

In order to be prepared for naval service you have to take advantage of the opportunities. The academy offered esprit de corps, academic excellence, safe surroundings, physical standards, and excellent camaraderie.
—Midshipman Erica Reid-Dixon, Class of 2008

Admissions

Competition to become a midshipman is keen, but if you are of excellent moral character, have prepared yourself for a challenging, multidimensional four-year program and want the privilege to serve as a leader of Sailors and Marines who volunteered to serve their country, you should apply for admission.

Applying to enter the Naval Academy requires some time and effort. In addition to reviewing your academic record, our Admissions Board evaluates your physical fitness, leadership potential and motivation to be a midshipman and an officer in the Navy or Marine Corps. You must be recommended by teachers, interviewed by an academy representative and nominated by at least one official source. We'll guide you through the nomination process later in this chapter.

We want to ensure that the best-qualified candidates from around the United States and its territories are selected for admission and that young men and women have the drive and motivation to complete the four-year program and excel as Navy and Marine Corps officers. All candidates have an equal opportunity for consideration, and eligible men and women of all backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. Minority group members typically make up more than 20 percent of each class entering the academy, and women usually comprise about 20 percent.

DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

Naval Academy Dean of Admissions Stephen "Bruce" Latta, has a long association with the Naval Academy and the United States Navy. Dean Latta graduated with the Class of 1978, attended flight school and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1980. During his Naval Career, he Commanded Patrol Squadron Four and Training Air Wing Four. In 2002, he returned to the Naval Academy to serve as the Director of Admissions and later as Vice Dean of Admissions. In 2006, he retired after 28 years of Naval service and then became the Dean of Admissions in November 2006.



"The admissions process at the Naval Academy is unique in that we are not just selecting men and women for the purpose of attending a college, rather we are selecting these young Americans to prepare them for a calling to service and a very special way of life.

Members of the Admissions Board spend countless hours reviewing candidate records. This is a tough job because of the breadth and diversity of our candidates' backgrounds. They are aspiring achievers; highly motivated and well-rounded students who excel not only academically, but also in athletics, leadership and service. The majority will enter directly from high school, but many others will come from college or preparatory school programs or from service as enlisted Sailors and Marines.

I personally believe that all of the candidates we accept can successfully complete the program if they maintain their desire and motivation. In fact, over the last ten years, the Naval Academy has averaged a graduation rate in excess of 80 percent. I think this is attributable to the combination of our taking great care, first to match the right candidates to our program, and then to help them succeed while they are here.

If you have a strong will to achieve, desire a real challenge, and want to be a leader serving your country, the opportunity of a lifetime could begin for you at the United States Naval Academy. It is one of the greatest adventures you could possibly imagine!"

*The arts of leadership and
discipline are synonymous.
No man is worth his salt
without self-discipline.*
—Admiral John S.
McCain, Jr., Class of 1931

Eligibility Requirements for Applying to the U.S. Naval Academy

You must be:

- at least 17 years of age and must not have passed your 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year of admission;
- unmarried, not pregnant and have no incurred obligations of parenthood;
- a United States citizen (except for the limited number of international midshipmen specifically authorized by Congress); and
- of excellent moral character.

Other Qualifications Necessary for Admission

You must:

- be found academically qualified to compete for an appointment by the Naval Academy admissions board;
- be medically qualified;
- complete the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA) used by all service academies; and
- receive an official nomination from one of many sources available (see following pages).

You are then eligible to **compete** for an appointment.

How to Become Competitive for Admission

To improve your chances of qualifying scholastically, your high school preparation should include the following:

- mathematics — four years of mathematics courses, including a strong foundation in geometry, algebra and trigonometry. Courses in pre-calculus or calculus are also very valuable and encouraged.
- science — two years with at least one year of chemistry, with lab if possible.
- English — four years of course work with special attention to the study and practice of effective writing. Surveys of English and American literature are especially helpful as background for future study of literature.

To further enhance your competitiveness for admission, the following courses are also recommended:

- foreign language — at least two years. Course work should include regular use of the spoken language and encompass elementary syntax and grammar.
- physics — one year, with a lab if possible.
- history — one full year of U.S. history and, where possible, a full year of European or world history.
- computer skills — familiarity with the use of personal computers, including Windows, word processing, spreadsheets and the Internet.

