



UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
**WEST POINT.**



**United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA)  
Nominations Training**



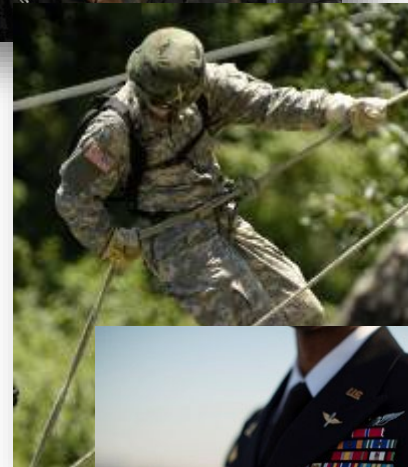
- Mission
- Meet the Admissions Team!
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- Application Requirements and Timelines
- Nominations, Filling the Class, Vacancy Management
- USMAPS and WPPSP (Civil Prep)
- Former Cadet Program
- Medical Evaluation



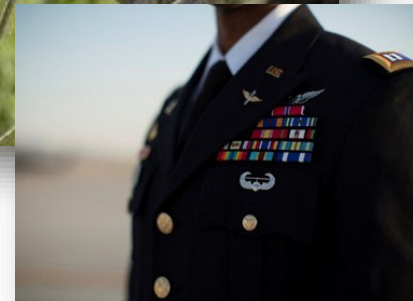
*To recruit and enroll men and women from across the nation and admit diverse, high-quality candidates who meet USMA's entry qualifications and are inspired to serve as Army officers.*



*Educate*



*Train*



*Inspire*





## WEST POINT REGIONAL ADMISSIONS TEAM



CPT Nathan Santhanam  
Congressional Liaison  
**RECRUITED  
ATHLETES**



AK CA HI ID MT NV  
NM OR UT WA WY



CPT Richard Mendoza  
Regional Commander  
**FAR WEST**

AK CA HI ID MT NV  
NM OR UT WA WY



1LT Richard Hanson  
Outreach Officer  
**FAR WEST**

IA IL IN KY MI MN  
ND NE OH SD WI WV



CPT Amanda Westman  
Regional Commander  
**GREAT LAKES**

CT DE IA IL IN KY MA ME MI MN ND  
NE NH NJ NY OH PA RI SD VT WI WV



1LT Wilfred Ahoua  
Outreach Officer  
**NORTHEAST &  
GREAT LAKES**

CT DE MA ME NH  
NJ NY PA RI VT



MAJ Richard Simpson  
Regional Commander  
**NORTHEAST**



CPT Kelechi Odocha  
Diversity Officer  
**OUTREACH**



CPT William White  
Recruitment Commander  
**SOLDIERS**



MAJ Antonio Nash  
Recruitment Commander  
**NATIONAL GUARD**

AR CO KS LA MS  
MO NM OK TN TX



CPT Akintunde Akinniyi  
Regional Commander  
**SOUTHWEST**

AR CO KS LA MS  
MO NM OK TN TX



CPT Kane Thierno  
Outreach Officer  
**SOUTHWEST**

FL GA MD MS  
NC SC VA



MAJ Mark Owens  
Regional Commander  
**SOUTHEAST**

FL GA MD MS  
NC SC VA



1LT Calli McMullen  
Outreach Officer  
**SOUTHEAST**





- Title 10, U.S. Code: Actual law, which covers service academies.
- Army Regulations:
  - AR 40-501 Standards of Medical Fitness.
  - AR 351-12 Nomination to USMA for enlisted categories - Army.
  - AR 351-17 USMAPS.
  - USMA Reg 10-1.
- Academic Board Directives: Discusses qualification and selection standards for candidates



# ***Minimum Requirements: Established by Law***

- **Citizenship:** On the date of admission a candidate must be a citizen or national of the United States
- **Age:** On 1 July of the year of proposed admission, candidates must have reached their 17th birthday and must not have passed their 23rd birthday
- **Marital Status:** A candidate must be unmarried and have no dependents
- **Pregnancy or Support Obligation:** Pregnant applicants or applicants with a legal obligation to support a child, or children, or former spouse, are not eligible to enroll



