



UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT

Directorate of Admissions

Field Force Training:

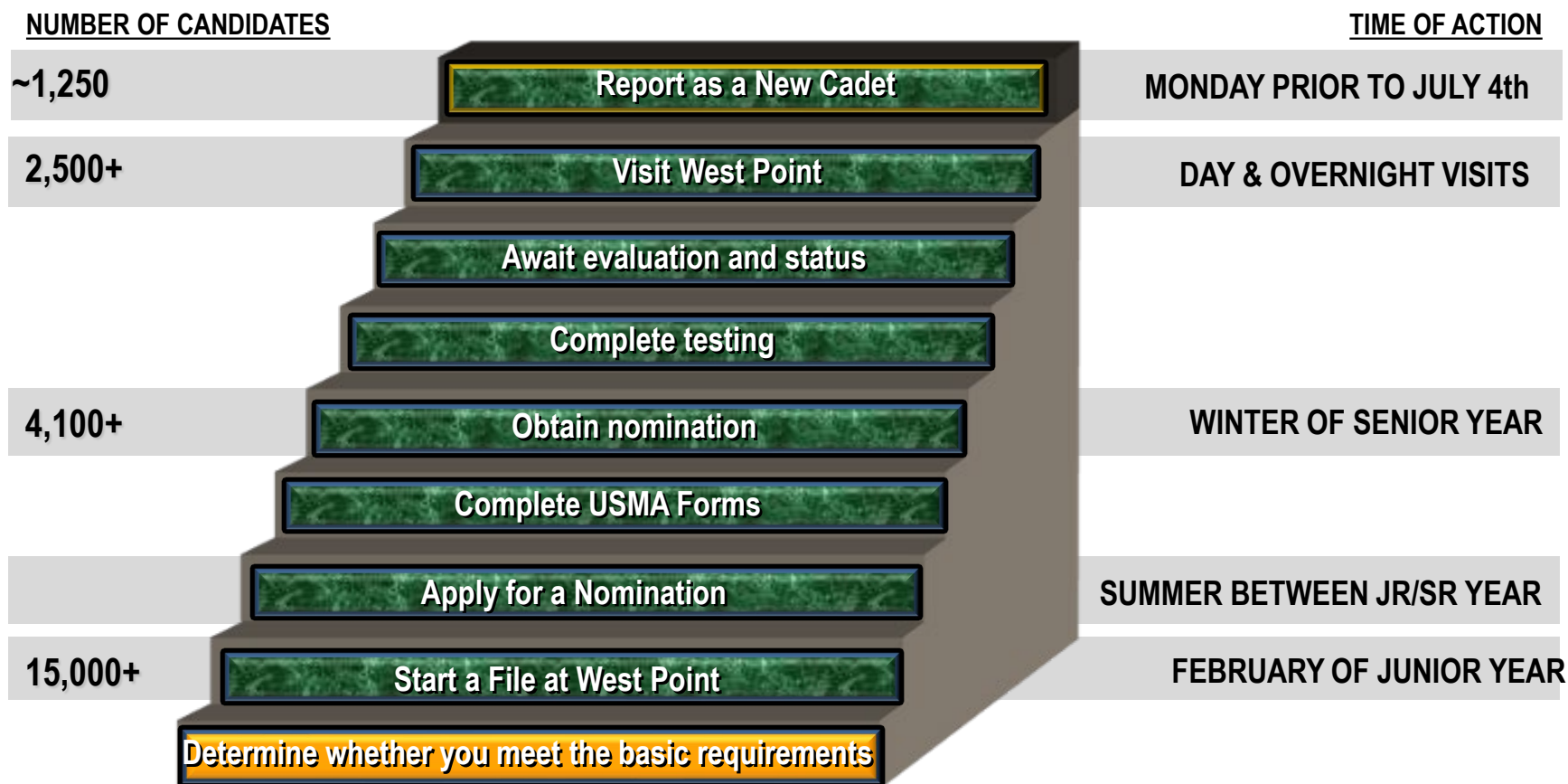
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Basic Requirements

Legal Requirements:

- Be at least 17 but not older than 22 the day you report to West Point
- Be a United States Citizen
- Not be married
- Not be pregnant or legally responsible for any children



Basic Requirements (continued)

Leadership

- Demonstrated leadership in school, community, church, scouts, etc.

Academic Qualifications:

- Above average High School or College academic record
- Strong performance on ACT/SAT

Medical Qualifications:

- Good physical and mental health
- Pass a Qualifying Medical Exam

Physical Qualifications:

- Above average strength, endurance, and agility
- Good performance on Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)