To demonstrate your ability to meet the physical and time management demands of four years at the Naval Academy, you should take part in athletic and non-athletic extracurricular activities. Since every midshipman is involved in physical exercise every day at the Academy, it is important that you get in excellent physical condition while still in high school. Plebe Summer is not the time to try to whip yourself into shape. Since we are also interested in your leadership potential, as well as your ability to manage your time, we will carefully consider your non-athletic activities and record of part-time employment or military service to evaluate your versatility and ability to accept responsibility. And, by all means, stay away from illegal drugs and abuse of alcohol.

Steps Toward Gaining Admission

1. You should **apply for admission** between April 1st of your junior year in high school and January 31st of your senior year in high school. Since many Congressional offices begin processing nomination requests during the spring and summer, the earlier you apply the better. You can also apply from college or the military service if you meet age requirements. In all cases, for information and a Preliminary Application go online and complete the Preliminary Application via the Naval Academy web page at www.usna.edu/Admissions/preapplication/.
2. **Obtain** a social security number, if you do not already have one.
3. **Fill out** the online Preliminary Application. Based on the information submitted, particularly scholastic achievement, the Office of Admissions will advise you whether your present record is strong enough to be competitive for admission. If so, you will be identified as an official candidate and you will receive information on accessing and completing an online application.
4. **Apply** for a nomination. (See specific information on the following pages.)
5. **Take** the SAT or ACT college admission tests. Check with your school counselor or visit their websites (www.collegeboard.com and www.act.org) for details of test dates and registration requirements. Additionally, students often see a considerable test score improvement on a second or third attempt at both tests. The Naval Academy's Admissions Board uses the highest combination of verbal/critical reading and math scores from all SAT or ACT tests taken by a candidate. The writing section should be taken by all candidates. Therefore, candidates will normally enhance their competitiveness simply **by taking both the SAT and the ACT more than once.**

Test results from the December SAT and ACT are the last ones an applicant can use to qualify as a candidate and receive an application for the Naval Academy Class of 2012. The college code numbers to forward your test scores to the Naval Academy are: SAT- 5809; ACT - 1742. However, you should be aware that test results from the January 2008 SAT is the latest one that the Admissions Board will use to evaluate candidates for the Class of 2012.

Non-standard, un-timed tests are not acceptable.

Official Candidates

1. Once you are named an official candidate, you will receive a letter with instructions on how to complete the online candidate application. ***You should complete the forms and ensure they are submitted online as soon as possible.*** The Admissions Board will review your application to determine your scholastic qualification once all of your candidate forms are received online. The status of your specific application is always updated on the Candidate Information System (CIS).
2. Take the Candidate Fitness Assessment(CFA). All official candidates must complete a CFA to qualify for admission to the Academy. The CFA tests your coordination, strength, speed and agility. If you are physically fit, the CFA should present no problem. ***Admission to the Academy is extremely competitive and the Admissions Board reviews the CFA score. If you fail or perform poorly the first time you take it, you will be able to submit new results to USNA.***

The CFA may be administered by any varsity coach, physical education instructor, a commissioned military officer on active duty, or your Blue and Gold Officer.

The Brigade of Midshipmen represents the best this nation has to offer:

78 percent of the midshipmen entering the Naval Academy were in the top fifth of their high school class

90.9 percent were varsity athletes in high school and 84.2 percent were letter winners.

84.2 percent had demonstrated leadership experience during high school.

3. Take the Qualifying Medical Examination. (Also see Appendix A.) The Naval Academy's program is physically demanding and, because of the medical standards required for commissioning as Navy and Marine Corps officers, we require all candidates to undergo a thorough medical examination. After the Naval Academy designates you as a candidate and you have completed five or more documents of the application, the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB) will advise you how to begin the examination process. Healthy candidates usually have little difficulty passing the examination. However, conditions are sometimes identified which could either be aggravated by our rigorous program or restrict military service after graduation. Some medical considerations, including our revised policy regarding tattoos and surgical/laser procedures to improve vision, are discussed in Appendix A.

4. Interview with a Naval Academy Information (Blue and Gold) Officer in your area (see the following pages for a listing of Blue and Gold Area Coordinators). If you have any questions about your candidacy at any point during the admissions process, your Blue and Gold Officer is your best resource for advice and for obtaining your specific admissions status. Your candidate packet letter can provide you with information on the candidate information website where you will be able to obtain the name and contact information of your Blue and Gold Officer.