# Whole Candidate Concept

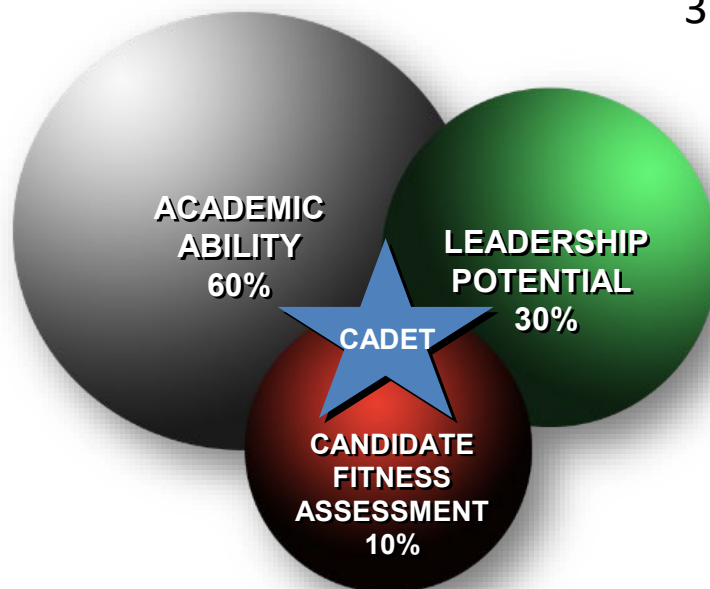
1. GPA
2. SAT or ACT

**a. MUST take ACT Writing Test**

**b. SAT essay is not required**

3. Transcripts

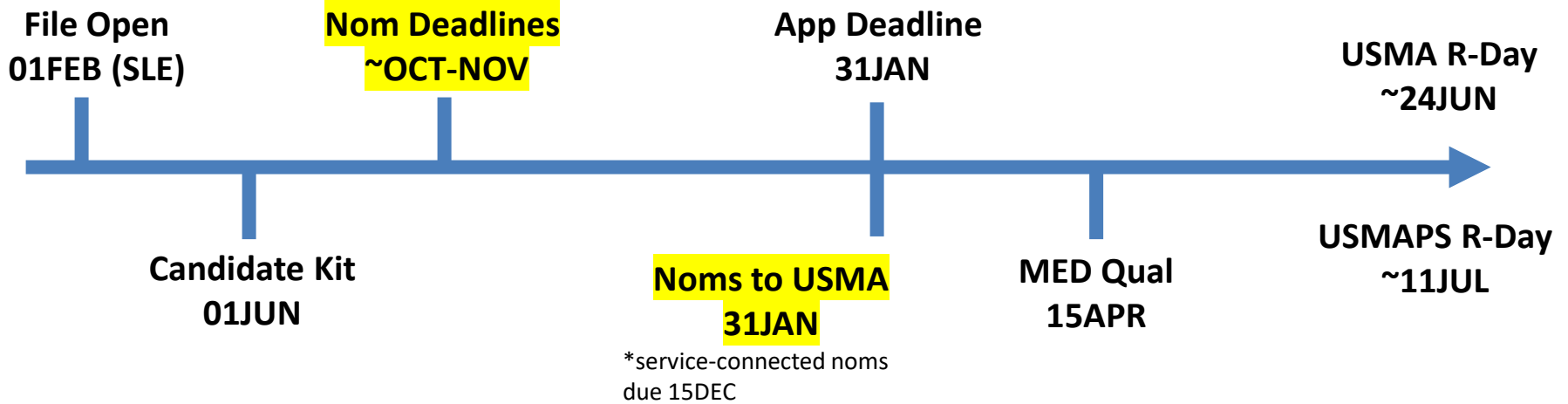
1. Extracurricular Activities
  - a. Boys / Girls State, etc.
  - b. Eagle Scout / Gold Award
2. Athletic Participation
3. School Official Evaluations (SOE)



1. Basketball Throw
2. 40-Yard Shuttle Run

3. Pull-Ups / Flexed-Arm Hang
4. Modified Sit-Up

5. 1-Mile Run
6. Push-Ups







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# Nominations & Filling Class



(Per Year-Example)

Congress/Senators/VP	536
Service Connected	300
Special (US Territories)	7
Superintendent	50
Qualified Alternates	150
<u>Additional Appointees</u>	<u>250</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~1240</b>



