

**Information on US Air Force Academy (USAFA) Admissions
and Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC) Scholarships**

USAFA Admissions

- Visit www.academyadmissions.com to review information, requirements, and deadlines.
- **Basic requirements:** US citizen, unmarried with no dependents, not pregnant, of good moral character, and at least 17 years old but not past your 23rd birthday by July 1st of the year entering
- **Commitment:** 5 years (upon commission/graduation); 6 years (upon completion of navigator training); 10 years (upon completion of pilot training)
- **Pre-Candidate Questionnaire:** submit online between March 1st of junior year and December 31st of senior year.
- **Deadline for Candidate File Completion: Rolling deadlines between November 1st and January 31st**
 - Applicants who are promoted to candidate status between July 1st and September 30th will have at least four months to complete their required items. Applicants promoted to candidate status on or after October 1st will typically have a deadline of January 31st to complete these tasks.
- **College Admissions Tests:** Begin taking during junior year (including the writing portion). USAFA will mix and match within each type of test (ACT or SAT) and keep the best scores. Results of tests taken after January will NOT normally reach USAFA in time.
 - To be competitive, your scores should be between 590-690 for verbal and 620-710 for math on the SAT and 27-33 for English and 28-33 for math on the ACT.
 - For the class of 2019, the average SAT scores were 642 verbal and 672 math. The average ACT scores were 30.3 English, 29.9 math, 30.7 reading, and 30.0 science reasoning.
- **Academic Record:**
 - You must have a competitive high school GPA to be selected as a candidate; average is 3.84. In a typical USAFA class, 8% of the students were first in their high school class, 51.7% were in the top tenth, and 80.7% were in the top quarter. AP and honors classes are taken into consideration as well.
 - To be the most competitive, the USAFA recommends you have or are scheduled to complete the academic prerequisite courses listed below. USAFA will need a copy of your transcript, your senior year schedule, and a school profile.
 - English – 4 years including written composition
 - Math – 4 years including algebra, geometry, trigonometry & calculus
 - Lab Sciences – 4 years including physics and chemistry
 - Social Studies – 3 years including economics & government
 - Foreign Language – 2 years
- **Evaluations/Letters of Recommendation:**
 - Evaluations need to be completed by your 11th or 12th grade English, math, and one other instructor (preferably science).
 - Letters of recommendation are strongly encouraged but not required. These should be completed by different individuals than those completing the evaluations. Letters of recommendation may be faxed, mailed, or emailed to your Admissions Counselor.
- **Candidate Fitness Assessment:** Prepare by following the USAFA workouts and practicing the events. Contact a physical education teacher, school coach, or ALO to administer your test.

	Basketball Throw		Pull-ups/ Flex Arm Hang		Shuttle Run (4 x 10 yds)		Modified Sit-Ups		Push-Ups		One Mile Run	
	Goal	Max	Goal	Max	Goal	Max	Goal	Max	Goal	Max	Goal	Max
M	69'	102'	12	18	8.1	7.8	81	95	62	75	6:29	5:20
F	42'	66'	2	7	9.4	8.6	78	95	41	50	7:30	6:00

- **Background Data:**
 - Alcohol or drug abuse
 - Civil involvements such as traffic violations
 - Suspensions/terminations from school or a job
- **Writing Sample:** You'll respond to two of out of three questions. This is your chance to sell yourself to the selection panel and show why you are a stellar fit for the USAFA. Highly recommend completing a third (optional) essay. Explain what makes you unique.
- **Activities Record:** Describes extracurricular activities (from grades 10-12) including athletics, student council, music, drama, clubs, JROTC, community service, and work. Highlight leadership, longevity, and awards. Significant contributions are more important than a laundry list of activities. These activities will be captured on the Air Force Academy Candidate Activities Record as well as in a comprehensive resume.
- **Medical Exam:** Once you have completed three of the following six items, your name will be forwarded to the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). DODMERB will send you specific scheduling instructions. Scheduling an initial exam can take up to 30 days and the entire process can take up to four months, so do not delay.
 - Candidate Fitness Assessment (USAFA Form 158)
 - Candidate Personal Data Record (USAFA Form 146)
 - Candidate Activities Record (USAFA Form 147)
 - Names submitted for all three Teacher Evaluations (USAFA Form 145)
 - Writing Sample (USAFA Form 0-878)
 - Drug & Alcohol Abuse Certificate (AF Form 2030)

- **ALO Interview:** This is an opportunity to sell yourself to the ALO whose evaluation of you is sent to the selection board.
- **Nomination:** Determine your sources and work towards obtaining as many as possible. You are encouraged to apply to both of your U.S. Senators, your U.S. Representative, and the Vice President for a nomination (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-pence/academy-nominations>). If you are eligible to apply for the Presidential (Eligible are: Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, or Children of Medal of Honor Recipients categories) the deadline is January 31st (<http://www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/the-application-process/nominations/>). Congressional selections for nominations begin Sep 1st. Check with your nominator for deadlines. **Apply to all applicable categories and maximize your chances.
- Tour the USAFA. Escorted tours are conducted Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays during the academic year. Generally starting the first week of September through mid-May, reservations are required 14 days in advance of the day you would like to visit. Please reserve a tour at <https://www.cvent.com/events/academy-admissions-student-tours-15-16/registration-17eaa9819eee4b02b41a6f7e70d59676.aspx>
- Make back-up plans. Apply for an AFROTC scholarship, and take the time to thoroughly investigate at least a few civilian colleges.

AFROTC Scholarships

- Visit www.afrotc.com to review information, requirements, and deadlines.
- **Basic requirements:** US citizen, at least 17 years old prior to scholarship activation and under 31 years old as of December 31st of the year you will commission, and not enrolled full-time at a college or university except for joint high school/college programs. If you have a dependent, contact the nearest AFROTC detachment admissions representative for dependent care plan information.
- **Initial online application:** submit online between **June 1st of junior year** and **December 1st of senior year**. Boards start meeting in late December, and you want your application in that initial stack. If you are not selected at the first board, your application will continue to roll over to each subsequent monthly board until March or April.
- **Deadline for completing and submitting all required forms: January 12th.**
 - Counselor Certification/Signed Copy of Transcript (9th-11th grades only)
 - Extracurricular Activity Sheet
 - GPA: 3.0 or higher (AP and honors classes will be taken into consideration.)
 - SAT and/or ACT scores: ACT composite of 26 or an SAT score of 1180. AFROTC does not mix and match scores, and the writing portion is not included.
 - Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) administered by faculty or administrative official
 - Do not include letters of recommendation with your application.
- **Additional components**
 - Background Data: alcohol/drug abuse, suspensions/terminations from school or job, civil involvements such as traffic violations
 - Medical Exam: Scheduling an initial exam can take up to 30 days, so do not delay.
 - Air Force Officer Interview: If also applying for the USAFA, one interview may be conducted.
- There are different types of scholarships depending on your university and major.
- Check online to see if the civilian colleges that interest you have AFROTC programs.

The USAFA admissions package and AFROTC scholarship application are complicated and challenging at times. Keep in touch throughout the process, and don't hesitate to email with your questions/concerns. Please let your parents know I am available if they have any questions about the process. Thank you for your interest and keep up the great work!

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