Obtaining a Nomination

All applicants must obtain a nomination from an official source during the admissions process. There are many sources of nomination, and applicants should apply to all sources for which they are eligible.

You should apply for a congressional nomination during the spring of your junior year in high school, or as soon thereafter as possible. Many members of Congress evaluate candidates and make their decisions in early fall, although the Academy accepts nominations until January 31. Applicants for military service-connected nominations should apply directly to the Naval Academy for a nomination between July 1 of the year prior to admission and January 31 of the year of admission. You must work directly with your nominating source to determine their deadlines and requirements.

Nomination sources

Applicants should seek nominations from the following sources as appropriate:

Congressional sources

U.S. senators, representatives, the delegate to Congress from the District of Columbia, the resident commissioner of Puerto Rico.

Each member of Congress may have five constituents attending the Naval Academy at any one time. When a constituent leaves the Academy, a vacancy is created, and up to ten candidates may be nominated to fill each vacancy.

Application dates: Each Congressional office has its own procedures and deadlines for accepting nomination requests. Most offices prefer that you contact them in the spring or summer of the year prior to admission to the Academy. Congressional nominations must be received by Nominations and Appointments at the Office of Admissions by January 31 of the year of admission to the Academy.

There are many dimensions that one has to take into consideration when applying to the Naval Academy, to include response to structure, career goals, post-graduation lifestyle preference, dedication, and intrinsic motivation. The Naval Academy is a fine institution, but the old saying rings true: it's not for everyone.

—Midshipman Genevieve Studer, Class of 2008

Apply to: Both of your U.S. senators, your U.S. representative, and the Vice President of the United States. You must be a legal resident of the state and congressional district to which you are applying, but it is not necessary to know your members of Congress personally. Each office has its own procedures and deadlines for accepting nomination requests, but all offices use a competitive method to select their nominees.

In order to obtain the names of your senators and representative, please visit the following websites: www.senate.gov and www.house.gov. From there, you can go to each member's website for specific instructions on their application process, including which office to contact.

The governor of Puerto Rico, the resident representative from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, and the delegates to Congress from Guam, the Virgin Islands and American Samoa.

Puerto Rico and the Northern Marianas Islands may each have one midshipman attending the Naval Academy. American Samoa may have two midshipmen at the Academy. Guam and the Virgin Islands each may have three midshipmen at the Academy. Ten nominations are permitted for each vacancy.

Apply to: the appropriate official.

The President

An unlimited number of presidential nominations are available for children and legally adopted children of career officers and enlisted personnel of the armed forces, active or reserve, including the Coast Guard. One hundred candidates may be appointed with these nominations each year. A parent in the Reserves must be serving as a member of a reserve component and be credited with at least eight years of service (a minimum of 2880 points) or must be entitled to retired pay and must not be 60 years or older. Otherwise, the parent must be on active duty (other than for training) and have served continuously for at least eight years or have been retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay. If you have questions regarding your eligibility, please call 410-293-4392.

Application dates: after July 1 of the year prior to admission and before January 31 of the year of admission.

Apply to: Superintendent, United States Naval Academy, 117 Decatur Road, Annapolis, Md. 21402-5019, Attn: Nominations and Appointments Office. Students must apply directly to the Academy for this nomination. See sample letter and documentation requirements on page 24. **Proper documentation to support your eligibility must be submitted with the nomination request.**

Children of deceased or disabled veterans and children of prisoners of war or servicemen missing in action

Up to 65 midshipmen may be in attendance at the Academy based on nominations as children of military personnel who were killed in action; died from wounds, injuries or disease while on active duty; sustained 100 percent disability from such wounds, injuries or disease, as certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs; or who are currently prisoners of war (POW) or missing in action (MIA). The children of civilians in current POW or MIA status also are eligible. Legally adopted children are eligible.

Apply to: Superintendent, United States Naval Academy, 117 Decatur Road, Annapolis, Md. 21402-5019, Attn: Nominations and Appointments Office. See sample letter and documentation requirements on page 24. **Proper documentation to support your eligibility must be submitted with the nomination request.**

Children of Medal of Honor Recipients

Candidates in this special category who are fully qualified for admission are automatically appointed. There is no limit to the number of midshipmen with this source of nomination.