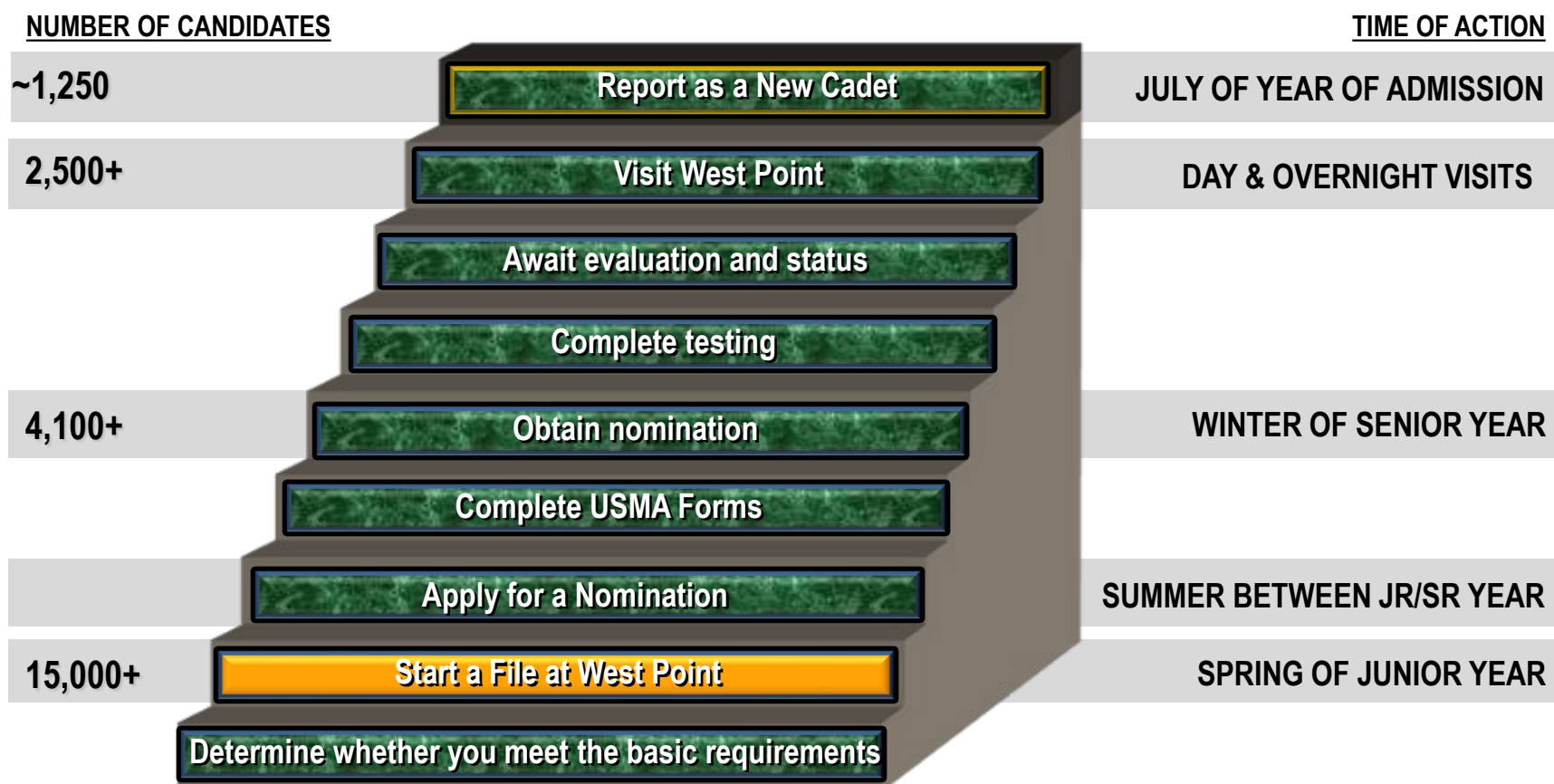
Academic Preparation

	Recommended
English	4 Years
Mathematics (w/ minimum of Trigonometry or Pre-Calculus)	4 Years
Laboratory Science (w/ one year of Physics or Chemistry)	2 Years
Foreign Language	2 Years
United States History	1 Year
Computer Technology	1 Year



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Open a File

- Start a Candidate Questionnaire online from the admissions webpage:

