

## The United States Air Force Academy



**What to Expect in the Air Force Academy:** <https://youtu.be/hdYiAjG6TDw>

- All information can be found at [www.academyadmissions.com](http://www.academyadmissions.com).
- Click the "Apply Now" button for all programs.
- Junior year of high school:** Summer Seminar Application opens on December 1, 2022 and remains open until January 15, 2023. Summer Seminar is a program for rising seniors and sessions for 2023 include:
  - Session 1: June 6-9 (in-person)
  - Session 2: June 12-15 (in-person)
  - Summer Seminar 2023 is subject to change. Please monitor [www.academyadmissions.com](http://www.academyadmissions.com) for more details.
- March 1 to December 31:** Application window for the pre-candidate questionnaire.
- Spring Semester of your junior year:** Application window for Congressional nominations. It is strongly recommended that applicants contact their U.S. Representative and Senators early.
- Applicants begin to be promoted to candidate status, and candidate portals open in **July**
- Candidate Status** (all application forms available to the candidate):
  - Complete full application as quickly as possible, and no later than the deadline posted on the portal.  
**(Final deadline varies on when an applicant becomes a candidate)**
  - Practice and take the Candidate Fitness Assessment.
  - Once in *candidate* status, follow instructions to be eligible for the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) medical examination.
  - Schedule and complete DoDMERB examination as quickly as possible.
- October to February:** Early offers (approximately 10-20% of all offers are made).
- December 31:** Final deadline to submit a pre-candidate questionnaire.
- January 31:** Final deadline to submit full application.
- April:** Most candidates who completed an application will know their admissions status by the April following their application. Notifications are made through a student's application portal.
- Preparatory School and Falcon Foundation:** If not selected for direct entry to the Air Force Academy, all candidates who complete an application are automatically considered for the Preparatory School or Falcon Foundation. Offers are typically made January through June.
- May 1:** National College Decision Day is the deadline to accept or decline admission.
- June:** The new class enters the Air Force Academy and the Summer Seminar sessions take place.
- Competitive Guidelines:**
  - There is no minimum GPA, however, recent classes have averaged in the top three percent of their high school classes.
  - Students who score below 620 Evidence-based reading and writing or below 580 math on the SAT reasoning sections will not be competitive for an appointment directly into the Academy.
  - Students who score below 24 English/reading and 25 math/science on the ACT normally will not be competitive for an appointment directly into the Academy.

## Questions for The United States Air Force Academy

**Q: How many specific community service/volunteer hours are recommended for USAFA? How many extra-curriculars?**

A: No specific number of community service/volunteer hours are recommended. USAFA recommends candidates focus on their areas of interest and display leadership in the activities they choose. This factors into your Extracurricular Composite score, which measures activities in high school, community service and work.

**Q: What is final application deadline to each Academy? Is that deadline a deadline for all the required forms? i.e. essays, teacher evaluations, interviews (if applicable) or do each of those forms have a specific/separate deadline?**

A: Candidates seeking appointment to the Academy must submit their completed application for admission to the Academy by the deadline posted on their portal. These deadlines are typically between November 1 and January 31.

**Q: When are individuals notified if they are an official candidate?**

A: Varies, the USAFA typically will notify you of your appointment status by April 21, ahead of the national commitment day.

**Q: Do I need SAT/ACT scores for admission into USAFA?**

A: Yes. You must take either the SAT or ACT to submit an application to USAFA. When you register for the tests, request your scores be sent to the U.S. Air Force Academy. The SAT code for the Academy is 4830, and the ACT code is 0530.