



# CYBERPATRIOT

THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION'S  
NATIONAL YOUTH CYBER EDUCATION PROGRAM

## EXTRA TRAINING – Day 5

Education Opportunities



# Learning Objectives

- College Cyber Programs
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- College Scholarships
  - Process
  - Availability
- Service Academies
  - Application Process
  - Summer Programs
- Internships
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  - USN | USA | USAF Opportunities



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## Day 5 - SECTION 1

### College Cyber Programs

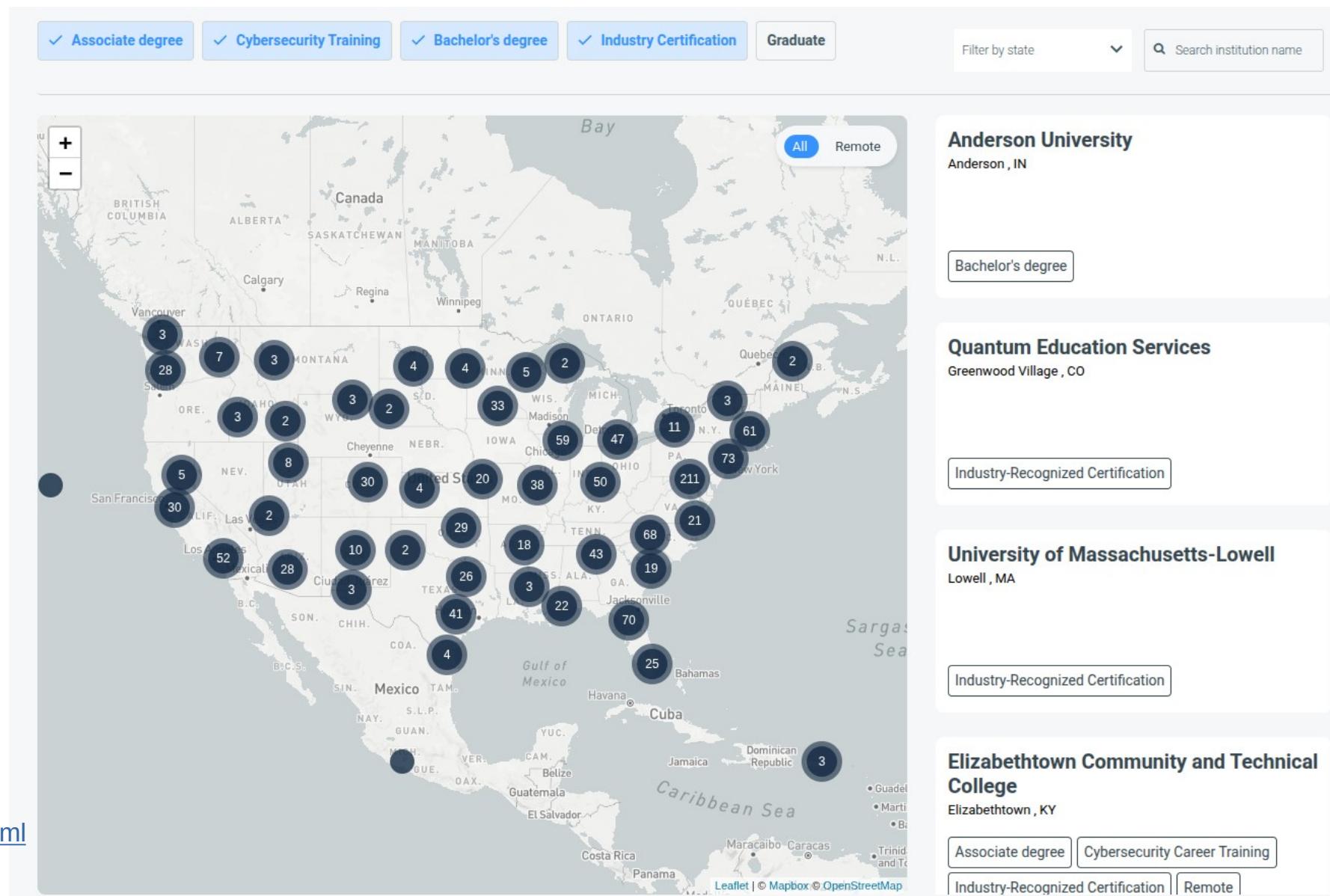


# College Training in Cybersecurity

- Cybersecurity programs are newer in many curriculums
  - Jacksonville University
  - Embry Riddle University
- In many cases, part of Computer Science degree, with a minor in Cybersecurity
  - University of Florida
  - University of Georgia
  - University of North Florida
  - Valdosta State University
- College degrees are broader and show well-rounded students
  - However, pace of change with modern technology is out-dating some programs or coursework more quickly
  - Just getting new degree programs in Cyber or AI – some better than others



# College Training in Cybersecurity



# College Training in Cybersecurity

✓ Associate degree ✓ Cybersecurity Training ✓ Bachelor's degree ✓ Industry Certification Graduate

