

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY. Under the authority of the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy may authorize up to 60 men and women from other nations to attend the United States Naval Academy (USNA) at any one time. Approximately, 10-18 international students are admitted each year, based on allowable vacancies.

NOMINATIONS. Each invited country may nominate up to six candidates. These nominations must be submitted through the Defense Attaché Officer (DAO) or Office of Security Cooperation (OSC) in the respective U.S. Embassy. Nominations are due to USNA Office of Admissions by **January 31, 2017**. All nominations should be submitted on the enclosed nomination form. Please make additional copies of the form as necessary and also complete the enclosed Embassy Contact Information Sheet in order to expedite communication and correspondence.

Due to the Personally Identifiable Information listed on the forms, both forms should be sent to [REDACTED] using AMRDEC SAFE at <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/Welcome.aspx>

Once at this website, you can choose CAC user or non-CAC user based on having a CAC card, fill out all the required information (name, email, description...), attach the form/forms as a file and select PII, add the nadn email address from above as the recipient, then choose encrypt message when possible, and upload the information.

As part of the nominating process, sponsoring governments are required to provide USNA with written acknowledgment of their sponsor responsibilities and their understanding of the reimbursement requirement. This is not a commitment for the respective country to expend funds. That decision will be made in May 2018.

As indicated in the Department of Defense invitation message, foreign students are not commissioned in the U.S. Armed Forces upon graduation. However, U.S. law requires that we give priority to nominees who have a national service obligation to their countries upon graduation. Sponsoring countries should provide a statement regarding any military/government service requirement for the student when submitting nomination(s).

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS. International candidates must be unmarried, at least 17 years of age, and must not have passed their 23rd birthday on July 1st of the year of admission. International candidates must be citizens of their country and have an official nomination.

All candidates must take either the ACT or SAT college entrance examinations. The examination is a critical part of the application. However, the essay portion of the exam will not be considered. For information regarding test dates, testing centers, and registration, visit the www.act.org for the ACT and www.collegeboard.com for the SAT. The code for reporting ACT scores to the Naval Academy is 1742; the code for reporting SAT scores is 5809.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. All nominees must be certified as proficient in **spoken English** by the Defense Attaché Officer or diplomatic representative. In addition, each candidate must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination. Scores should be forwarded to the Naval Academy using code 5809. Information regarding test dates, testing centers, and registration can be obtained by visiting the TOEFL website at www.toefl.org. The

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Admissions Board will not consider candidates without a TOEFL score unless English is their primary language.

All examinations must be taken no later than the **January test date** to ensure that results are reported to USNA in time for Admissions Board consideration in April.

REVIEW PROCESS. Once the nomination is received from the country, instructions on how to access the candidate's application on the USNA Admissions website will be provided to the Embassy Contact/Defense Attaché Officer at the respective U.S. Embassy. The USNA application is to be completed online, with the exception of the official transcript, which needs to be mailed. The DAO or Naval Attache should interview the candidates and provide recommendations, a ranking of nominees, if applicable, and comment on English proficiency. The candidate should complete all forms as soon as possible, but **not later than March 31**. Completed applications of nominees will be evaluated by the Admissions Board in early April.

The final selection of candidates is approved by the Superintendent of the United States Naval Academy. Final selections are made for offers of appointment via the respective Defense Attaché Officers. The DAOs/Embassy Contact will be notified via email in the late April to early May time frame. After consulting the nominating government and the selected individual, the Defense Attaché Officer will email the candidate's decision to accept or decline the USNA offer of appointment.

When the appointment is accepted, the candidate must be certified as free from communicable disease by a qualified physician, and will be advised if there are any additional medical requirements. Upon arrival at the Naval Academy, the candidate will undergo a thorough medical examination to ensure all USNA medical qualifications, including the height and weight requirements, are met.

SEVIS. In compliance with current law, all international students who accept their offers of appointment will be registered in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Certificates of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant (F-1) Student Status (Form I-20) will be forwarded to respective U.S. Embassies. We will also request a copy of the student's birth certificate for name verification when preparing the I-20.

ORIENTATION. Prior to Induction Day, international students participate in a mandatory cultural and English language familiarization program. The program includes instruction in English and orientation to life and study at the Naval Academy. There is no cost to international students other than money for personal use. Rooms and meals are provided by USNA. Dates for the orientation program will be provided when the appointment is offered, but the program usually starts 7-10 days prior to Induction Day, which is scheduled for June 28, 2018.

TRAVEL. Travel expenses to USNA are paid by the Academy. Students will receive travel instructions once appointment is accepted.

Inquiries should be directed to:

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ACTION ITEMS FOR INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES AND EMBASSY CONTACTS

- **Submit nomination paperwork to USNA (Embassy Contact Sheet and Nomination Form)**
- **Have student register for the College Board's Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Program Test (ACT)**
- **Log into Candidate Information System for online application for the United States Naval Academy**
- **Complete application documents online**
- **Mail (in addition, can scan and email) Official High School and College Transcripts**
- **Scan and email birth certificate**
- **Statement of Sponsorship for Nominating Country (no form; email or letter is acceptable)**
- **Statement regarding any Military/Government Service Obligation for Student (no form; email or letter is acceptable)**
- **Submit evaluation on each international nominee to include English proficiency and recommended ranking of nominees, if more than one.**
- **Ensure application is complete NLT 31 March 2017**

