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## U.S. Service Academies Nominations and STEM opportunities

**Nominations:** Each year Members of Congress have an opportunity to identify individuals residing in their congressional district for nomination as prospective candidates to the four U.S. Service Academies that require a nomination. This is done through the congressional nomination process. Details relating to the nomination process in the Fourth Congressional District of Minnesota may be found at: <https://mccollum.house.gov/services/service-academy-nominations>

Learn more about the nomination process as well as opportunities, admission, and programs at each service academy by attending the upcoming **Service Academy Information Night** hosted by my office and Mounds View High School. **Service Academy Information Night – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**event flyer:** <https://mccollum.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/mccollum.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/Service%20Academy%20Information%20Evening%20Flyer%204.9.2024.pdf>

Note that each academy's admissions department reviews candidates' admissions' applications and the nominations for potential admission of candidates. The Congressional nomination is only one part of the application process.

### U.S. Service Academies – Links to background and application information:

U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA)  
<https://www.usafa.af.mil/>  
<https://www.academyadmissions.com/>

U.S. Military Academy (USMA)  
<https://www.westpoint.edu/>

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)  
<https://www.usmma.edu/>

U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)  
<https://www.usna.edu/homepage.php>

## Summer opportunities and programs at the U.S. Service Academies

Summer Seminars - U.S. Service Academies for rising high school juniors

### U.S. Air Force Academy

<https://www.academyadmissions.com/prepare/high-school/summer-seminar/>

Summer Seminar at the United States Air Force Academy gives students the opportunity to experience life on campus firsthand. Specially designed for high school juniors heading into their senior year, Summer Seminar allows participants to live like a U.S. Air Force Academy cadet for four days. Applications are currently **closed**. Applications for Summer Seminar 2025 will open December 1, 2024.

### U.S. Naval Academy

<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/NASS.php#fndtn-panel1-Steps-For>

**The Naval Academy Summer Seminar** will introduce you to life at the Academy. During the six-day session, you will become a part of the Academy. You will live in Bancroft Hall (the dormitory all midshipmen live in), participate in academic and leadership workshops, and experience a variety of other activities on the campus. You will have an opportunity to see firsthand what the Academy has to offer through its exceptional academic, athletic, extracurricular activities and leadership training programs.

**Deadline for application is April 15, 2024;** there are three sessions offered. The cost is \$550. This will include lodging, meals, and all clothing to be worn. Campers should plan to bring additional funds for snacks and souvenirs.

Out-of-area campers will be responsible for arranging transportation to and from Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI). Once campers arrive, buses and midshipmen will be on-hand to transport campers from BWI to the Naval Academy and back to BWI upon program completion.

### U.S. Military Academy West Point

<https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program>

**The West Point Summer Leaders Experience** provides many activities and experiences that will challenge attendees mentally and physically as well as give an unprecedented insight into whether USMA is a good fit for the individual, including the following:

- One-on-one time with a West Point cadet
- Opportunity to explore our academic curriculum.
- Forum with West Point athletics coaches
- Counseling sessions with the West point Admissions team.
- Training and experience in U.S. Army squad, platoon, and company leadership.

**Deadline for application is March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024; there are two sessions offered.** The cost of attendance is \$625, but generous need-based scholarships are available. There is no application fee. The cost covers clothing, supplies, meals, lodging, and instructor expenses. It does not cover travel to and from West Point. Buses are available to West Point from Newark Airport.

*Note: **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy** does not have a summer seminar due to their year-round semester system.*

## Summer STEM Opportunities for multiple age groups

### **U.S. Military Academy at West Point STEM (various age groups)**

<https://www.westpoint.edu/centers-and-research/center-for-leadership-and-diversity-in-stem>

**Tuition covered by academy donations.** CLDSTEM has received generous donations which allow us to cover tuition for all students selected to participate in the 2024 workshop. Housing, meals, and all activities will be provided by the scholarship. Travel for students to and from West Point is not included and must be provided by the family. Applications were closed on February 23, 2024; watch for new dates for application.

Of interest: nationwide **Mobile Stem Workshops:** <https://www.westpoint.edu/centers-and-research/center-for-leadership-and-diversity-in-stem>

### **U.S. Naval Academy Summer STEM program – for rising 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> graders.**

<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/STEM.php#fndtn-panel1-Attending>

**The fee is \$700 per student for the weeklong residential program.** The program will include transportation to and from Baltimore Washington Airport and the United States Naval Academy, all meals and lodging, there are three sessions, by grade. Midshipmen leadership, faculty led STEM academic modules in world class labs and classrooms, Technology/Majors Fair, USNA apparel and promotional items, a program picnic, and much more are all included in the program.

### **U.S. Air Force Academy STEM Outreach – various age groups**

<https://www.usafa.edu/research/stem-outreach/>

Outreach includes American Military Engineers (SAME) Summer Camps held at the Air Force Academy.

The Air Force Academy Summer STEM Opportunity is conducted by the Society of Military Engineers (SAME). The Society also conducts camps at other locations around the nation in conjunction with service academies and branches of the armed forces.

- Costs: Travel and camp fee.
- Camps last one week and range from \$100 – \$800.
- Scholarships for campers are available.
- Camps are offered at five locations/bases.
- Lodging and all meals provided.
- Camps are held in June and July; all are overnight camps.

### **The Society of Military Engineers – Summer and other STEM Opportunities**

<https://www.same.org/camps/>

### **STEM Engineering and Construction Camps**

These camps are held in conjunction with the Service Academies and the U.S. Army, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Marine Corps. The camps are designed for high school students who excel in math, science, and technology courses.