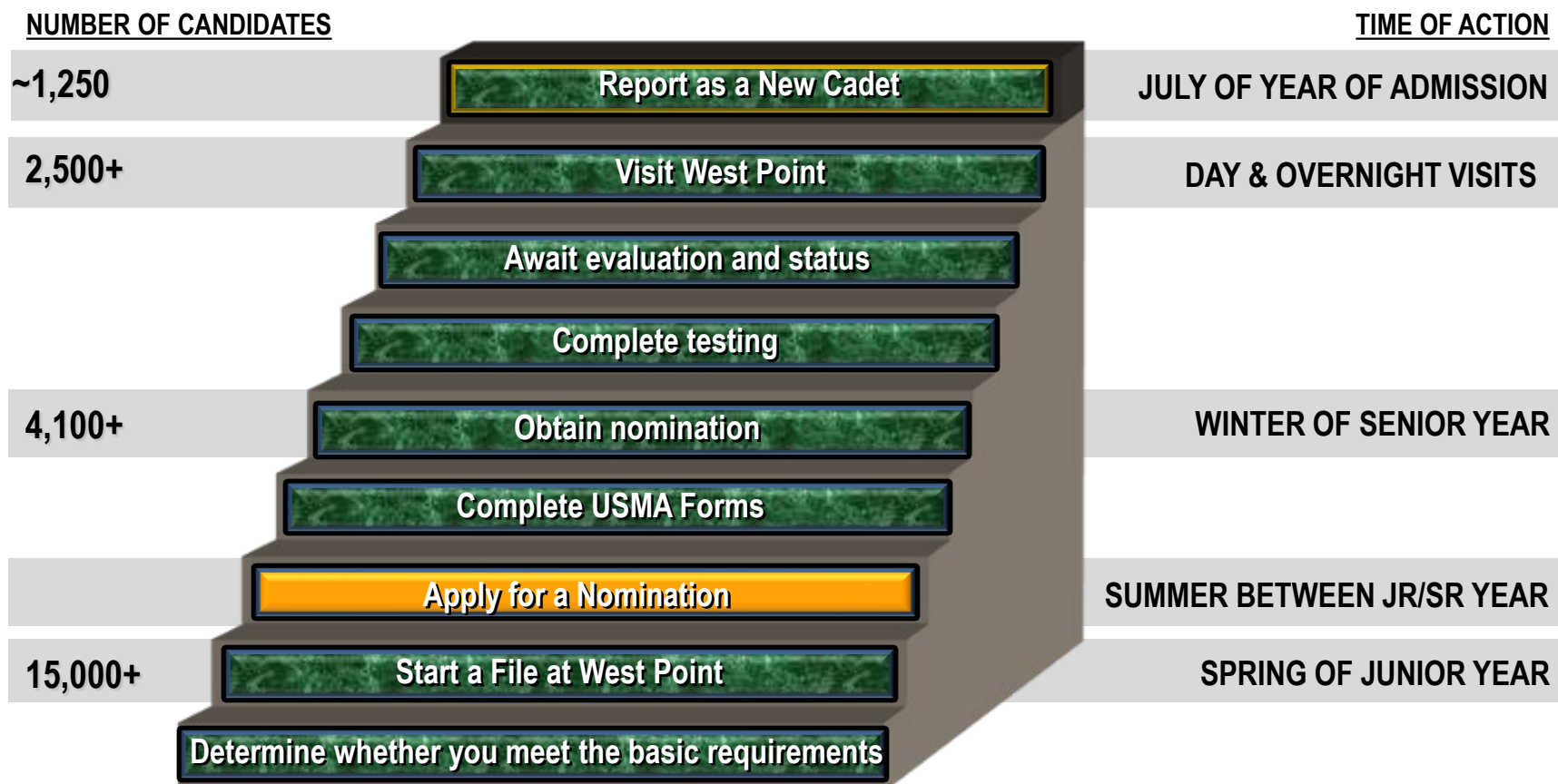
<https://westpoint.edu/admissions/apply-now>

- File opens in January to facilitate Summer Leaders Experience application (apply from 01 Feb– 31 Mar)



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Apply for a Nomination

Congressional Nomination:

Determined by nominating source

Service-Connected Nomination:

Regional Commander (RC) will
determine applicant's eligibility



Apply for a Nomination

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.

Contact Congressional offices EARLY; each member has his/her own time schedule & process

Nominations are due to West Point **no later than 31 January**
for **Congressional** nominations



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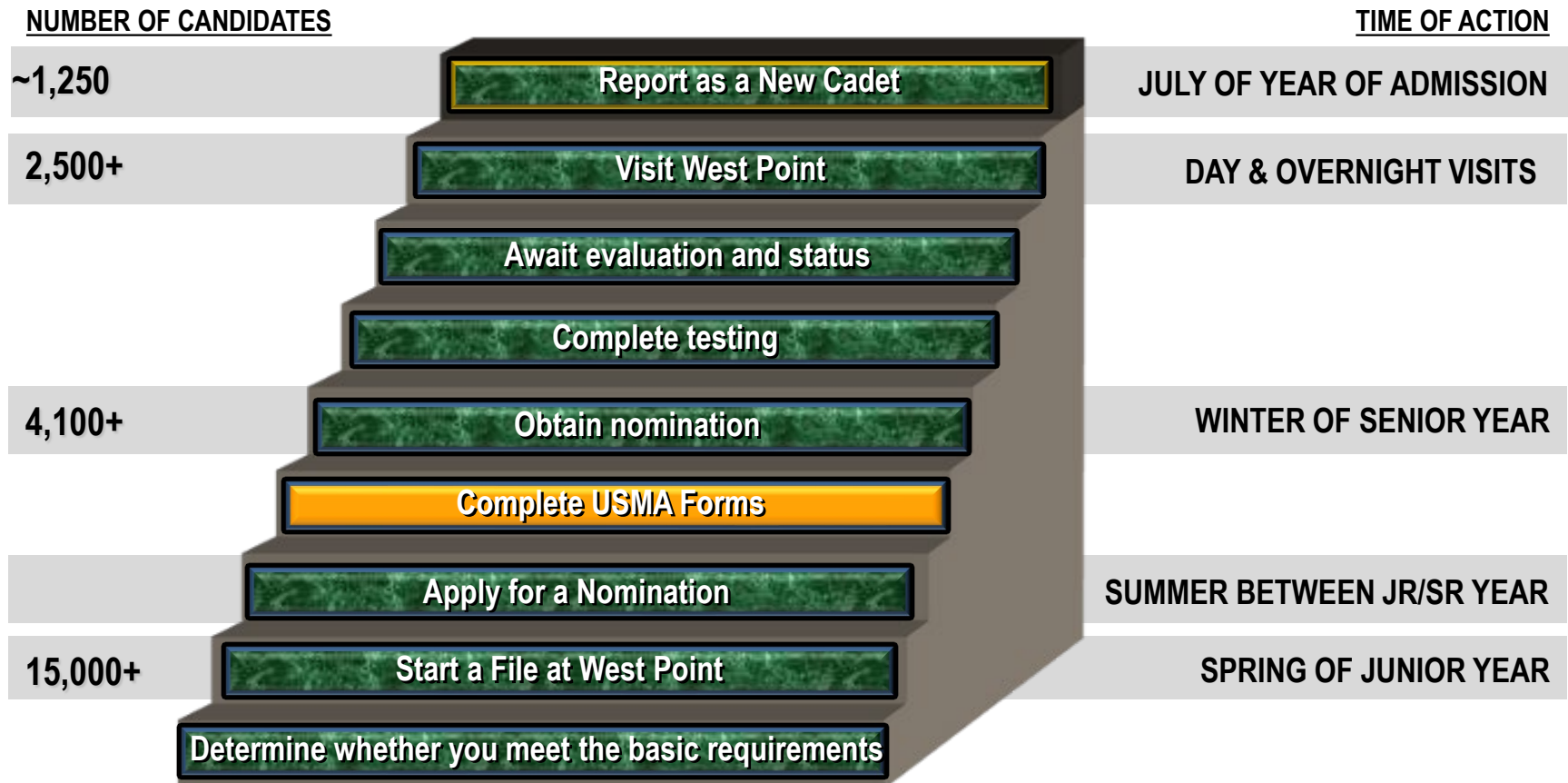
Service-Connected	
◆ Presidential: Sons & Daughters of career military personnel	100
◆ Regular Army & Reserve Components	85, 85
◆ ROTC & JROTC Schools	20
◆ Sons & Daughters of deceased & 100% disabled veterans	~15
◆ Sons & Daughters of Medal of Honor awardees	Unlimited

