



# U.S. Military

Serving and protecting your country  
has its benefits.

Some students choose to serve in the U.S. military to obtain career training, education, and numerous additional benefits. Pearland High School hosts military recruiters throughout the year. Recruiters often come to the campus to discuss military options, opportunities, and benefits. If you are interested in finding out more about being a member of our armed forces, speak directly to a recruiter or visit one of the following websites:

<b>U.S. Air Force</b>	<a href="http://www.af.mil">www.af.mil</a>
<b>U.S. Army</b>	<a href="http://www.army.mil">www.army.mil</a>
<b>U.S. Coast Guard</b>	<a href="http://www.uscg.mil">www.uscg.mil</a>
<b>U.S. Marines</b>	<a href="http://www.usmc.mil">www.usmc.mil</a>
<b>U.S. Navy</b>	<a href="http://www.navy.mil">www.navy.mil</a>

Joining the U.S. military is typically a four-step process:

1. **Speak to a recruiter.** Talking to a recruiter does not obligate you to enlist. It merely gives you information to help you make an informed decision on whether or not you want to commit, which branch is the best fit for you, and what career opportunities are available to you. You may also inquire about early entry programs that allow you to go to boot camp during the summer between your junior and senior year.
2. **Take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).** The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students. Practice tests are available in local libraries, bookstores, and online.  
[www.military.com/ASVAB](http://www.military.com/ASVAB)
3. **Enlist:** If you score high enough on the ASVAB, you can choose to enlist and pursue the career categories you meet. After enlisting, a physical exam will be arranged.
4. **Graduate from high school.** You must be a high school graduate in order to enter any branch of the U.S. military.

If you are interested in applying to one of the five U.S. military academies, you need to meet with your counselor as soon as possible. Admission to military academies is very different from college admissions and military enlistment...it's both! Be sure to visit the website of the academy in which you are interested:

<b>U.S. Military Academy – West Point</b>	<a href="http://www.usma.edu">www.usma.edu</a>
<b>U.S. Naval Academy</b>	<a href="http://www.usna.edu">www.usna.edu</a>
<b>U.S. Air Force Academy</b>	<a href="http://www.academyadmissions.com">www.academyadmissions.com</a>
<b>U.S. Coast Guard Academy</b>	<a href="http://www.cga.edu">www.cga.edu</a>
<b>U.S. Merchant Marine Academy</b>	<a href="http://www.usmma.edu">www.usmma.edu</a>