Florida  Search institution name

All Remote

**Eastern Florida State College**  
Cocoa , FL

Associate degree Cybersecurity Career Training  
Remote

**University of Central Florida**  
Orlando , FL

Cybersecurity Career Training Remote

**Florida State University**  
Tallahassee , FL

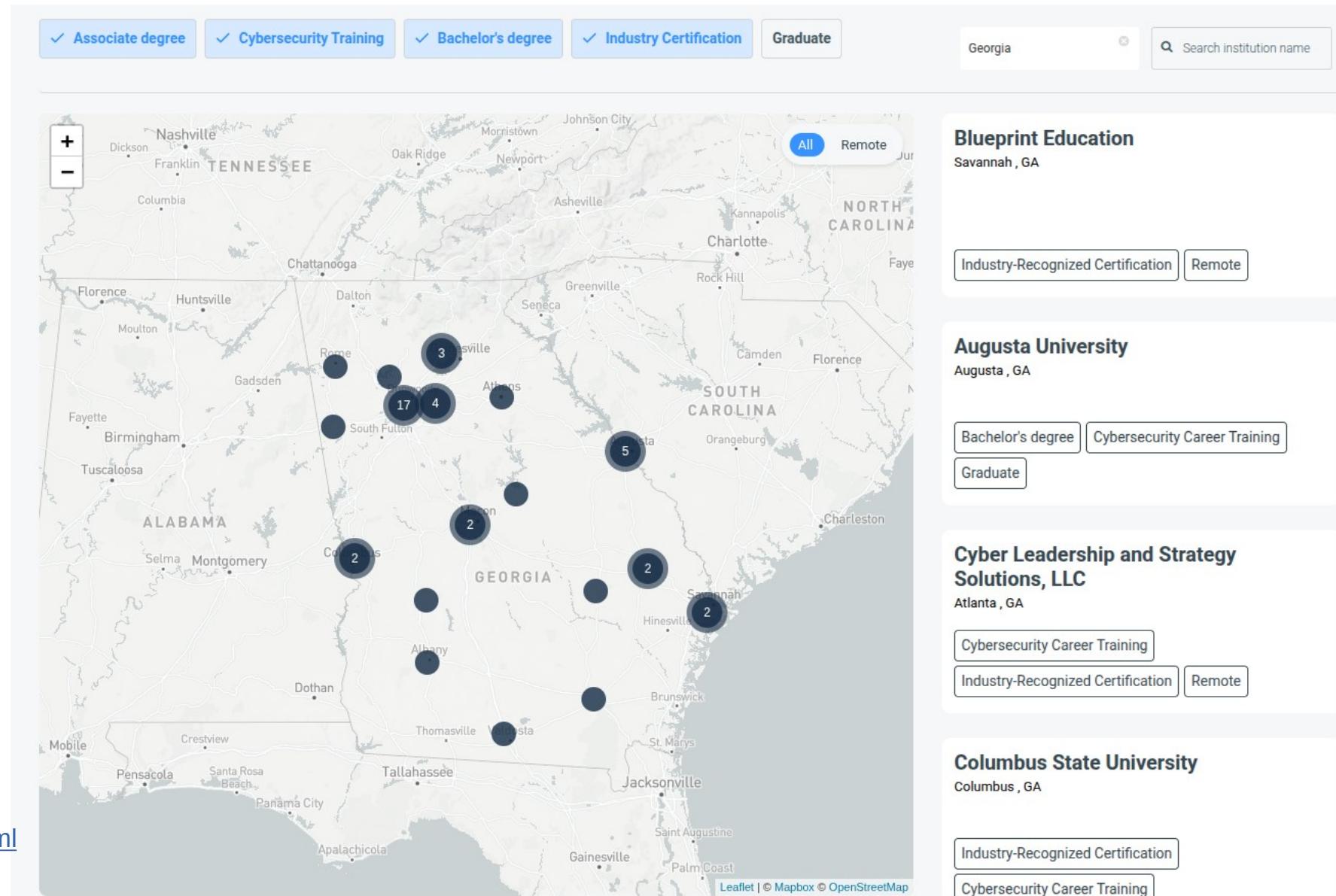
Bachelor's degree Graduate

**New Horizons Computer Learning Centers**  
Tampa , FL

Industry-Recognized Certification Remote

<https://www.cyberseek.org/training.html>

# College Training in Cybersecurity



# College Training in Cybersecurity

- Some college programs offer the certification training and exam as part of the new curriculum:
  - CompTIA
  - Cisco
  - EC-Council
  - ISACA
- Certification exams range: \$100 - 1600
- Most exam vouchers are for one exam sitting; some have retake options





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## Day 5 - SECTION 2

### College Scholarships



# Finding Available Opportunities

- Finding scholarships can be hard; requiring lots of time and energy to sort through the screening of eligibility – before applying
- Local Opportunities
  - VFW and American Legion Posts
  - Local company foundations
  - NAS JAX associations
- Scholarships may apply only to selected requirements or eligibility criteria – needed to be evaluated before applying
  - May only pay for books, uniforms ... for example
  - May only apply to certain income levels, family situations ...

# Finding Available Opportunities



- Example – **FOLDS of HONOR**
- Typical small windows of opportunity: 30-60 days to apply
