



# Military College, Academies and ROTC

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## Military Colleges

Below is a list of a variety of different kinds of military colleges available in the United States, from junior two year colleges to the federal military academies. <https://www.todaysmilitary.com/education-training/military-schools#jump-senior-military-colleges>

### Military junior colleges (United States)

Five institutions are considered [Military junior colleges](#). These five schools participate in the Army's two-year [Early Commissioning Program](#) (ECP), an Army [ROTC](#) program in which qualified students can earn a commission as a [Second Lieutenant](#) after only two years of college. The five Military Junior Colleges are:

- [Wentworth Military Academy and College](#), ([Lexington, Missouri](#))
- [Valley Forge Military Academy and College](#), ([Wayne, Pennsylvania](#))
- [New Mexico Military Institute](#), ([Roswell, New Mexico](#))
- [Marion Military Institute](#), ([Marion, Alabama](#))
- [Georgia Military College](#), ([Milledgeville, Georgia](#))

### State-supported maritime colleges and universities

Students at these academies are organized as military academy cadets, and graduate with appropriate licenses from the U.S. Coast Guard and/or U.S. Merchant Marine, with an option to become commissioned reserve officers with the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, or the U.S. Marine Corps.

- [California Maritime Academy](#)
- [Great Lakes Maritime Academy](#), a division of [Northwestern Michigan College](#)
- [State University of New York Maritime College](#)
- [Maine Maritime Academy](#)
- [Massachusetts Maritime Academy](#)
- [United States Merchant Marine Academy](#)<sup>[5]</sup>
- Texas Maritime Academy,<sup>[6]</sup> a division of [Texas A&M University at Galveston](#)

## Senior Military Colleges

### Public Senior Military College

- [Virginia Military Institute](#) ([Lexington, Virginia](#); four-year public college)

### Public Senior Military Colleges Which Also Enroll Civilian Students

- [University of North Georgia](#) ([Dahlonega, Georgia](#); four-year public university)
- [Texas A&M University](#) ([College Station, Texas](#); four-year public university)



- [The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina](#) ([Charleston, South Carolina](#); four-year public college)
- [Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University](#) ([Blacksburg, Virginia](#); four-year public university)

#### **Private Senior Military College Which Also Enrolls Civilian Students**

- [Norwich University](#) ([Northfield, Vermont](#); four-year private university)

#### **Federal Service Academies**

- [United States Military Academy](#) - [West Point, New York](#)
- [United States Naval Academy](#) - [Annapolis, Maryland](#)
- [United States Coast Guard Academy](#) - [New London, Connecticut](#)
- [United States Merchant Marine Academy](#) - [Kings Point, New York](#)
- [United States Air Force Academy](#) - [Colorado Springs, Colorado](#)



## MILITARY ACADEMIES

There are five military academies. Three reside within the Department of Defense: the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York; the U.S. Naval Academy, located Annapolis, Maryland; and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York, resides within the Department of Transportation and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, resides within the Department of Homeland Security.

## BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- **General requirements**
  - 17-22 years old, United States Citizen, unmarried, with no legal obligation to support a child.
- **Leadership/character (30%)**
  - Candidates must have clearly demonstrated leadership experience in extracurricular activities and/or athletics.
- **Academic Qualifications (60%)**
  - Candidates must have an above-average high school academic record. Transcript, test scores, and class rank are considered. *NOTE: We will confidentially disclose class rank for military academy purposes.*
- **Fitness and Medical Qualifications (10%)**
  - Candidates must be in good physical and mental health and pass a qualifying medical exam. Candidates should have above-average strength, endurance, and agility and perform well on the Candidate Fitness Assessment, which includes: basketball throw, pull-ups, 40-yard shuttle run, modified sit-ups, push-ups, and a one-mile run.

## NOMINATIONS

By law, Members of Congress are authorized to nominate candidates for appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy, does NOT require a congressional nomination for appointment. There are two kinds of nominations: Congressional Nominations and Service Connected Nominations.

### Congressional Nominations

You should request a nomination from both of your U.S. Senators and your U.S. Representative. Each Member of Congress is authorized 5 cadetships at each Service Academy at any one time. Each Member may nominate up to 10 young people to fill each vacancy. The Vice President has 5 cadetships for applicants from the United States at large. You can access your Senators and Representatives at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) or [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov). Contact them in the spring or summer of the year before you desire to enter one of the military academies.

### Service-Connected Nominations



Service-connected nominations are used for the following: Presidential, Sons and daughters of career military members; regular army and reserve components; ROTC and JROTC schools; and sons and daughters of deceased or 100% disabled veterans.

### **THE STEPS TO BECOMING A CADET**

Spring of Junior Year

1. Determine if basic requirements are met
2. Start a file at the Service Academy
3. Apply for a nomination
4. Complete Service Academy forms

Senior Year

5. Obtain nomination
6. Complete testing/exams
7. Await evaluation and status
9. Visit the Service Academy
10. Prepare for service

### **RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)**

For those students interested in pursuing a career in the military, ROTC is great route to explore. There are three branches of ROTC: army, navy, and air force. Located within many universities and colleges, ROTC programs provide leadership skills and job training to those who would like to join the military following graduation.

Just as there are differences with each branch of the military, there are also different requirements and training courses which officers need to finish before they join. ROTC can help students in college meet these requirements. At the same time, those in ROTC are taking classes at a particular college or university. Aside from attending a meeting each week and wearing your ROTC uniform at special events or meeting days, members carry on with a regular college schedule, including classes and extra-curricular activities Scholarships in ROTC provide financial benefits. Depending on the type of scholarship received, cadets can receive full tuition, books, and college fees paid for by ROTC.