## Definitions

**Nomination** - The legal authority for USMA to consider a candidate for appointment

**Appointment** - An offer of admission from USMA to the qualified nominee



## Two Types of Nomination Sources:

### ◆ **Congressional**

- Members of Congress
- Vice President

### ◆ **Secretary of the Army (“Service Connected”)**

- Presidential
- Regular Army/Reserve Component
- Sons/Daughters 100% Disabled Vets
- Sons/Daughters Medal of Honor Recipients
- ROTC



- **All candidates qualify for at least four sources of nominations**
  - U.S. Senators (2 each)
  - U.S. House of Representatives (1 each)
  - Vice President of the United States
  
- **Members have three methods of nominating**
  - Competitive
  - Principal with Competing Alternates
  - Principal with Numbered Alternates





## Congressional

- ◆ Each Member of Congress is authorized five (5) Cadet Appointments at West Point at any one time.
- ◆ Each Member may nominate up to ten (10) young people to fill each vacancy.
- ◆ The Vice President has five (5) Cadet Appointments for applicants from the United States at large.



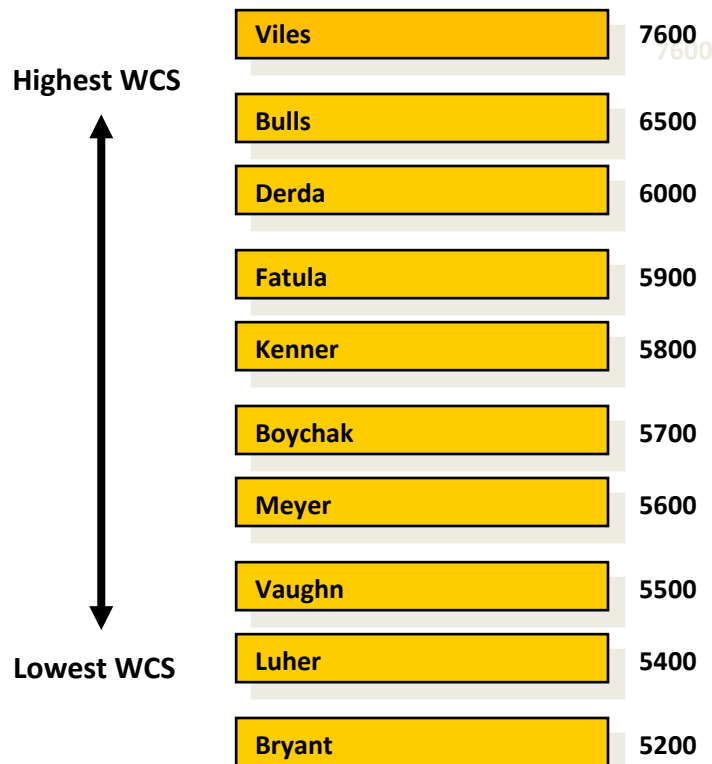
## *Competitive Nomination*

The candidate who is **fully** qualified with the highest WCS is offered admission



## Competitive Method

Ranked highest to lowest by Whole Candidate Score (WCS) - Academics, Leadership, and CFA. Highest WCS earns the vacancy from the district.



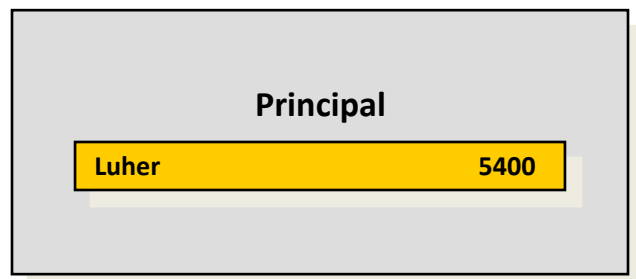


## *Principal with Competing Alternates*

- Principal offered admission IF **fully** qualified
- If Principal is disqualified, the Competing Alternate who is fully qualified and has the highest WCS is offered admission