- Each one is different:
  - “Unmet need”, as defined by Folds of Honor, is the portion of your tuition, fees, on-campus dormitory housing (Higher Ed), meal plans (Higher Ed) and required textbooks for the term that are not covered by other sources of awards or financial aid. When determining unmet need for Higher Education students, we do not consider loans or work-study as financial aid.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Stay updated on scholarship deadlines and reminders.

MONTH	DATE	TASK
FEBRUARY	1	Scholarship Application Window OPENS - 9:00 AM EST
MARCH	15	Have you completed / submitted your application yet?
MARCH	31	Scholarship Application Window CLOSES – 6:00 PM EST
JULY	31	Scholarship Award Offer Notifications Emailed (TBD – by end of July)
JULY	31	Scholarship Acceptance / Check-in 1 OPENS - shortly after award notifications are sent
SEPTEMBER	15	Scholarship Acceptance / Check-in 1 DEADLINE

# Finding Available Opportunities



The screenshot shows a scholarship search results page from MilitaryScholar.com. At the top right is the Fisher House logo and a small 'OPPORTUNITY' badge with an American flag. The main heading is 'SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SERVICE'. Below it, a message says 'Congrats on getting here! Pro Tip: Changing some of your attributes may yield surprising new scholarship results. Give it a try! If you have questions or feedback, please email support@search.militaryscholar.org'. A red bar displays '292 RESULTS'. The results list includes:

