



INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Soldier Admissions Program – United States Military Academy at West Point, NY

1. PURPOSE: To provide an overview of West Point's Soldier Admissions Program designed for enlisted members of the Regular Army (RA), Army Reserve (USAR), and Army National Guard (ARNG) who are seeking admission to the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, New York, and the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. References are U.S.C. Title 10 Sec. 4342, USMA Reg 351-1, AR 612-205, AR 210-26, and DA Pam 351-2.

2. FACTS:

a. The Soldier Admissions Program is a commander's program. West Point is committed to helping Soldiers reach their full potential, achieve their education goals, and demonstrate their leadership abilities leading to a commission in the Regular Army. The Soldier Admissions Program is an efficient admissions process for enlisted members seeking appointment to USMA or USMAPS. Enlisted members who complete the West Point admissions application are considered for direct admission to West Point first, and, if academically disqualified, they are automatically considered for admission to USMAPS. This process allows the West Point Admissions Office to identify potentially disqualifying information early in the admissions cycle.

b. Soldiers must be recommended by their company (or higher) commanders. The Secretary of the Army annually is allocated 85 cadetships at West Point to be filled by RA soldiers and 85 cadetships to be filled by USAR and ARNG Soldiers. The Commander's Endorsement (USMA Form 351-12) serves as a service-connected nomination for Soldiers. Admission to USMAPS is determined by the West Point Admissions Committee.

c. Soldiers apply to USMA, not USMAPS. The USMA Admissions Committee determines final qualification and appointments to both USMA and USMAPS. Soldiers not directly admitted to West Point are automatically considered for admission to the Prep School with follow-on consideration for admission to West Point. Application is made online at www.admissions.usma.edu/. If appointed, RA Soldiers will conduct a PCS move (USAR and ARNG will receive reassignments) to West Point, NY, or Ft. Monmouth, NJ. *Additionally, but not required, enlisted applicants with SAT scores > 1050 (older SAT) or > 1500 on new SAT, or ACT scores > 22, who graduated in the top 40% of their high school class, and have a GT score > 114 are encouraged to apply.*

3. USMA

a. Mission: The U.S. Military Academy's mission is to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, and Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an Army officer.

b. Benefits: A West Point cadetship includes a fully funded four-year college education that confers a Bachelor's of Science Degree. Tuition, room, board, and medical and dental care are provided by the U.S. Army. As members of the Armed Forces, cadets also receive an annual salary of more than \$6,500, which covers the cost of uniforms, books, a personal computer, and living incidentals. Upon enrollment, Soldiers are separated from Active Duty, USAR, or the ARNG. Total value of education and training is about \$450,000. By law, graduates of West Point are appointed on active duty as commissioned officers and serve in the U.S. Army for a minimum of five years with an eight-year MSO.

c. Eligibility Requirements: Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve Soldiers may apply. An enlisted applicant for USMA must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States at time of enrollment.
2. Be at least 17 but not older than 23 years of age on 1 July of the year admitted to USMA or not older than 22 if admitted to USMAPS.
3. Be unmarried and have no legal obligation to support a child/children or a dependent(s). Pregnant applicants will not be admitted.
4. Be medically qualified by DoDMERB.
5. Be a high school graduate or the equivalent.
6. Submit official scores on the standardized ACT exam or the SAT with Writing test.
7. Be of high moral character and never have been convicted by a civilian or military court of a felony.
8. Be nominated by the commander.
9. Be eligible for reenlistment.
10. Have completed Basic Training prior to admission. Completion of AIT is not a prerequisite.

4. USMAPS

a. Mission: The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School's mission is to provide focused academic, military, and physical instruction in a moral-ethical, military school environment in order to prepare and motivate candidates for total success at West Point.

b. Benefits: USMAPS is a 10-month active duty training school located at Ft. Monmouth, NJ (see www.usma.edu/USMAPS/). USMAPS is a post-secondary educational institution operated by West Point to provide enhanced opportunities for selected candidates to be appointed to the academy. USMAPS provides an avenue for effective transition for enlisted members to the academy environment through a program of instruction that focuses on academic preparation and on those areas of personal and physical preparation that reflect the mission of both USMA and the Army. USMAPS also offers tailored individual instruction to strengthen candidate abilities and to correct deficiencies in academic areas emphasized by USMA. Additionally, USMAPS provides instruction in military orientation, physical development, athletics, and other specific areas of interest determined by the Secretary of the Army. Soldiers appointed to the prep school have a 13-month Service Remaining Requirement from the expected USMAPS graduation date. Soldiers enrolled at USMAPS are on Active Duty and eligible for full pay and benefits at current pay grade.

For more information, go to <http://admissions.usma.edu/soldiers> or contact the Soldier Admissions Office at (845) 938-5780/5725 (DSN 688) or toll-free at (800) 822-USMA or by email at admissions.soldier@usma.edu.



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