Apply to: Superintendent, United States Naval Academy, 117 Decatur Road, Annapolis, Md. 21402-5019, Attn: Nominations and Appointments Office. See sample letter and documentation requirements on page 24. **Proper documentation to support your eligibility must be submitted with the nomination request.**

The Vice President

At any one time, five midshipmen may attend the Academy based on a vice presidential nomination. Competition for a vice presidential nomination is extremely keen. U.S. citizens who are living outside the United States and who have not maintained a domicile in the U.S. are encouraged to apply for a vice presidential nomination.

Application dates: Must be postmarked between March 1 and October 31 of the year prior to admission.

Apply to: The Vice President, Old Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20501, Attention: Service Academy Nominations. See page 25 for a sample letter.

A Captain of the Navy ought to be a man of strong and well-connected sense with a tolerable education, a gentleman as well as a seaman, both in theory and in practice.

—John Paul Jones

Regular and Reserve Navy and Marine Corps Members

One hundred seventy appointments are available annually to regular and reserve Navy and Marine Corps enlisted personnel. For more information, see your command's career counselor or call the enlisted accessions coordinator in the Academy's Admissions office.

Reference: OPNAVINST 1420.1 or Marine Corps Order 1530.11G

Application deadline: January 31

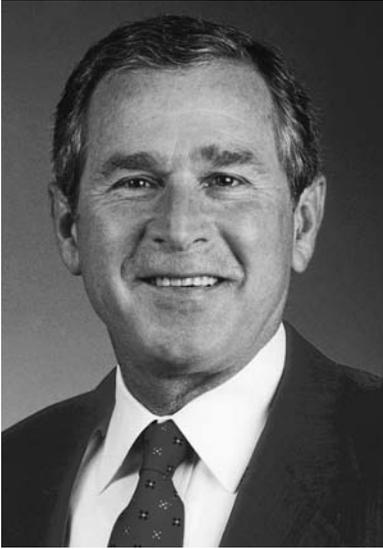
Apply to: the Naval Academy via your commanding officer.

***Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC, NJROTC, MCJROTC);
Naval, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Army Honor Units with Distinction***

Twenty appointments annually are available through nominations from these programs.

Apply to: your senior military instructor, professor of naval science or headmaster.

Sample Letters



*The President of the United States
George W. Bush*

***Requesting a Nomination from the President,
or a nomination for children of deceased or disabled veterans, children of current
prisoners of war, children of servicemen currently missing in action, and children
of Medal of Honor recipients.***

(This application should be submitted between July 1 of the year prior to admission and January 31 of the year of admission. Proper documentation must be included.)

To: Superintendent, United States Naval Academy, 117 Decatur Road, Annapolis, Md. 21402-5019,
Attn: Nominations and Appointments Office

Dear Sir:

Date: _____

I request a presidential nomination to the United States Naval Academy for the class that will enter in June 2008 and I submit the following data:

Name: _____
(Give full name as shown on birth certificate or, if changed, attach copy of court order.)

Address: *(Use ZIP code and provide phone number)*

Permanent _____ Mailing _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Date of birth: _____

Social Security number *(must be filled in)*: _____

Name and address of high school/college: _____

Month/year of graduation: _____ Sex: _____

Congressional district & state: _____

Applying to Senators and Congressman (names) _____

Highest scores: PSAT CR _____, M _____; SAT CR _____, M _____,

ACT E _____, M _____

If member of military, check here _____. List rate, serial number, component, branch of service, and organizational address on reverse side of this form.

Information concerning parents' military service:

Name of parent/s: _____

(Please indicate parent's rank, branch of service; and military status (active, reserve or retired with pay))

Sincerely yours,

(Signature)

Note: In establishing your eligibility for a Presidential nomination, you should determine which of the following four service-connected categories applies to your parent and forward supporting documents and information to the Naval Academy along with your letter of application for a nomination:

- Active duty officer: attach statement of service prepared by personnel officer specifying all periods of active duty, printed on official letterhead.
- Active duty enlisted: attach statement prepared by personnel officer specifying all periods of active duty and listing dates of enlistment and dates of expiration of enlistment. Must be on official letterhead.
- Reserves: attach proof of current service, including a copy of current identification card and annual statement of reserve points or notice of eligibility for retirement. Must have a minimum of 2880 points to qualify.
- Retired with pay: furnish copy 4 of DD Form 214 or retiree pay stub.
- Deceased/or 100% disabled: Veterans' Administration official determination of 100% disability or casualty report, indicating death was service connected.