- Sixth Bomb Group Memorial Scholarship \$500
- USS George H.W. Bush Scholarship
- Remembering WOJO Scholarship
- Florida American Legion General Scholarship
- Airmen Memorial Foundation Scholarship Program \$1,000 - \$5,000
- COL Fred Best Jr., USA & CPO Fred Best Sr., USN Scholarship
- Simard Veterans Scholarship \$1,000
- USS Hampton Scholarship \$1,500
- Moss Adams Ignite Scholarship

<https://search.militaryscholar.org/>

# DOD SMART Scholarship

- Department of Defense specific scholarship
- Offers tuition, housing, books ... at selected universities – in exchange for commitment as DOD Civilian after graduation



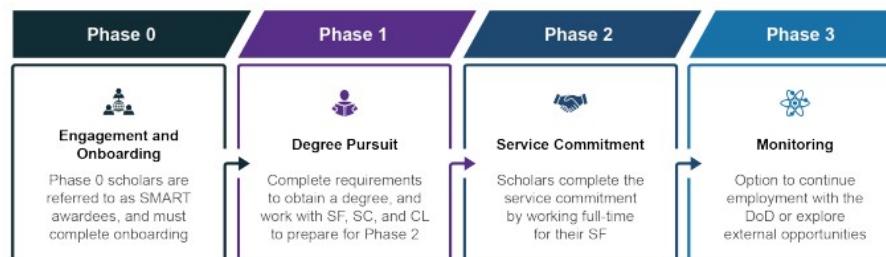
The SMART Program provides academic funding in exchange for completing a period of full-time civilian employment with the DoD. The SSA is a binding agreement between the SMART Scholarship Program and the scholar.



The scholar is required to sign the SSA in exchange for the DoD funding the scholar's academic pursuit.



This handbook applies to all scholars, and unless scholar type is specified, policies and procedures apply to all scholars.



<https://www.smartscholarship.org/scholar>

# DOD SMART Scholarship

- 150 Schools / Facilities /Programs participate
- Bachelors or Masters degrees

## SMART Scholarship Eligibility and Program Requirements

### Exploring the SMART Program and Eligible STEM Degrees

The Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-for-Service Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), is a unique education and workforce development opportunity for aspiring leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). SMART provides merit-based scholarships to bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students pursuing STEM degrees. In 2023, eligibility was expanded to include incoming college freshmen with no prior college credit, extending the opportunity to high school seniors.

SMART Scholarship recipients receive full tuition, annual stipends, mentorship, health and book allowances, and conduct summer internships at a DoD facility before embarking on a DoD civilian career after graduation. The first step to a rewarding STEM career is reviewing the eligibility requirements, starting with the SMART STEM disciplines. These disciplines are general categories – specific majors or fields of study may fall under one or more disciplines on this list. All scholarship applicants should be pursuing, or intend to pursue, a degree in one of these disciplines.

- |  |  |  |                        |
|--|--|--|------------------------|
| • Aerospace and Aeronautical Engineering | • Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences | • Information Sciences                     | • Oceanography         |
| • Biomedical Engineering                 | • Computer Science and Engineering           | • Materials Science and Engineering        | • Operations Research  |
| • Biosciences                            | • Data Science and Analytics                 | • Mathematics                              | • Physics              |
| • Chemical Engineering                   | • Electrical Engineering                     | • Mechanical Engineering                   | • Software Engineering |
| • Chemistry                              | • Geosciences                                | • Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering |                        |
| • Civil Engineering                      | • Industrial and Systems Engineering         | • Nuclear Engineering                      |                        |



Apply Beginning August 1

*Please note, non-technical degrees, including management, arts, or humanities, are not approved or funded by SMART.*

<https://www.smartscholarship.org/scholar>

# NROTC Scholarship



- The Navy ROTC scholarship is one the most valuable and generous ROTC scholarship of the Armed Services. All Navy ROTC colleges pay scholarships for four years of full tuition at any public or private university in the country which hosts or sponsors Navy ROTC.
  - Scholarships at Navy ROTC Colleges are **extremely competitive**



Scholarships from Navy ROTC colleges are very difficult scholarships to win. A candidate must have strong scholar, athlete, and leader credentials. SAT and ACT test scores are typically in the upper third. Additionally, it is difficult to win a scholarship if a candidate does not have a strong high school transcript in math and science and does not select a Navy ROTC Tier I or Tier II technical major.

