

Interested in Joining the Military?

Finding My Military Resources

General Advisement on Joining & Enlisting

Today's Military: <https://www.todaysmilitary.com/joining-eligibility>

U.S. Government: <https://www.usa.gov/join-military>

Army Eligibility Requirements

<https://www.goarmy.com/learn/army-requirements-and-qualifications.html>

Marine Corp Eligibility Requirements

<https://www.usa.gov/join-military>

Navy Eligibility Requirements

<https://www.navy.com/joining-the-navy/requirements-to-join>

Air Force Eligibility Requirements

<https://www.airforce.com/how-to-join/process/enlisted>

Space Force Eligibility Requirements

Contact an Air Force recruiter at 1-800-423-8723 for eligibility requirements.

Coast Guard Eligibility Requirements

<https://www.gocoastguard.com/faq/what-are-the-qualifications-to-join-the-coast-guard>



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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Age

Military and service academy minimum entrance age requirements are 17 with parental consent or 18 without parental consent. Service academy applicants must meet the age requirements as of July 1 of the year of entry.

Physical & Medical

Physical requirements vary greatly across each Service branch. Potential recruits should be in good physical condition, of appropriate weight and able to pass a standard physical screening prior to entry. For specific information, reach out to your specific military branch recruiter.

Education

A high school diploma or GED is required for enlisting. However, some services may limit their opportunities. It is very difficult to be considered a serious candidate without either a high school diploma or an accepted alternative credential.

Background Check

You cannot have been a convicted felon as an adult or juvenile with offenses involving violence, domestic violence, illegal drugs, or sexual misconduct.

Citizenship

U.S. citizens or Legal Permanent Residents (people who have an INS I-151/I-551 Green Card) may join the U.S. Military. Reach out to your specific military recruiter for more advice on specific situations. For enlistment purposes, the United States includes Guam, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau.



ENLISTING IN THE MILITARY

Step 1: MEPS (Military Entrance Processing) Visit

After you have spoken with your recruiter, you'll set a date to visit a MEPS station to finish the enlistment process.

Step 2: Take the ASVAB exam.

This is a multiple-choice exam that helps determine your aptitude and career-fit.

Step 3: Pass the physical examination.

This includes, but not limited to the following: height and weight measurements, hearing and vision exams, urine and blood tests, drug and alcohol tests, and muscle and joint maneuvers.

Step 4: Meet with a military counselor.

A service enlistment counselor meets with you to find the right job specialty.

Step 5: Take the oath of enlistment.

In this statement, you vow to defend the United States Constitution and obey the uniform Code of Military Justice.

Step 6: What's next?

After the MEPS, you will either have direct ship to report for basic training or have a delayed entry in which you will commit to a later basic training.