Nominations are due to West Point **no later than 15 December** for **Service-Connected** nominations



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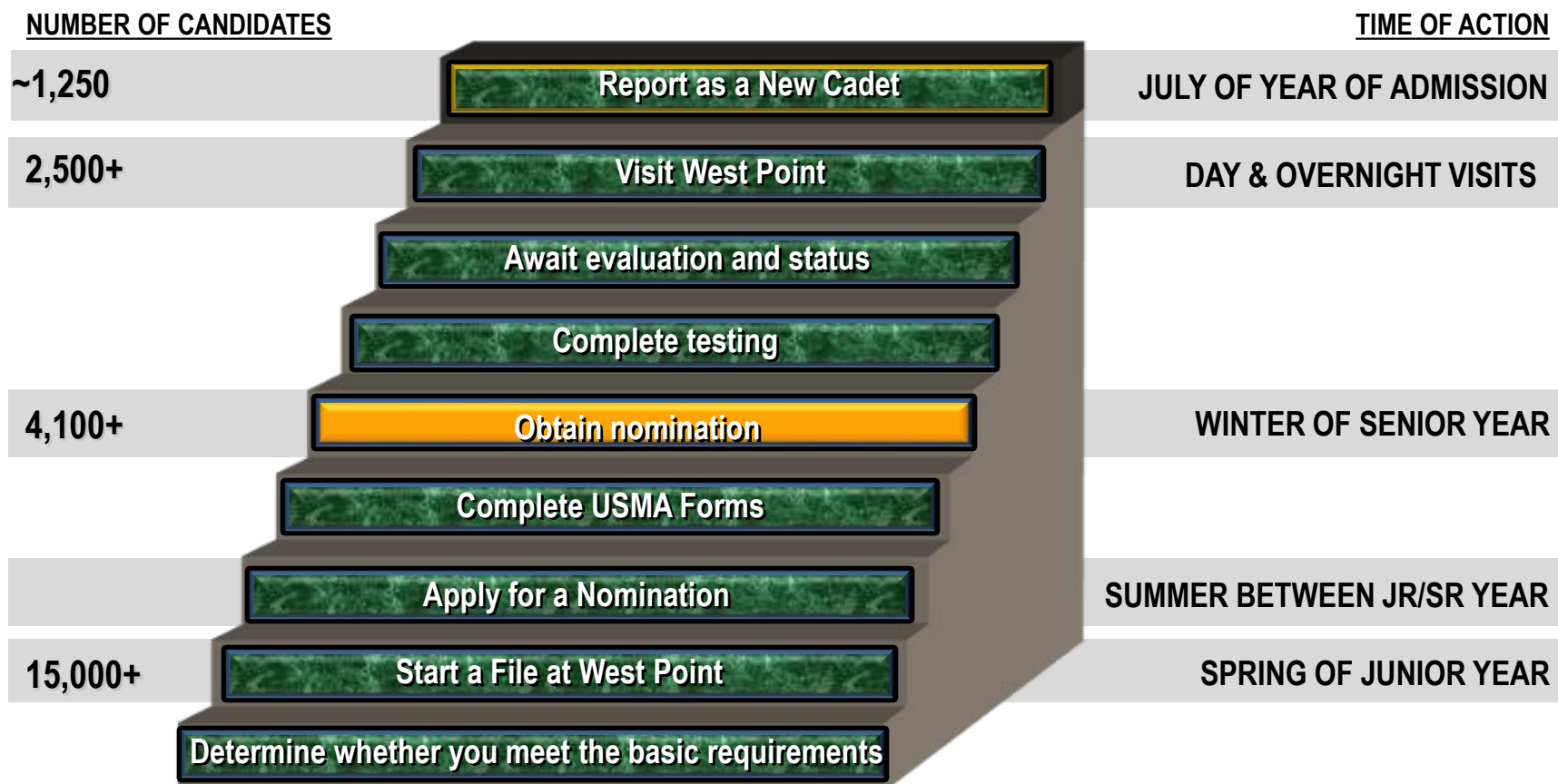
Complete USMA Forms