# NROTC Prep Scholarship



- The Navy NPP (NROTC Preparatory Program) scholarship is designed to provide students with the opportunity to prepare for a career as a Naval Officer. **This program is particularly beneficial for students who show potential but may lack certain standardized test scores or advanced coursework.** Here are the key details about the NPP scholarship:
  - The NPP scholarship provides one year of tuition, fees, room, and board for students who are selected to participate in the program.
  - Students who successfully complete the preparatory year may be eligible for a 4-Year NROTC Scholarship, provided they meet specific academic, disciplinary, and physical requirements.
  - To be eligible for the NPP scholarship, applicants must be U.S. citizens, meet age requirements, and have the intention of commissioning as an Officer in the U.S. Navy. The program includes a Department of Defense medical exam, a physical fitness assessment, and NROTC indoctrination training.
  - **Applies only for Tier 1 or Tier 2 Majors**

# NROTC Prep Scholarship – Majors



## + Tier 1 Academic Majors

- › Aerospace Engineering
- › Chemical Engineering
- › Electrical Engineering
- › Mechanical Engineering
- › Mechanical Engineering Systems BSE
- › Nuclear Engineering

## + Tier 2 Academic Majors

- › Agricultural/Biological Engineering & Bioengineering
- › Agricultural and Environmental Technologies
- › Architectural Engineering/Architectural Engineering Technologies
- › Astrophysics Biochemistry
- › Biochemistry
- › Biological Engineering
- › Biomedical Engineering
- › Bioprocessing Sciences
- › Botany
- › Chemistry
- › Civil Engineering
- › Computer Engineering
- › Computer Science/Info. Tech.
- › Construction Engineering
- › Engineering
- › Environmental Engineering/Science
- › Engineering Science
- › Geology
- › Industrial Engineering
- › Materials Engineering
- › Marine Science
- › Mathematics
- › Meteorology
- › Microbiological Sciences and Immunology
- › Paper Science & Engineering
- › Physics
- › Physiology, Pathology & Related Sciences
- › Polymer and Color Chemistry
- › Science Education
- › Science, Technology, and Society (BS)
- › Statistics
- › Textile Technology & Engineering

# NROTC Prep Scholarship



- NPP exists as an alternative Navy ROTC scholarship path at selected NROTC Colleges
  - Competition for scholarships can leave many worthy candidates falling just short of winning a Navy ROTC scholarship out of high school. There is, however, a little-known path to gaining a scholarship: the **Navy ROTC Preparatory Program (NPP)**—which amounts to a five-year academic scholarship for those applicants selected for this program.
  - The NPP leads to a Navy Option scholarship (not a Marine Corps option scholarship).
  - Apply directly to each school program
- Interested high school students apply for an initial one-year scholarship to support room, board and tuition while enrolled in selected NROTC programs that support the NPP. The program is designed to improve midshipman candidates' academic and life skills to prepare for the NROTC academic program.

State	College/University
Alabama	Auburn University
Alabama	Tuskegee University
Arizona	Arizona State University
Arizona	University of Arizona
California	San Diego State University
California	University of San Diego
Florida	Jacksonville University
Georgia	Savannah State University
Idaho	University Of Idaho
Illinois	Illinois Institute Of Technology
Indiana	University Of Notre Dame
Louisiana	Southern University And A&M College
Maryland	University Of Maryland, Baltimore County
Maine	Maine Maritime Academy
Maine	University of Maine at Orono
New York	Fordham University
New York	State University of New York Maritime College
Ohio	Miami University
Oklahoma	University Of Oklahoma
South Carolina	Benedict College
South Carolina	Midlands Technical College
Tennessee	University of Memphis
Virginia	Old Dominion University
Virginia	Regent University
Vermont	Norwich University



