

# MILITARY ACADEMIES

**US Naval Academy:** <http://www.usna.edu/homepage.php>

**US Military Academy at West Point:** <http://www.usma.edu/SitePages/Home.aspx>

**US Air Force Academy:** <http://www.usafa.af.mil/>

**US Merchant Marine Academy:** <http://www.usmma.edu/>

**US Coast Guard Academy:** [www.cga.edu/](http://www.cga.edu/)

**An appointment to the US Naval Academy, US Air Force Academy, or to the United States Military Academy at West Point is equal to a scholarship worth over \$400,000. Students who receive an appointment to one of the three main academies will earn a Bachelor's Degree and a Commission upon graduation. There is a 5 year service obligation to the military serving as a commissioned officer with the 5 year commitment beginning upon graduation, or upon completion of advanced training. Appointees must sign for an ACE Loan to pay for uniforms, a desktop computer, laptop computer, and an engineering calculator, with payments being deducted from their monthly check. Students graduate with no out of pocket expense. The application process is considered to be highly selective with a congressional nomination being required to compete for an appointment.**

**The appointment process for the Merchant Marine Academy is also considered to be highly selective with a congressional nomination being required to compete for an appointment. Midshipmen at the United States Merchant Marine Academy receive from the Federal Government their education, room and board, uniforms, and books at no cost. However, midshipmen are responsible for the payment of fees for mandatory educational supplies not provided by the government and they do not receive a monthly stipend or paycheck like students attending one of the three main military academies. After graduation, midshipmen can choose to be a ship's officer at sea, ashore in the maritime and intermodal transportation field, or choose to serve as an active duty officer in one of the Armed Forces. Since the Federal Government provides their education at Kings Point at no cost, midshipmen have an obligation to serve in the maritime and/or transportation industry, and to Armed Forces Reserve duty.**

**Unlike the other federal service academies, the Coast Guard Academy does not require a Congressional nomination. The rest of the application process is about the same. Tuition, room, and board at the Coast Guard Academy are paid for by the government. All cadets receive pay totaling \$11,150 per year. Cadet pay is furnished by the government to pay for uniforms, equipment, textbooks, and other expenses incidental to training. Upon graduation from the Coast Guard Academy, there is a five-year commitment to serve as a commissioned Coast Guard officer. Approximately 80% of Academy graduates go to sea after graduation, although some go to marine safety offices, ashore operations, or flight training.**