- Candidate Personal Data Record (CPDR)
- Request for Academic Information
- School Official Evaluations (SOEs)
 - Math
 - English
 - Chemistry or Physics
 - Physical Education
 - For College students – Additional 1x Math and 1x English
- Candidate Activities Record (CAR)
- Candidate Statements
- Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
 - Push-Up and Pull-Up/Flexed-Arm Hang Videos



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Obtain a Nomination

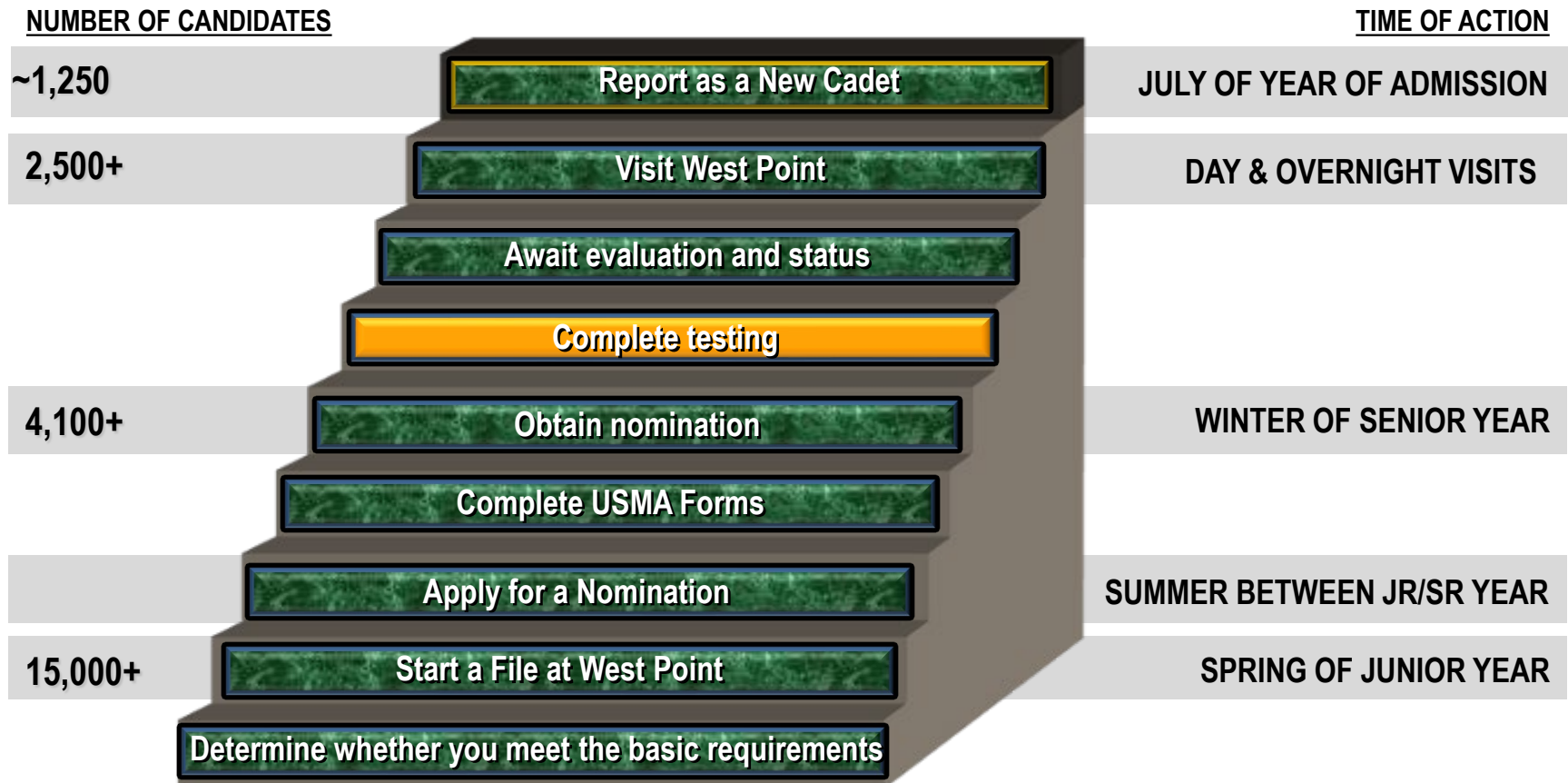
- More nominations are better
- A nomination is NOT an appointment
- Advice for Candidates:
 - Make the best impression possible; be prepared for your interview
 - Be aggressive in pursuing nominations!