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### Service Academies



# Context

- US Military Academy (USMA)
  - West Point, NY
  - As the nation's first military academy, West Point prepares young men and women to become officers in the U.S. Army. Cadets attend the academy for four years, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant.
- US Naval Academy (USNA)
  - Annapolis, MD
  - As the undergraduate college of our country's naval service, the Naval Academy prepares young men and women to become professional officers of competence, character, and compassion in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Naval Academy students are midshipmen on active duty in the U.S. Navy.
  - They attend the academy for four years, graduating with bachelor of science degrees and commissions as ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps. Naval Academy graduates serve at least five years in the Navy or Marine Corps.



# Context

- US Air Force Academy (USAFA)
  - Colorado Springs, CO
  - To educate, train and inspire men and women to become officers of character motivated to lead the U.S. Air Force and Space Force in service to our nation
- US Coast Guard Academy
  - New London, CT
  - The United States Coast Guard Academy is a top military college granting Bachelor of Science degrees in one of ten engineering or professional majors. Graduates earn a commission as an Ensign in the Coast Guard to serve their nation.
- US Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)
  - Kings Point, NY
  - We are a federal service academy that educates leaders of exemplary character who are inspired to serve the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States as licensed Merchant Marine Officers and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces.



# Application Process

- The service academy application process involves several key steps and requirements. Students from specific congressional districts can apply for nominations, which are necessary for admission to most U.S. military service academies.
- The application process typically includes submitting academic records, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.
- Additionally, candidates must complete a Candidate Fitness Assessment and undergo a medical examination, which can take up to 4 months.
- The deadline for submitting applications varies by congressional office. Interviews with a board composed of military veterans and civic leaders are also part of the process.
- It is important to note that the process is **highly competitive**, and only a fraction of nominated students ultimately receive an appointment to attend an academy.

# Nomination Process

- To receive an offer of appointment to the Naval Academy, an applicant must obtain a nomination from an official source. There are many nomination sources and applicants are encouraged to apply to all available sources. This normally includes a U.S. Representative, two U.S. Senators and the Vice President of the United States. Below are descriptions and eligibility information for each type of nomination source. You do NOT need to know the source personally in order to receive a nomination. Keep in mind that all sources have their own deadlines, so you need to check the website for each source in advance to find out when you should start the application process.

## Members of Congress

Each member of Congress can have five constituents attending the Naval Academy at any time.

[Applying for a congressional nomination](#)

## Vice President

At any one time, five students may attend the Naval Academy based on a vice presidential nomination.

[Applying for a Vice Presidential nomination](#)

Some additional sources are open to certain individuals

### Navy & Marine Corps

One hundred seventy appointments are available annually to regular and reserve Navy and Marine Corps enlisted personnel.

[Applying for an Enlisted Nomination](#)

### Reserve Officers Training Corps Units

All Navy and Marine Corps ROTC units and all Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units are eligible to nominate three candidates each.

[Applying for an ROTC Nomination](#)

### Children of Deceased/Disabled Vets, POW, MIA

Up to 65 midshipmen may be in attendance at the academy based on nominations as children of military personnel.

[Applying for a Special Nomination](#)

### Children of Medal of Honor Recipients

Candidates in this special category who are fully qualified for admission are automatically appointed.

[Applying for a Special Nomination](#)

## Presidential Nomination

An unlimited number of presidential nominations are available for children and legally adopted children of retired officer and enlisted personnel of the armed forces, active or reserve, including the Coast Guard.

