

MILPERSMAN 1531-010

NAVAL ACADEMY PROGRAM

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Governing Directives	10 U.S.C. 12731 OPNAVINST 1531.4F Marine Corps Order 1530.11G
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1. **Purpose.** The United States Naval Academy provides 4 years of college education training as midshipman, United States Navy, leading to a commission as an ensign in the Line (or, in certain cases, the Restricted Line or Staff Corps) of the Navy or second lieutenant, Marine Corps.

2. **Candidate Requirements.** Each candidate for the Naval Academy shall be

- a. a United States citizen of good moral character.
- b. unmarried with no dependents.
- c. 17 years of age and shall not have reached their 23rd birthday on 1 July of the year in which admitted to the Naval Academy.

3. **Standard Nomination**

a. To be considered for an appointment to the Naval Academy, an applicant shall obtain a nomination from one of the authorized sponsors prescribed by law, and shall qualify scholastically, physically, and medically. Detailed procedures are prescribed in the Naval Academy catalog published annually.

b. The majority of nominations for appointment to the Naval Academy are made by U.S. Senators and Representatives. Other nomination sources are the President, Vice President, the Secretary of the Navy, and civil officials of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Northern Marianas Islands.

4. Presidential Nominations/ Appointments

a. The President may appoint 100 midshipmen each year. These appointments are limited by law to children and adopted children of officers and enlisted personnel, Regular or Reserve, of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard who either are on active duty (other than for training) and have served continuously on active duty for at least 8 years, or are retired, or who died while they were retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay, other than those granted retired pay under 10 U.S.C. 12731. Stepsons and stepdaughters are not eligible.

b. The President may have a maximum of 65 midshipmen attending the Naval Academy at any one time who are children of deceased or disabled veterans, or children of servicemen or civilians in a prisoner of war or missing in action status. Eligibility for nomination under this quota is limited to children of the following:

(1) Members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were killed in action or died of, or have a service-connected disability rated at not less than 100 percent resulting from, wounds or injuries received or diseases contracted in, or preexisting injury of disease aggravated by active service. The determination of the Veterans' Administration as to service connection of the cause of death or percentage of disability is binding upon the Secretary of the Navy.

(2) Servicemembers who are currently prisoners of war or missing in action.

(3) Civilians who have been designated to be in a prisoner of war or missing in action status, and are currently in that status.

c. The President may appoint 20 midshipmen from among members of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC/NJROTC/MCJROTC) or honor graduates of educational institutions designated by the Army, Navy, and Air Force as "honor school with distinction."

d. NROTC candidates may be nominated each year by the Professor of Naval Science of each educational institution in which an NROTC unit is established. Each candidate must be enrolled in the NROTC at the time of entrance to the Naval

Academy. Senior military instructors at NJROTC and MCJROTC units may each nominate three candidates to the Naval Academy for appointment under this quota.

e. Each honor school may nominate three honor graduates to compete for these appointments. Included in the three may be students who are expected to be honor graduates in June of the year of admission to the Naval Academy. These nominees are not eligible for appointment unless they subsequently fulfill the requirements enabling them to be honor graduates at the time of their graduation. Eligible students should apply to the head of their school for nomination.

5. **Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Appointments.** SECNAV may appoint 170 enlisted members of the Regular and Reserve Navy and Marine Corps to the Naval Academy each year. Reservists must be on active duty, or must be members of a drilling unit of the Reserve, be recommended by their commanding officers, and have maintained efficiency in drill attendance with their Reserve units. Midshipmen USNR of the Regular NROTC Program are not eligible for appointment under this quota. Application procedures are prescribed in OPNAVINST 1531.4F and Marine Corps Order 1530.11G.

6. **USNA Superintendent Nominations.** The Superintendent of the Naval Academy may nominate for appointment each year 50 persons from the country at large. Persons nominated under this paragraph may not displace any appointment authorized, and may not cause the total strength of midshipman at the Naval Academy to exceed the authorized number.

7. **Children of Medal of Honor Awardees.** The children of persons awarded the Medal of Honor may be appointed, provided they are qualified in all other respects.

8. **Enlisted Members.** Any enlisted man or woman in the Navy or Marine Corps, or the Naval or Marine Corps Reserve on active duty, may also apply to the Military Academy, Air Force Academy, or Coast Guard Academy. In addition, enlisted members who apply to any of the service academies and are not selected for direct entry are automatically considered for entrance into that service academy's preparatory school.

9. Application Address. All applications should be addressed to:

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