Requesting a Vice Presidential Nomination

The Vice President
Old Executive Office Building
ATTN: Service Academy Nominations
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President :

It is my desire to attend the United States Naval Academy. I respectfully request that I be considered as one of your nominees for the class entering in June 2008.

The following personal data is provided for your information:

Full name: _____
(Print as recorded on birth certificate)

Name of parents: _____

Address: (Use ZIP code and provide phone number)

Permanent _____	Mailing _____
Phone _____	Phone _____
Date of birth: _____	Place of birth: _____

Social Security number: _____

High school attended: _____
(Name and address)

Date of high school graduation: _____ Sex: _____

My approximate standing is _____ in a class of _____.

I have/have not sent a Preliminary Application to the Naval Academy.

I have listed on the reverse side the results of any ACT or SAT test scores that I have taken.

I have been active in high school extracurricular activities as indicated on the reverse side.

I would greatly appreciate your consideration of my request for one of your nominations.

Sincerely yours,
(Signature)

Note: Do not forward transcripts/supporting letters to the Vice President's office. We will use the documentation submitted with your application when we review your request for a Vice Presidential nomination.



*The Vice President of the United States
Richard Cheney*

Selection for Appointment

We use a selection process known as “rolling admissions.” When all of your candidate forms are received, the Admissions Board will determine your “whole person” qualification. If your record of achievement is truly outstanding, you could receive an early offer called a Letter of Assurance. This indicates our intent to extend an Offer of Appointment, provided that all your remaining requirements (nomination, CFA, and medical) are successfully completed. A Letter of Assurance could be received as early as September of your senior year. Of course, final admission will depend on continued success and good standing in your high school as well as continuing to maintain your qualifications for the Naval Academy.

If you are found scholastically qualified but do not receive a Letter of Assurance, you will be competing for an offer of appointment from within your nominating sources. Approximately 2,000 candidates are found fully qualified (scholastically, medically, physically (CFA), and have obtained a nomination). Of that number, about 1,500 will receive appointments and approximately 1,200 become midshipmen. **Candidates will be notified as soon as possible of their status, and most will be notified by April 15. All appointees are required to notify the Admissions Office of their intention to accept or decline by May 1. Candidate files not completed by March 1 will not normally receive further consideration.**

Naval service obligation

When you accept an appointment, you will receive a Permit to Report packet (normally sent in April) with several important documents and forms to consider and complete. One of the most important is the Agreement to Serve. This agreement, required by U.S. law (Title 10, U.S. Code, Sections 6959 and 2005) and other directives, outlines your service obligation and must be signed and returned to the Academy prior to Induction Day. It requires the consent of parents or guardian if you are a minor. In signing the Agreement to Serve, you state that you will:

- complete the four-year course of instruction at the Naval Academy;
- accept an appointment and serve as a commissioned officer in the the Navy or Marine Corps. Graduating midshipmen serve on active duty for at least five years immediately upon graduation;
- serve in an appropriate enlisted grade on active duty for up to four years, or reimburse the United States for the cost of education received at the Naval Academy if you do not fulfill the conditions agreed to above.

*Without a decisive Naval
force we can do nothing
definitive. And with it
everything honorable
and glorious.*
—George Washington

I would only recommend the Academy to those who don't quit when the going gets tough and who have the guts and character to lead young men and women in the finest Navy and Marine Corps the world has ever seen.
—Second Lieutenant Christopher Reardon, USMC, Class of 2007

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office, which must be signed and agreed to orally by U.S. citizens on Induction Day, states the following:

“I, _____, having been appointed a midshipman in the United States Navy, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter, so help me God.”

Resignations and separations

If you enter the Naval Academy directly from civilian life, you assume a military obligation according to the Agreement to Serve. Midshipmen who do not fulfill this agreement could be transferred to the Navy or Marine Corps in an enlisted status and ordered by the Secretary of the Navy to serve on active duty for a period not to exceed four years, as provided by U.S. law, (Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 6959). However, in practice, the following policies currently apply to midshipmen who enter the academy from a civilian status:

- if you are discharged, or your resignation is accepted before the first day of classes of your second class (junior) year, you are discharged from the naval service.
- if you leave the Academy after beginning the academic year as a second-class midshipman (junior) but before the start of first class (senior) year, you are required to serve two years in an enlisted status unless you are considered physically disqualified, unfit or unsuited for military service; or authorized to provide monetary reimbursement to the government for the cost of your education received at the Naval Academy.
- if you leave the Academy after the start of first class (senior) academic year, you incur a requirement to serve three years in an enlisted status, unless you are considered physically disqualified, unfit, or unsuited for military service or are authorized to provide monetary reimbursement.
- if you refuse a commission upon graduation, your enlisted service requirement is four years, or are authorized to provide monetary reimbursement.