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Complete Testing

- The EARLIER, the BETTER

- ACT with writing or SAT
 - West Point takes the highest component scores from either test
 - Last test dates to have scores arrive in time for consideration
 - SAT = December 4th 2021
 - ACT = December 11th 2021
 - These should not be the first time taking the test

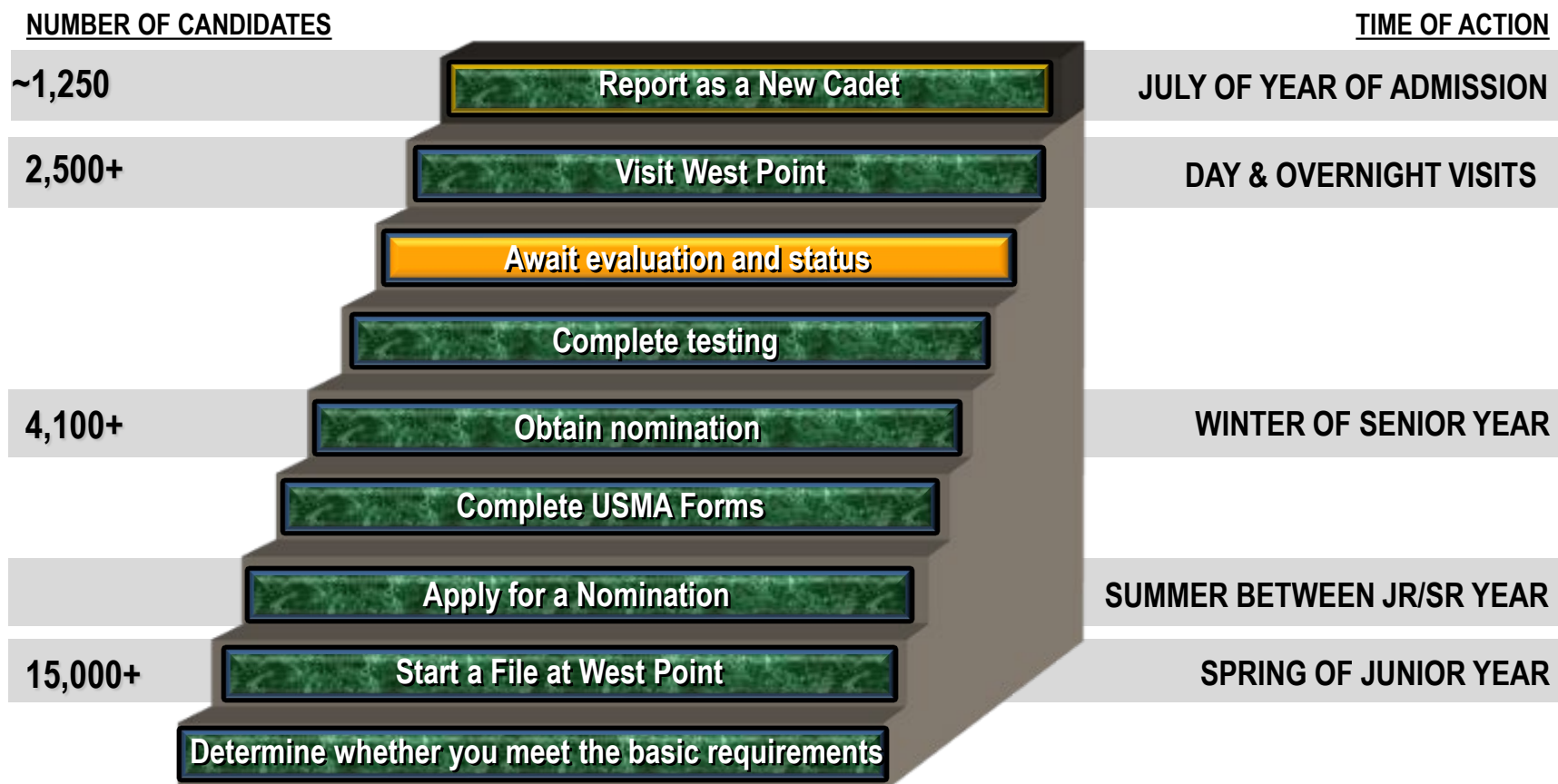
- Qualifying Medical Exam
 - Administered through DoDMERB
 - Must be medical qualified by 15 April

- Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
 - Push-Up and Pull-Up/Flexed-Arm Hang Videos Required



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Await Evaluation

- West Point uses a deadline admissions process (**Deadline 31 JAN**); the earlier your file is complete, the earlier you will be considered for qualification and selection
- The majority of offers are made in January to March



