

Military Academies

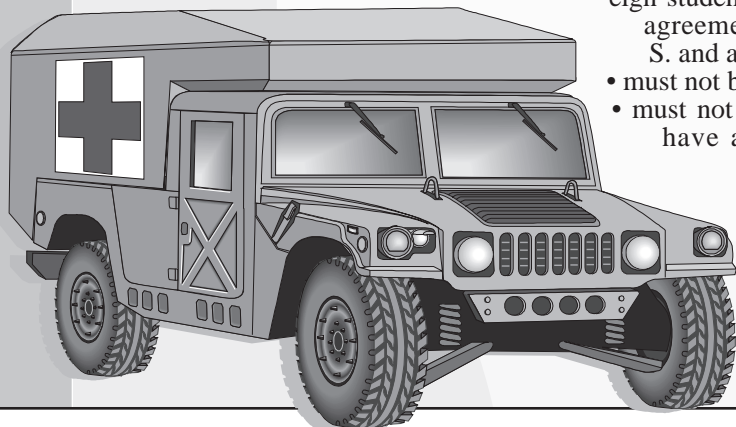
Decisions regarding military academies should be taken seriously. It is difficult to get into an academy and even more difficult to complete your degree; however, the rewards last a lifetime. Distinguished graduates include Norman Schwarzkopf, class of 1956, commander of Allied Forces in the Persian Gulf War and Kristin Baker, class of 1990, the first woman to become First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. More than 100 graduates from West Point have been U. S. Olympians, and three have won the Heisman trophy.

If interested in a military academy, plan to take four years of high school English, with emphasis on composition, grammar, literature and speech. Plan four years of math, including algebra, plane geometry and trigonometry. In addition, take at least two years of a foreign language, two years or more of science and at least one year of U. S. history. Courses in government, geography and economics prove helpful.

Requirements for entrance to any of the United States Military Academies include:

Personal Qualifications:

- must be 17 years of age but not yet passed your 23rd birthday on July 1st of the year admitted
- must be a United States citizen at time of enrollment (exception: foreign student nominated by agreement between U. S. and another country)
- must not be married
- must not be pregnant or have a legal obligation to support a child or children



Academic Qualifications:

- above-average high school or college record
- strong performance on ACT or SAT exams

Medical Qualifications:

- in good physical and mental health
- pass a prescribed medical exam

Physical Qualifications:

- above-average strength, endurance and agility
- strong performance on USMA Physical Aptitude Exam

Your state governor, United States Senator, United States Representative, or the Vice President of the United States nominates each candidate. You must seek nomination from one of these elected officials. Although this sounds like a daunting task, your elected officials are strongly committed to serving you and are honored to send forth qualified candidates for nomination.

Military academies are for the best and the brightest. In addition, our military academies seek individual who are persons of integrity, who lead by example, who do their best, who treat others with dignity and respect, who avoid gossip, who seek the truth and who are able to laugh at themselves. That sounds a lot like you.

For information on life in a United States military academy, visit the following web sites:

United States Military Academy at West Point, New York
<http://www.usma.edu/>

United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland
<http://www.nadn.navy.mil/>

United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado
<http://www.usafa.edu/rr/>

United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York
<http://www.usmma.edu/>

United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut
<http://www.cga.edu/usca.html>

PRIVATE CAREER COLLEGES

Many high school graduates choose to attend private career colleges. You've probably seen or heard commercials for DeVry Institute, ITT Technical, Western Technical Institute, Austin Business College and other career colleges. Private career colleges prepare graduates to enter the work force, and most provide placement services. That means the college will place you in a career when you graduate. Private career colleges offer certificates that take several months to complete as well as some two-year degrees.

Private career colleges offer many degree options. If a career with American Airlines seems intriguing, then you should contact the American Airlines Travel Academy in Fort Worth (817) 963-3480.

There's the Art Institute for those interested in computer animation, graphic or interior design, fashion design and web site administration. You may choose from the school of design, the school of fashion or the school of media arts.

Several career colleges offer careers related to computers. The Computer Learning Center (1-888-252-2946) offers degrees in network administration, engineering and management. As more

and more businesses move to online advertising and electronic commerce (buying and selling over the Internet), careers in network administration, web site design and administration will be in demand.

Do you enjoy jewelry? Check out the Jewelry Institute of Dallas where you learn how to design, create and repair fine jewelry.

Interested in the medical field? Several career colleges prepare graduates for careers as medical assistants, paramedics and medical office administrators.

Do you find machines fascinating? You might enjoy learning about automotive, diesel or truck technology. Careers in plumbing, refrigeration and electrical installation and repair remain in demand as Texas grows.

Private career colleges offer financial aid and flexible schedules for their students. In addition, career colleges are available in most cities. If your interests and aptitudes lean toward beauty, fashion, medical, technical, mechanical, travel or the creative arts, you might find your place in a private career college.

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