To ensure safety at sea, the best that science can devise and that naval organization can provide must be regarded only as an aid, and never as a substitute for good seamanship, self-reliance, and sense of ultimate responsibility which are the first requisites in a seaman and naval officer.

—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Class of 1905

If you enter the Naval Academy or the Naval Academy Preparatory School from the Navy or Marine Corps, the remaining period of your enlistment or obligated service is not terminated when you accept an appointment to the academy. Therefore, if you do not fulfill the Agreement to Serve, you will return to enlisted status to complete the period of service for which enlisted or obligated, as provided by Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 516. In calculating the unexpired part of an enlistment or period of obligated service, time as a midshipman is counted as service under that enlistment or service obligation. However, if you are discharged or your resignation is accepted after beginning your second class academic year at the Naval Academy, you incur the same obligations described above for those who enter the academy from civilian life.

In either case, if you leave the Naval Academy after the start of your second class year or refuse a commission upon graduation and do not complete the active-duty service obligation, whether voluntarily or through misconduct, you can be required to reimburse the United States for the cost of education received at the Naval Academy. This cost is computed by the Naval Academy and includes the costs of professors' salaries, supplies and other expenses. It is comparable to the tuition at a first-rate private university. The amount to be reimbursed in a particular case varies proportionally with the period of un-served obligation, ranging up to the entire cost of your education.

Costs and financial obligations

An interest-free loan from the federal government is advanced to entering midshipmen to help defray first-year costs. This loan is repaid through monthly deductions from midshipmen pay during the first two to three years at the Academy.

If you voluntarily leave the Naval Academy before repaying these and any other obligations, you must pay the debts in full before separation. If you are separated involuntarily, you must turn in enough uniforms and equipment suitable for reissue to pay your debts.

Police Record Checks

Each candidate receiving an offer of appointment is required to complete a routine Police Record Check with his or her local law enforcement agencies. The Naval Academy will send you forms that you must take to these offices. These background checks are a precursor to the National Agency Check (NAC) that will be initiated during Plebe Summer. The Police Record Check and the NAC are used to determine your credibility and suitability for service and to grant a security clearance for access to classified material.

The possession and the use of a foreign passport in preference to a U.S. passport raises doubts as to whether the individual's allegiance to the United States is paramount. A security clearance will be denied or revoked unless the foreign passport is surrendered. Anyone who possesses a foreign passport must return the passport to the appropriate country's embassy or consulate, requesting a return endorsement. The endorsement is a prerequisite to any security clearance determination.

Induction Day Requirements

Prior to Induction Day, appointees must have proof of United States citizenship on file at the Naval Academy. Appointees without proof of citizenship on file will not be given the Oath of Office. Any of the following documents are acceptable; originals or notarized copies may be provided:

- U.S. Birth Certificate
- U.S. Passport - notarized photocopy only
- Consular Report of Birth Abroad
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Certificate of Naturalization

Name changes must be documented by a court order. Appointees without proof of citizenship on file will not be given the Oath of Office. Confirmation of immunization against common communicable diseases will be requested before induction. Specific instructions will be provided in the Permit to Report packet.

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free...it expects what never was and never will be.
—Thomas Jefferson

Reporting for Induction Day

If you accept an appointment to the Naval Academy, you will report for induction in late June, take the Oath of Office and begin Plebe Summer with your new classmates from across the nation. It will be one of the most important days in your life. What you need to bring and how to make travel arrangements to Annapolis will be included in your Permit to Report packet.

Privacy Act Statement

The Privacy Act requires Naval Academy officials to obtain written authorization from midshipmen in order to release information on grades, performance and conduct to parents or other interested parties unless otherwise authorized by law.