[Applying for a Presidential Nomination](#)

# Nomination Process

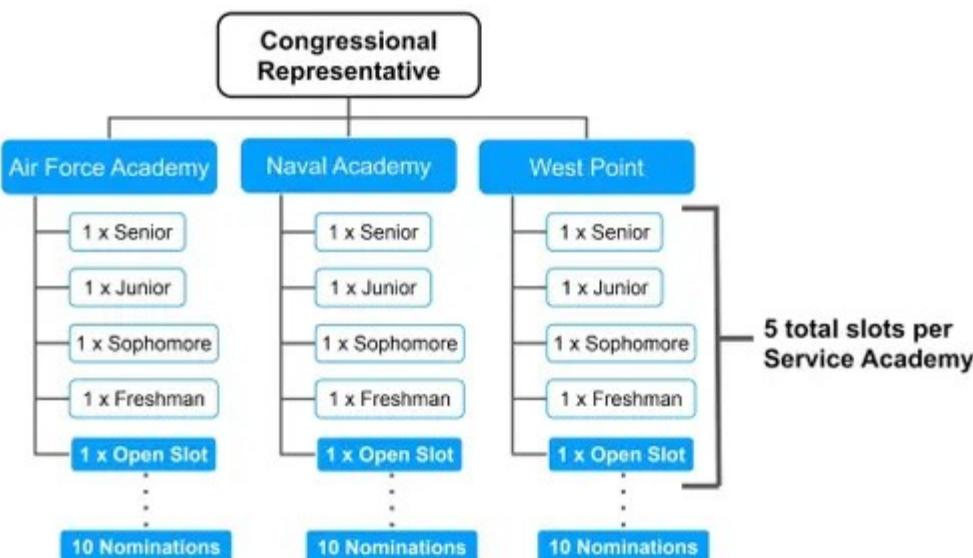
## 1 CONGRESSIONAL

Both Senators and Congressional Representative.  
Requirements and deadlines vary by office.  
See Members' website for details.

**Timeline:** Spring to Fall year prior to entry.

## 2 VICE PRESIDENT

No geographic restrictions.  
Apply online: [www.whitehouse.gov/service-academy-nominations/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/service-academy-nominations/)  
Submit additional documents through each academy.  
**Timeline:** March 1 year prior to January 31 year of entry.



## SERVICE CONNECTED NOMINATIONS FOR MILITARY ACADEMIES

### 3 CHILD OF ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, OR RETIRED SERVICE MEMBER (INCLUDING COAST GUARD)

Presidential nomination.  
Application on each DOD academy website.  
**Timeline:** July 1 year prior to January 31 year of entry.

### 4 ENLISTED SERVICE MEMBERS

May apply for Service Secretary nomination within same service.  
May require Commanding Officer endorsement.

### 5 MEMBER OF ROTC OR JROTC

May be eligible for nomination through ROTC Commanding Officer or JROTC Senior Military Instructor.

### 6 CHILD OF DISABLED VET, MIA/KIA, OR POW

Contact each DOD academy Admissions Office for requirements.  
**Timeline:** July 1 year prior to January 31 year of entry.

### 7 CHILD OF MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

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**Timeline:** July 1 year prior to January 31 year of entry.

