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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