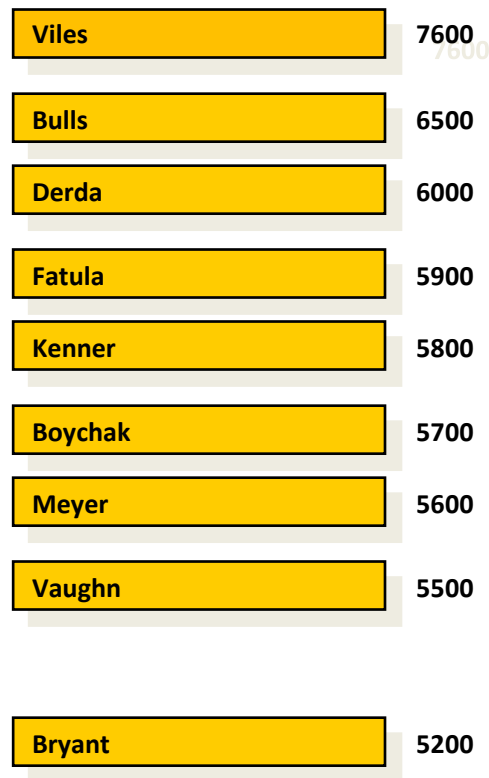
## *Principal with Competing Alternates*



Highest WCS



Lowest WCS





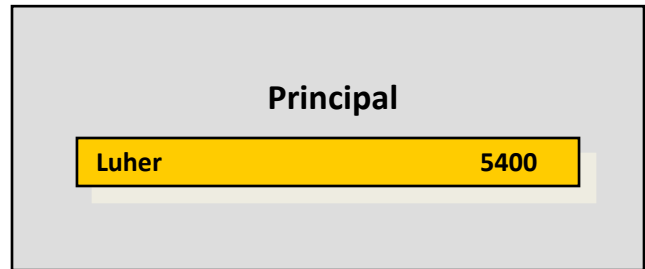


## *Principal with Numbered Alternates*

- Principal offered admission IF **fully** qualified
- If Principal is disqualified, the First Alternate is evaluated -- if qualified, offered admission
- If First Alternate is disqualified, Second Alternate is evaluated -- if qualified, offered admission
- Sequence continues until the highest numbered alternate who is qualified is offered admission



## Principal with Numbered Alternates



Highest WCS



Lowest WCS

Viles	7600	4th
Bulls	6500	3rd
Derda	6000	5th
Fatula	5900	2nd
Kenner	5800	9th
Boychak	5700	7th
Meyer	5600	8th
Vaughn	5500	1st
Bryant	5200	6th



## *Annual Congressional Vacancies*

- **Senate - 100 seats annually**
- **House of Representatives - 435 seats annually**
- **Vice President - 1 seat annually**

**\*\* If every member nominates 1 → 536 Cadetships\*\***



## *Special Nomination Authority*

(Per Year)

Washington D.C.	~1 (5 total vacancies)
Virgin Islands	~1 (5 total vacancies)
Guam	~1 (5 total vacancies)
Puerto Rico	~2 (6 total vacancies)
American Samoa	~1 (5 total vacancies)
Northern Mariana	~1 (5 total vacancies)
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	7
Congress/Senators/VP	536
<b>Total</b>	<b>543</b>



- OH054C =

<u>OH</u>	<u>05</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>C</u>
State	District	Vacancy	Type

- NY612P =

<u>NY</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>P</u>
State	Senator	Vacancy	Type

- SC625A =

<u>SC</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>A</u>
State	Senator	Vacancy	Type

- WA0631 =

<u>WA</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
State	District	Vacancy	Type





- **Authority**

- Nomination authorities have the autonomy to manage their application and nominations process as they see fit
- Sergeant at Arms and Clerk of the House of Reps manages the Members office when the Member resigned, passed away or is indicted

- **Guidelines**

- Best Practice: A candidate must be a domicile of the state/district of which they are applying
  - Title 10, U.S. Code: Actual law; Chapter 753, Section 7442, Subsection f, and in Historical and Revision Notes
- To assess “domicile” of a candidate, consider the following:
  - Their / parent(s)’s voter registration
  - Their / parent(s)’s vehicle registration
  - Their driver’s license state
  - Location of their bank
  - Location of any businesses they own/operate.
  - Contact periods with a state
  - Location of their / their parent(s)’s property
  - Their address on important documents, such as wills, trusts, passports, and insurance policies

- **Redistricting**

- We do not retroactively move cadets after congressional redistricting occurs. To assess charged cadets after redistricting, reach out to the USMA Admissions Nominations Team