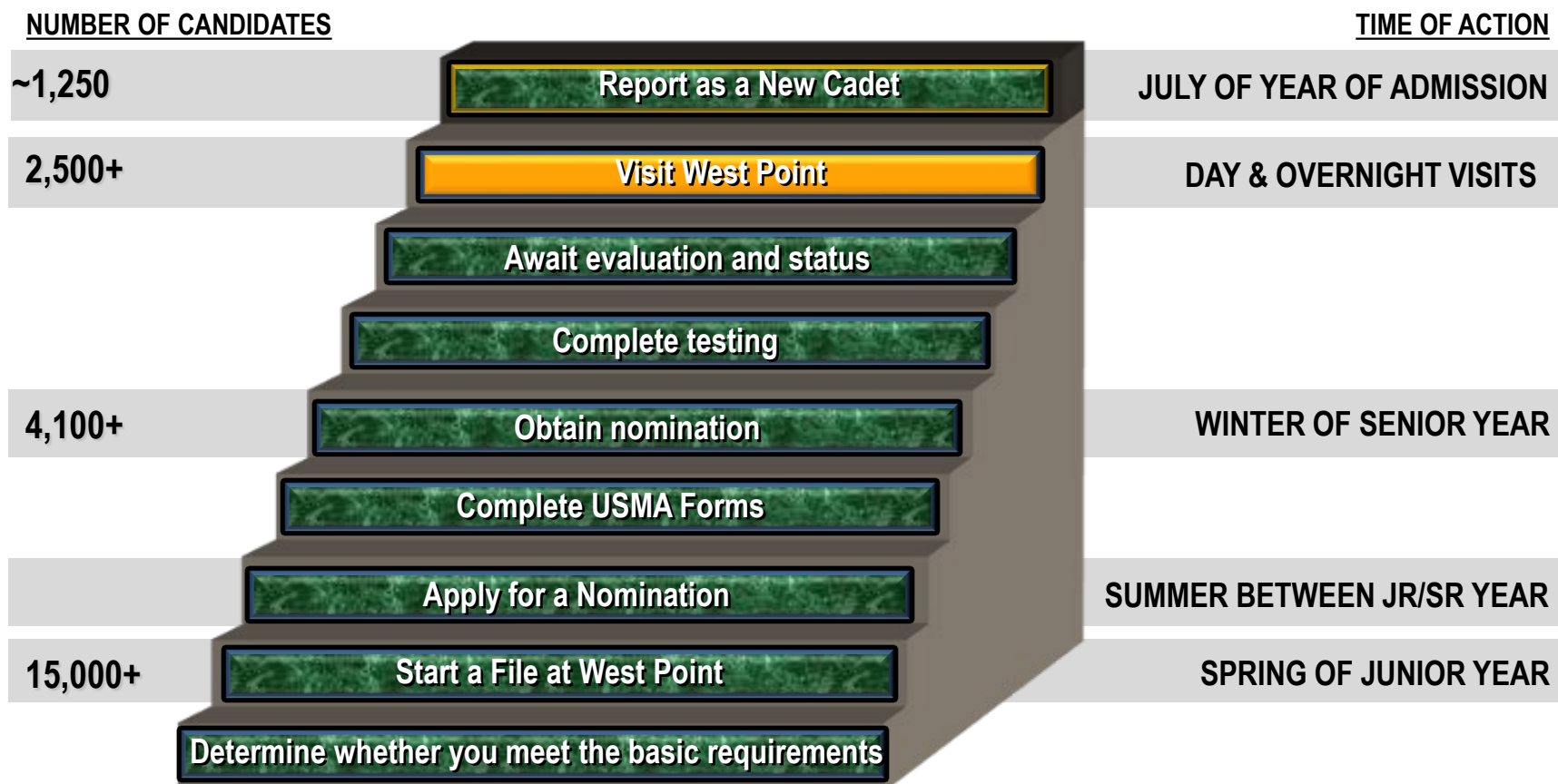
Await Evaluation

- Early File Completion allows:
 - More time for the Candidate to improve based on Field Force and RC recommendations
 - Earlier consideration for a Medical Waiver if needed
 - Earlier qualification that the Candidate can take into a nominating interview
 - Greater chance to be authorized an overnight visit in the Fall/Spring (with LOA or LOE)



