

# MILITARY INFORMATION

## ***MILITARY SERVICE***

Every day, many thousands devote themselves to protecting freedoms, maintaining peace, providing relief and supporting policy around the globe. For many young Americans, the benefits of serving can be tremendous: training, honor, education, travel, pay and self-discovery. However, military service is not for everyone. It requires self-discipline, intense physical work and time away from family and friends while protecting America and its citizens at home and abroad. For some, these commitments impose too great a burden.

Young people need support as they consider their life path. The information provided here aims to help them and their families understand service options and benefits so they can make informed choices. Above all, know that each decision – to serve our country or not to serve – is personal, vital and honorable.

The U.S. Military consists of five active-duty Services and their respective Guard and Reserve units (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy). Together, they offer a broad variety of career jobs, medical and dental benefits, travel opportunities, and money to help you pay for college. Contact your local recruiter for more information.

## ***MILITARY ACADEMIES***

For students who would like to experience a military environment while getting a first-class education, the four Service academies – the U.S. Military Academy (Army) in West Point, N.Y.; the U.S. Naval Academy (Navy/Marine Corps) in Annapolis, Md.; the U.S. Air Force Academy (Air Force) in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (Coast Guard) in New London, Conn. – offer an outstanding education and full four-year scholarships. Tuition, books, board and medical and dental care are all fully paid for all four years. The competition to get in is fierce. Admissions criteria include:

- High school academic performance
- Standardized test scores (SAT or ACT)
- Athletics and extracurricular activities
- Leadership experience and community involvement
- A congressional letter of recommendation (not required by the Coast Guard Academy)

All the academies offer four years of college education leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. Graduates receive regular commissions and must serve on active duty for at least five years. Students are evaluated on academic, extracurricular and physical fitness criteria. Each academy has its own specific requirements; however, the general rules listed are a safe guide to follow. If interested in applying to an academy, contact your counselor in the fall of your junior year.

**Academics:**

Language Arts: four years with an emphasis on writing, Math: four years including Algebra 1-2 through Calculus, Science: four years including Chemistry and Physics, Social Studies, a Typing or Computer class is highly recommended, and a minimum of two years of a Foreign Language is highly recommended.

**Extracurricular:**

Quality involvement in clubs and activities as an officer, academic honors received, and positions served would indicate strong leadership ability. Part-time employment is considered valuable.

**Physical Fitness:**

You must be in and stay physically fit for the academies. They will require a Physical Fitness test as part of the acceptance process.

**Testing Qualifications:**

You must take either the SAT or ACT

**Military Nominations:**

The Air Force, Naval, Army, and Merchant Marine Academies utilize a NOMINATION procedure wherein a student must apply through and be nominated by their State's US Senators or Representatives. The Coast Guard Academy does not use the nomination procedure. Rather, it has a competitive admission just like any other college. Check the senators/representatives websites for the most current information.

***ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS***

Founded in 1926, ROTC stands for Reserve Officer Training Corps. The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarships pay for college tuition, textbooks, fees and other academic expenses. Students also receive a tax-free subsistence allowance of up to \$1000 each school year. The scholarships apply to any university that has an ROTC program. Competition for these scholarships is very high. Ninety percent of the recipients rank in the top 25% of their class and have high ACT or SAT scores. Leadership potential (extracurricular activities) is also an important factor. Applications procedures should start at the end of junior year or early in the senior year. For additional information visit <http://www.todaysmilitary.com/before-serving/rotc>.

ROTC trains students in about 500 Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force units at participating colleges and universities. Trainees take two to five hours of military instruction a week in addition to regular college courses.

Persons attending undergraduate institutions offering a four-year program may be commissioned upon graduation if they participated in four years of ROTC training. The last two years of the ROTC program the student would receive a monthly allowance. After graduation, they serve for a stipulated period of time. Two-year programs are available to students transferring from colleges where ROTC programs are not available.

ROTC Scholarships are available at all of our state universities; more information and application deadlines are on each university's website.

*Northern Arizona University---Air Force, Army*

*University of Arizona---Air Force, Army, Navy*

*Arizona State University--- Air Force, Army, Navy*

Students who receive ROTC scholarships should contact the individual program regarding any expected military service obligation after graduation.

## **MILITARY LINKS**

Military Information: <http://www.todaysmilitary.com/>

College ROTC Scholarships: <http://www.todaysmilitary.com/before-serving-in-the-military/rotc-programs>

Services Academies: <https://www.todaysmilitary.com/education-training/military-schools>

United States Air Force: <http://www.airforce.com/>

Air Force ROTC: <http://www.afrotc.com/>

Air Force Academy: <http://www.usafa.af.mil/>

United States Army: <http://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs.html>

Army ROTC: <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc.html>

US Military Academy, West Point: <http://www.usma.edu/SitePages/Home.aspx>

United States Navy: <http://www.navy.com/>

Navy ROTC: <http://www.navy.com/joining/education-opportunities/nrotc/>

Naval Academy: <http://www.usna.edu///homepage.php>

United States Coast Guard: <https://www.gocoastguard.com/Caree>

Coast Guard Academy: <http://www.cga.edu/>

United States Marine Corps: <http://www.marines.com/>

Marine Corps ROTC:

<https://www.todaysmilitary.com/education-training/rotc-programs#jump-navy-and-marine-corps-rotc>