- **Vacancies**

- Each Member of Congress is authorized five (5) Cadet Appointments at West Point at any one time, PLUS one incumbent incoming high school applicant
- Nominating authorities can request to fill two vacancies in one application cycle
- **Important:** Nominating authorities cannot exceed five (5) charged cadets at the academy within a given academic year
- Nominating Authorities must manage their vacancies profiles appropriately to avoid getting BLOCKED from nominating in an application cycle
- Please reach out to the USMA Admissions Congressional Nominations Team for assistance in managing your vacancy profiles
  - CPT Nathan A Santhanam ([nathan.santhanam@westpoint.edu](mailto:nathan.santhanam@westpoint.edu))
  - Mrs. Zulma Melvin ([zulma.melvin@westpoint.edu](mailto:zulma.melvin@westpoint.edu))



This district can nominate two slates this year without blocking themselves from nominating for future classes

**Cadets currently charged to AL-01:**  
**OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE BRADLEY BYRNE**

SLOT	USMA GRAD YEAR	USMA ID	CADET	SLOT AVAILABILITY FOR USMA 2025
AL01 1	2021	Cxxxxxxx	CADET a	GRADUATING
AL01 2		VACANT		
AL01 3	2023	Cxxxxxxx	CADET b	
AL01 4	2024	Cxxxxxxx	CADET c	
AL01 5		VACANT		

**LETTERS a thru i STAND FOR A DIFFERENT CADET**

USMA GRADUATION	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Firstie	AL01 (1) a		AL01 (3) b	AL01 (4) c	AL01 (2) d AL01 (5) e	AL01 (1) f	AL01 (3) g	AL01 (4) h	AL01 (5) i
Cow		AL01 (3) b	AL01 (4) c	AL01 (2) d AL01 (5) e	AL01 (1) f	AL01 (3) g	AL01 (4) h	AL01 (5) i	
Yearling	AL01 (3) b	AL01 (4) c	AL01 (2) d AL01 (5) e	AL01 (1) f	AL01 (3) g	AL01 (4) h	AL01 (5) i		
Plebe	AL01 (4) c	AL01 (2) d AL01 (5) e	AL01 (1) f	AL01 (3) g	AL01 (4) h	AL01 (5) i			
HIGH SCHOOL	AL01 (2) d AL01 (5) e	AL01 (1) f	AL01 (3) g	AL01 (4) h	AL01 (5) i				



When we arrive at year 2023 district cannot nominate for the Class of 2027.

This district can ONLY nominate one slate, or be blocked for the Class of 2027

**INFORM STAFFER- DO NOT ACCEPT**

**Cadets currently charged to AZ-08:**  
**OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE DEBBIE LESKO**

SLOT	USMA GRAD YEAR	USMA ID	CADET	SLOT AVAILABILITY FOR USMA 2025
AZ08 1	2022	Cxxxxxxx	CADET b	
AZ08 2		VACANT		
AZ08 3	2024	Cxxxxxxx	CADET c	
AZ08 4	2021	Cxxxxxxx	CADET a	GRADUATING
AZ08 5	2024	Cxxxxxxx	CADET d	

USMA GRADUATION	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Firstie	AZ08 (4) a	AZ08 (1) b		AZ08 (3) c AZ08 (5) d	AZ08 (2) e AZ08 (4) f	AZ08 (1) g			
Cow	AZ08 (1) b		AZ08 (3) c AZ08 (5) d	AZ08 (2) e AZ08 (4) f	AZ08 (1) g				
Yearling		AZ08 (3) c AZ08 (5) d	AZ08 (2) e AZ08 (4) f	AZ08 (1) g					
Plebe	AZ08 (3) c AZ08 (5) d	AZ08 (2) e AZ08 (4) f	AZ08 (1) g						
HIGH SCHOOL	AZ08 (2) e AZ08 (4) f	AZ08 (1) g	BLOCKED						



<b>Service-Connected</b>	
◆ Presidential: Sons & Daughters of career military personnel	100
◆ Regular Army & Reserve Components	85, 85
◆ ROTC & JROTC Schools	20
◆ Sons & Daughters of deceased & 100% disabled veterans	~15
◆ Sons & Daughters of Medal of Honor awardees	Unlimited



## Presidential Nomination

- “Sons and daughters of career military personnel”
- Retired or active duty with at least 8 years consecutive duty
- Reservist with >2880 pts
- *700-1000 Presidential Nominations are approved every year for only 100 slots*

## ROTC Nomination (form USMA FL 5-497)

- Eligibility: Army Jr or Sr ROTC; other JROTC if “Honor Unit with Distinction”

