com/ to join the Space Force: 1-800-423-USAF (1-800-423-8723)

Citizenship and residency

U.S. citizens and some non-citizens can join the military. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you must:

- Have a U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)
- Speak, read, and write English fluently

Age limits

Each branch of the military has age limits to enlist in active duty:

- Air Force: 17 - 39
- Army: 17 - 35
- Coast Guard: 17 - 31
- Marine Corps: 17 - 28
- Navy: 17 - 39
- Space Force: 17 - 39

Education and testing requirements

ASVAB testing

Everyone who wants to enlist in the military must take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). Each branch sets its own minimum score to join. Your score will help decide which jobs you can do after you enlist.

Contact a recruiter, who can help you set up a time to take the ASVAB and tell you about the scores you will need.

Education requirements

You must have a high school or general equivalency diploma (GED) to enlist in the military. There are fewer spots for GED holders to enter the military. If you have a GED, you will have a better chance of joining if you have:

- Earned college credits
- Scored higher on the ASVAB

You must have a degree from a four-year college to

<https://www.todaysmilitary.com/joining-eligibility/becoming-military-officer>.

Physical and medical requirements

A medical exam is part of the enlistment process. The exam will assess if you are healthy enough to serve in the military.

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