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Visit West Point

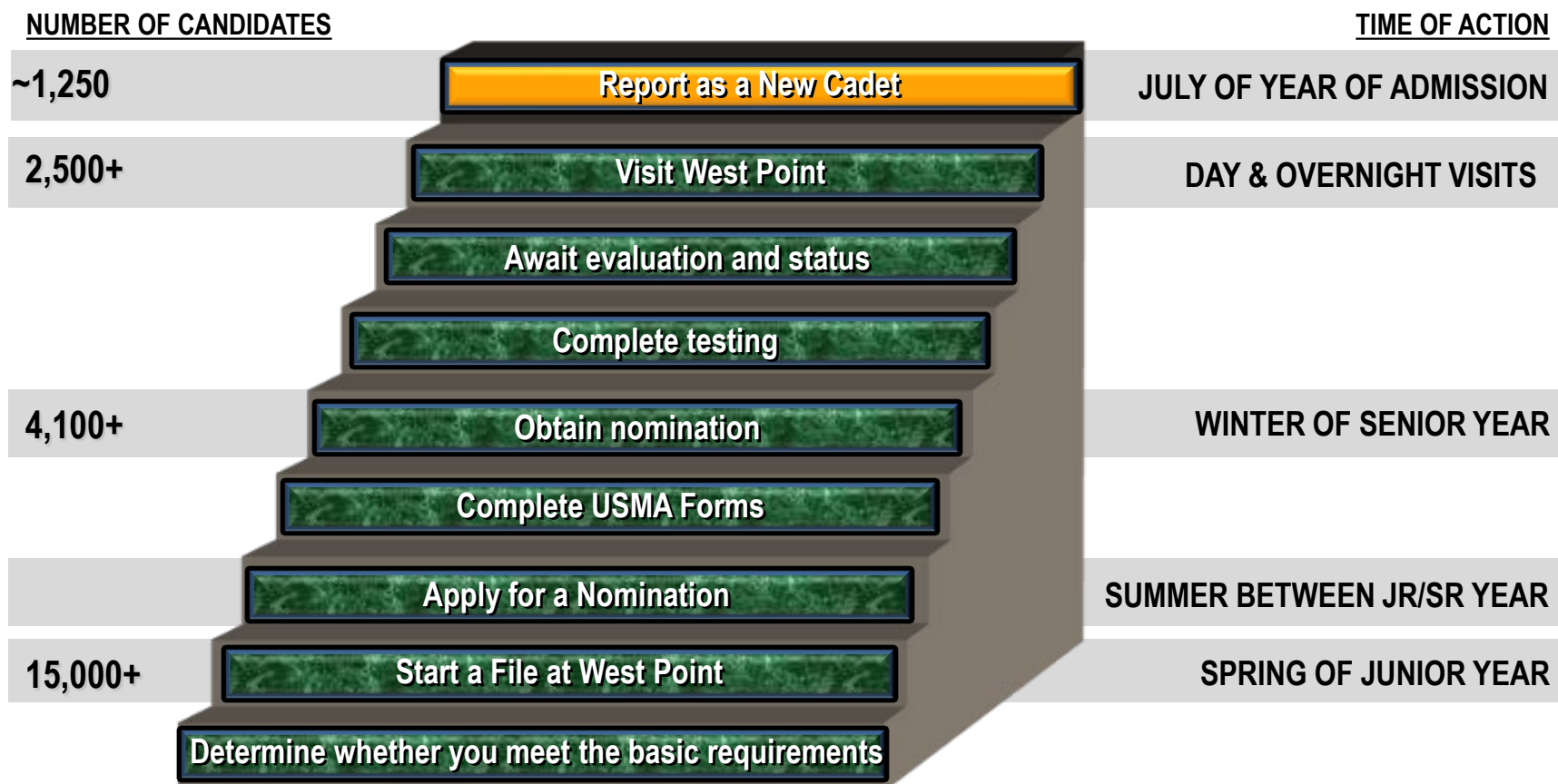
- Candidate Orientation Visits
 - Available Monday through Friday during the academic year
 - Daily Visits: for those with open applications; must have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hrs or be fully vaccinated
 - Overnight Visits: for those who are *competitive* for an offer of admission (LOA, LOE, or Offered). Must be fully vaccinated. ***No overnight visits on a Friday** Mon-Thur only*
- Visits are cadet-escorted and offer a real “inside look” at the Academy

To set up a visit sign-up online via
the candidate portal
or call 845-938-5760



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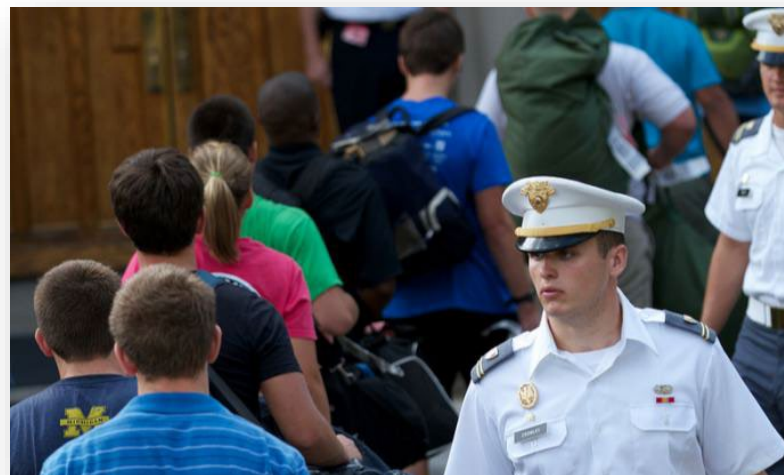
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Report as a New Cadet

- Reception Day (“R-Day”)
- Come prepared
 - Physically
 - Mentally
 - Emotionally
- We will provide you with lots of information
 - Read it!
 - Share it!





No Surprises

Explore

- www.westpoint.edu
- Facebook, Youtube, Instagram

Ask Questions

- Regional Commander
- Field Force members
- Local Area Cadets and Graduates

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- Deadlines: **JAN 31** Application / Nominations (DEC 15 for Service-Connected); **APR 15** Medical Qualification; **MAY 1** Accept / Decline Offer
- Be **proactive** and **aggressive** through process
- Communicate with local **Field Force representative**
- Candidate's **email** / **phone number** on file (not parents)
- **Emails** / **calls** from candidates (not parents)
- Apply to all available nomination sources **EARLY**
- Complete application **EARLY**
- Schedule medical exams **EARLY**
- Take SAT/ACT multiple times (**with Essay/Writing**)
- **Train** for the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Consider **ROTC** in addition to West Point
- Make the admissions decision that is right for **YOU!**