## SDVET Nomination

- Sons and daughters of 100% service-connected disabled veterans only



## **NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

- Used for outstanding candidates who may not be able to receive a nomination or when we want to make an immediate or early offer
- Managed by the Admissions Office
- Approval authority is the Superintendent
- Superintendent nomination is withdrawn once a candidate receives a nomination from any other source, and can then be used over again
- Maximum of 50 nominations



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**United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS)  
&  
West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program (WPPSP) [Civil Prep]**



## **Mission:**

To provide focused academic, military, and physical instruction in a moral-ethical military environment in order to prepare and motivate candidates for success at the United States Military Academy

## **USMAPS Class Composition:**

- Recruited Athletes
- Soldiers
- African Americans
- Hispanics

## **Graduation Requirements**

1. Achievement of USMAPS program standards
2. Meeting DOD medical standards
3. Commandant's recommendation
4. Approval by Admission Committee, USMA



- **WPPSP Class Composition (NCAA Regulated)**

- Recruited Athletes 25%
- Scholars 75%

- **40 – 50 Total Vacancies**

- **Marion Military Institute** - <https://marionmilitary.edu/>
- **New Mexico Military Institute** - <https://www.nmmi.edu/>
- **Georgia Military College** - <https://www.gmc.edu/>
- **Northwestern Preparatory** - <http://northwesternprep.com/>
  - 1-semester
- **Hargrave Military Academy** - <https://hargrave.edu/admission/tuition/>
  - (Male Only)



- **USMAPS and Civil Prep Main Takeaways:**

- Some candidates may apply for a nomination, and, due to their WCS, may be unlikely to receive a nomination
- Depending on this candidate's application status (OUTMIN, Athlete, Soldier) he/she may be offered a USMAPS or Civil Prep appointment
- Those candidates, for that application cycle, will not require a nomination
- Candidates are urged to reapply for a nomination in the next year's application cycle



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**Former Cadet Program**



To identify former USMA cadets and USMAPS cadet candidates along with students from other service academies or their preparatory schools who have the potential to graduate and serve as commissioned leaders of character, considering the significant investment already made in their personal and professional development.



- Anyone who was officially enrolled at any federal service academy for any length of time shall be considered a Former Cadet
  - USMA, USNA, USAFA, USCGA, and USMMA
  - Candidates must take the oath on R-day to be considered enrolled
  - Former Prep School Candidates
    - Applicants who previously attended any of the federal service academy prep schools shall fall under this process



- Exceptional potential and successful remediation
- No older than 26 at graduation
- Reinsert into training where they left off (work directly with Commandant's Office and Registrar office )
- **Two cycles per year:**
  - **01 August deadline for January readmits**
  - **01 February deadline for Summer readmits**





- Essay (*“Why I left, how have I changed, why I should be readmitted.”*)
- Letters of recommendation (minimum of 2)
- Medically qualified by DoDMERB
- All transcripts – USMA and any others if applicable
- Candidate Personal Data Record
- Candidate Fitness Assessment with videos
- **A nomination**



- **Former Cadet Main Takeaways**

- Former cadets may reach out to nomination authorities to pursue a nomination for re-admission into the academy
- Former cadets have the responsibility of re-applying through their nomination authority.
- Nominations authorities can work with the USMA Admissions Nominations Team and the Former Cadet Program OIC (CPT Amanda Westman: [amanda.westman@westpoint.edu](mailto:amanda.westman@westpoint.edu)) to navigate this process.



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# Medical Evaluations



## DoDMERB

- Evaluate the physical standards for enlistment, appointment and induction
- Medical screening is conducted to ensure that all applicants meet Army commissioning and retention standards upon graduation

## Medical Waivers

- Case by Case Basis
- Request for Medical Waiver is not a candidate right
  - Request for waiver can only be approved by Director of Admissions
  - Determination is if candidate is competitive to win vacancy to USMA, USMAPS, Civil Prep
  - 90-day process





- **Medical Main Takeaways:**

- Candidates may apply for and receive a nomination, but they become medically disqualified through the DoDMERB process
- In the case that this candidate is a Principal Nominee, the nomination vacancy will be passed to the next qualified candidate according to the chosen nomination method



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# Thank you!

Please reach out to your regional command team or the USMA Admissions Nominations Team for any help in the nominations process