Visiting the Academy

A personal visit to Annapolis can help you make a good decision about attending the Naval Academy. You and your family are encouraged to tour the Academy any day of the year during regular visiting hours. You can take a guided tour with a commercial service in Annapolis or through the Academy's own Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center. Call the Visitor Center at 800-778-4260 for guided tour schedules or visit the website at www.navyonline.com.

Our admissions staff does not conduct guided tours, but admissions officers located in Leahy Hall are available to answer your questions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. No appointment is necessary. USNA admissions presentations are held Monday through Friday at 9 and 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. and on Saturdays at 9 and 11 a.m. The office is closed on all federal holidays.

Bancroft Hall Candidate Visitation Program

This is an invitation-only program designed for highly qualified candidates who are competitive for appointments. It is a great opportunity to spend a weekend with the Brigade of Midshipmen. During specified weekends between October and April, from 5 p.m. Thursday until 11:30 a.m. Saturday, you live with your midshipman host, attend classes, eat in King Hall and sleep in Bancroft Hall. Admissions personnel will contact qualified candidates.

Naval Academy Summer Seminar (www.usna.edu/Admissions/nass.htm)

The Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) offers an exceptional opportunity for rising high school seniors to experience the Naval Academy program firsthand for one week during the summer. This program provides a comprehensive look at the total Naval academy experience, including academic programs, life as a midshipman, physical training and Navy and Marine Corps service options. Students interested in pursuing an appointment to the academy should seriously consider attending the Summer Seminar. Midshipmen are in charge of the daily schedule and ensure each student leaves with a realistic view of academy life. This fast-paced and exciting program is attended by more than 1,800 students from around the world each year. If you want a challenging summer while exploring university-level academics and determining whether the Naval Academy will help you achieve your goals, then this program is for you.

Three one-week sessions are held during the first three weeks in June. During the six-day session you will live in Bancroft Hall (the building where all midshipmen live), eat

in the dining hall, attend academic workshops and participate in daily physical training and leadership exercises. Each student attends eight 90-minute workshops, covering material from each of the 21 majors programs offered at the academy. Students will also have access to scientific labs and classrooms.

This is a competitive entry program due to the number of interested students and facility restrictions at the academy. Recognizing the academic and physical focus of the program, students should meet the following general criteria:

- possess solid academic background
- be a high school student between their junior and senior year
- be a United States citizen
- be unmarried, not pregnant, and have not incurred obligations of parenthood
- have a minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and rank in the top 20 percent of the class
- have taken the PSAT, SAT or ACT
- demonstrated achievement in athletics and extracurricular activities
- be physically fit and in good health
- have a positive attitude, be self-disciplined and of excellent moral character

Beginning February 1st of the applicant's junior year:

- Students may fill out an online application for the Summer Seminar via the academy's webpage: www.usna.edu/Admissions/nass

Selection is dependent upon the overall qualification of the student, the timeliness of their application, and our need to ensure demographic representation. There is a tuition fee for NASS which covers room and board for the week, as well as a variety of materials and T-shirts. Students are also responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the Naval Academy. Shuttle buses are provided to transport students to and from the Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI).

I wasn't certain a military college was for me so I didn't come here right away. I lacked the conviction that I believe military service demands and waited instead of committing myself half-heartedly. I wasn't satisfied with my civilian experience which led me here, and I couldn't be more grateful.
—Midshipman Dave Parker, Class of 2008

Alternate Routes to Admission

If you are not selected for a direct appointment to the Naval Academy, the Academy's admissions board automatically considers you for selection to the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) and/or considers you for recommendation for a Naval Academy Foundation preparatory school program. **A separate application for either of these preparatory programs is not necessary.**

If you are notified of your selection to either NAPS or the Naval Academy Foundation, you should continue to pursue your medical qualification and complete the steps for an official nomination.

Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS)

NAPS offers a nine-month college preparatory course to regular and reserve Navy and Marine Corps enlisted men and women who are seeking Naval Academy appointments. This program is designed to strengthen the academic background of incoming candidates. Navy and Marine Corps personnel who apply but are not appointed to the Naval Academy are automatically considered for admission to NAPS. The Admissions Board also identifies a number of promising and highly motivated civilian candidates who are not successful on their first attempt at admission and offers them the opportunity to enlist in the Naval Reserve for the express purpose of attending NAPS to prepare for admission to the Naval Academy. For more information, visit our webpage: www.naps.edu.

