

U.S. Air Force Academy

Find an Admissions Advisor by Region

If you or your students have questions or want more information about the Air Force Academy, please contact your area's admissions advisor, as well as the Admissions Liaison Officer (ALO) who lives in your community for your school. You can find those contacts [here](#).

[Click here](#) for all the application steps and a link to a smart phone app checklist.



The Nomination Process

To be eligible to accept an offer of appointment to the Academy, applicants must be nominated by a legally authorized nominating entity. The process of securing a nomination is competitive and lengthy. It is recommended that students begin applying for a nomination at the same time that they are completing their Pre-Candidate Questionnaire.

Read more about [Nominations](#) to determine the categories for which your students are eligible, then they should contact their appropriate nominating authority to make their request. Students should request a nomination in all categories for which they are eligible, and do so as early as possible.

The deadlines of nominating sources vary and could be as soon as early September. Regardless of when they initiate their process, nominations must be received by the Academy no later than January 31. As a reminder, the application processes and deadlines are separate for the nominations processes and deadlines.

During a Student's Junior Year

Junior year is when the application process to the Academy truly begins. Students will start by filling out the Pre-Candidate Questionnaire, which becomes available online March 1 every year and starts the application process.

Between March 1 of their junior year and December 31 of their senior year, they must submit a completed Pre-Candidate Questionnaire. When a student is ready to begin the application, they can [visit the Pre-Candidate Questionnaire online](#).

Between March 1 of their junior year and December 31 of their senior year, they must also request [nominations](#) from their state's congressional representative(s) or other designated nominators.

NOTE: As with any top university, competition for admission to the Academy is extremely high. In addition to applying to the Academy, their college application strategy should include a backup plan. To pursue an interest in the Air Force, they may also wish to request and submit an application for [Air Force ROTC](#).

Who do Students Talk to?

On select dates throughout the year, representatives from the United States Air Force

Academy participate in college fairs, visit high schools or speak at community centers across the nation. These events are great opportunities to learn more about what the Academy has to offer.

The majority of our events are held in the fall and spring, with fewer events in the summer months. To learn more about the Academy, check for an [event](#) that may be convenient to you and your students.

The United States Air Force Academy strives to create a highly qualified and truly diverse cadet wing at the Academy each year. We are looking to expand our applicant pool across individual characteristics defined by our diversity definition, that include:

- Personal life experiences, including having overcome adversity by personal efforts
- Geographic background, such as region, rural, suburban, urban
- Socioeconomic and educational background, such as academic excellence and/or whether an individual would be a first generation college student
- Cultural knowledge and language abilities, with particular emphasis on cultures and languages of strategic importance to the Air Force
- Work background, including prior enlisted service
- Physical abilities, including athletic prowess
- Age, though applicants must be within statutory parameters for academy attendance

In addition to race, ethnicity, and gender. If you have a student who comes from a diverse background in terms of race, ethnicity, or gender, or if their background includes diverse experiences, knowledge or abilities, if they seek an education that is on par with highly selective colleges and universities, and have a desire to service, please have them consider the United States Air Force Academy and become familiar with our [application process and admissions requirements](#). One of our admissions goals is to ensure that students are aware of the opportunities at your United States Air Force Academy. USAFA Admissions hires newly graduated USAF officers responsible to admissions, outreach and mentoring activities. These admissions advisors are dedicated to spreading the word about their Academy experience, education and the opportunities afforded by the United States Air Force Academy.

Summer Programs

Summer Seminar: Summer Seminar offers a unique opportunity to experience the Air Force Academy first-hand. It is specially designed for high school juniors heading into their senior year to get a realistic perspective of cadet life. Students will live in the dormitories, eat at the Academy's dining facility, explore the various academic/military programs and courses that the Academy has to offer, and participate in a variety of different physical fitness activities (to include a practice CFA). The application is open from 1 December 2015 to 15 January 2016, and it is free to apply. There are two sessions: 12-17 June 2016 and 19-24 June 2016. Student may apply [here](#).

STEM Engineering and Construction Camp: This camp is designed to provide high school students with a world-class experience in STEM skills following a "Build the Design" model. This

one week program is supervised and led by engineers and located at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The program runs from 7-13 July 2016. [Learn more information or apply now.](#)

Summer Sports Camps: We offer Summer Falcon Sports Camps for student 8 to 18 who want to participate in numerous sports and are led by our very own head coaches! [Click here for additional information.](#)

Campus Tours

If you have students who are interested in pursuing an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy and plan to visit the campus, they may wish to participate in an escorted tour and admissions briefing. Offered during the academic year to middle school, high school, and post-high school students, tours can help individuals gain a deeper understanding of the AF Academy environment. Escorted tours are conducted Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays during the academic year. Generally starting the first week of September through mid-May, we require reservations 14 days in advance. We also offer Game Day tours. After the tour participants will be allowed to purchase discounted tickets to cheer on our AF Falcons for football, hockey, and men's and women's basketball. For more on available dates for both tours, please [go here](#) or call [1-800-443-3864](tel:1-800-443-3864).

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