Students attending NAPS are encouraged to seek nominations from all sources for which they are eligible, including their congressional offices. NAPS students also qualify for the Secretary of the Navy nomination, which will be granted by the Nominations and Appointments Office.

Naval Academy Foundation

The United States Naval Academy Foundation, Inc., also assists promising candidates who are not appointed in their first try for admission. This nonprofit organization awards a limited number of sponsorships for post-high school preparatory studies to enhance those candidates' qualifications for admission. Visit the Foundation's webpage for more information: www.usna.com.

The Foundation provides partial scholarships for those candidates whom it sponsors, but families of applicants are expected to contribute within their means. Students attending preparatory school under the sponsorship of the Foundation must obtain a nomination in order to receive an appointment to the academy.

Other Considerations

Appointment of women

Women have been fully integrated into the Brigade since Congress authorized their entry into the service academies in 1976. Women typically comprise about 20 percent of each entering class. Admissions standards are the same as those for men.

The Academy offers all midshipmen the same opportunities to excel: a challenging academic curriculum to promote intellectual development; a physical training program to build strength, agility, endurance and self-confidence; and a military environment to develop discipline, military skills and leadership. Upon commissioning, women are eligible for the same warfare specialties as men with the exception of submarines, special warfare, and Marine Corps ground combat.

I would recommend the Naval Academy to some of my friends, yes, but not all of them. Some are better suited for the rigors and attitude of this institution than are others, which is not a positive or negative judgment, but simply evidence for the human character.

—Midshipman Genevieve Studer, Class of 2008

Previous applicants

If you applied before but were not appointed to the Naval Academy, you may reapply for admission with a subsequent class. The application process is the same. We recommend you retake your SAT or ACT tests. If you are taking college or preparatory school courses, we suggest you take a full course load and courses similar to those required of a first-year midshipman, including calculus, chemistry with a lab and English. You will need to complete the application for the year you are applying.

Home-schooled candidates

Home-schooled students make up an increasing number of applicants for admission to the United States Naval Academy each year. You should go online and complete the preliminary application as early as spring of the year before you wish to enter the academy. Each applicant is reviewed on a case-by-case basis, but we generally look for the same academic prerequisites as traditional high school applicants. Additionally, include in your application a profile of your home school program, the accrediting agency and whether the State Board of Education recognizes the program. Home-schooled applicants should also demonstrate participation in local extracurricular activities, both athletic and non-athletic. Guidelines for home-schooled students seeking appointment to the Naval Academy are located on our website at www.usna.edu/Admissions/sthome.htm. More specific questions may be directed to the Naval Academy Admissions Office.

Readmission of former midshipmen

Former midshipmen desiring to re-enter the Naval Academy are eligible to apply for re-admission one year following their separation from the academy. The academy's Academic Board makes the final determination regarding the readmission of former midshipmen. Like any other candidate, you must re-qualify medically, submit recent PRT scores, and not be past your 27th birthday on July 1 of the year you would graduate from the Academy to be eligible for consideration. Requests should be addressed to the Dean of Admissions. You should not submit a Preliminary Application and you do not need to seek another nomination.

International students

Public Law authorizes each U.S. service academy to accept 60 exceptional international students officially sponsored by their respective governments. The Department of Defense, in consultation with the Department of State, selects and notifies the countries that may nominate candidates. Students must work with the American Embassy in their home country on the application process. Selection of nominees to attend the academy is made by the Naval Academy Admissions Board in late April each year. All international students selected for appointment will be required to participate in a mandatory cultural and English language familiarization program prior to induction. They will report to USNA approximately 10 days prior to Induction Day.

Naval Academy Information (Blue and Gold) Officers

You will undoubtedly have many questions about the Naval Academy and the naval service before you make a commitment to pursue an appointment. We want to help you make the right decision. Several resources are available to help you find out all you can about the academy and the professional opportunities available to you after graduation. You may view our webpage at www.usna.edu/Admissions. In Annapolis, the Admissions Office offers detailed information about the academy's program and admissions procedures. Call the office at 410-293-4361 or write to the address on the back cover. The Admissions Office also coordinates a nationwide network of trained Naval Academy Information (Blue and Gold) Officers. These officers, located in every state, are well qualified to counsel you on all aspects of the Naval Academy. The following state and area coordinators can help you find the name and address of the nearest Blue and Gold Officer.

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