# Nomination Process

## Applicant Timeline

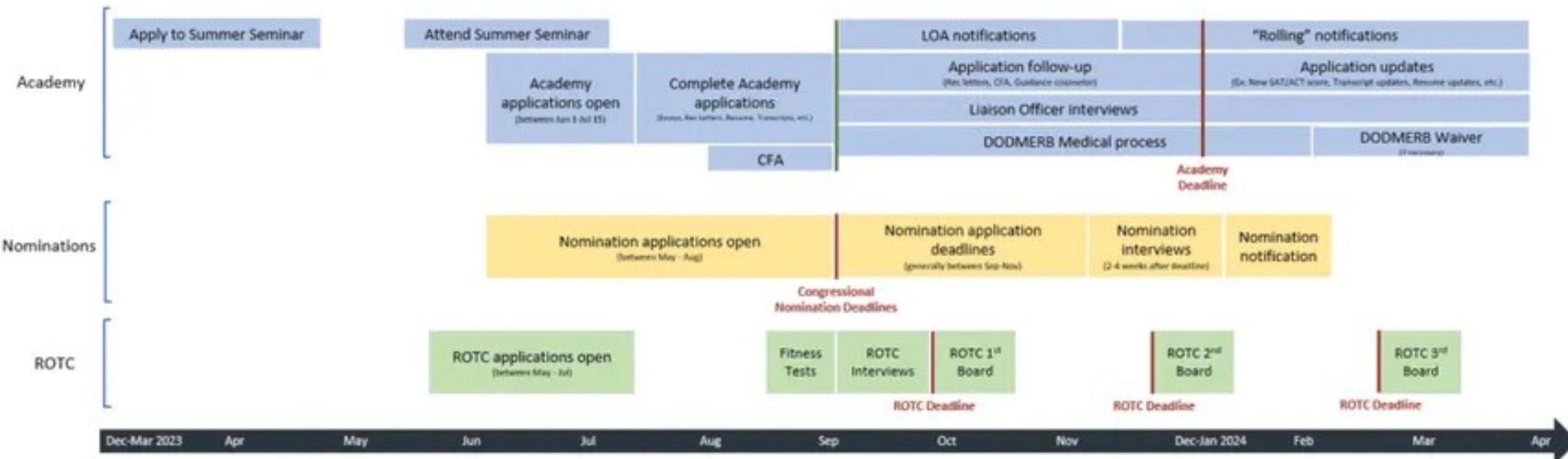
### Application Due Dates (subject to change)

- USMA: Jan 31
- USNA: Jan 31
- USCAG: Jan 15
- USMMA: Feb 1
- USAFA: see portal

Notification: typically by Apr 15



ACADEMY ENDEAVORS



\*Summer Seminar and Boys/Girls State.

\*If applicant does not apply to Summer Seminar, applicant must complete "pre-application" for the Academy, (i.e. USMA CQ, USNA Preliminary Application, USAFA PCQ).

**Disclaimer:** For illustrative purposes only.

- Intended to illustrate a typical Academy/ROTC applicant. All dates are estimates. Check your application portal and local representatives offices for exact dates.
- Illustration assumes applicant submits Academy application on 31 Aug. In general, applicants are advised to submit early due to rolling admissions at most Academies.
- USCAG: Diagram does not apply to USCAG. USCAG deadlines are usually Oct 15 (Early Action) and Jan 15 (Regular Admissions) each year, and nominations are not an admissions requirement.
- ROTC: Not recommended that Applicant submits before ROTC 1<sup>st</sup> Board if it's likely that candidacy will be drastically improved after 1<sup>st</sup> Board (i.e. late SAT score)
- Liaison Officers: In general, liaison officers usually interview candidates after they submit their application because, in some cases, an applicant might not complete their application and then their interview was in vain.
- DODMERB: The medical process usually kickstarts after candidate completes application. Sometimes applicant can start DODMERB after 80% of the application is complete.

# Nomination Process – Example – FL Senators

U.S. SENATOR RICK SCOTT &  
CONGRESSMAN JIMMY PATRONIS

## SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME

### PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE

1000 COLLEGE BLVD  
BUILDING 27, BROXSON HALL, 3RD FLOOR  
PENSACOLA, FL 32504



AUGUST 8, 2025  
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:  
[NOMINATIONS@RICKSCOTT.Senate.GOV](mailto:NOMINATIONS@RICKSCOTT.Senate.GOV)  
850-760-5151



March 10, 2025:	Application portal opens
September 26, 2025:	Deadline to submit application and required materials
Week of October 13, 2025:	Students notified of interview status via email
October 25, 2025:	In-person interviews conducted (Tampa)
November 2025 through December 31, 2025:	Nomination selections made
January 31, 2026	Deadline for Congressional nomination submissions to U.S. Service Academies



U.S. SENATE  
Senator Ashley Moody's 2025 Application for Nomination...

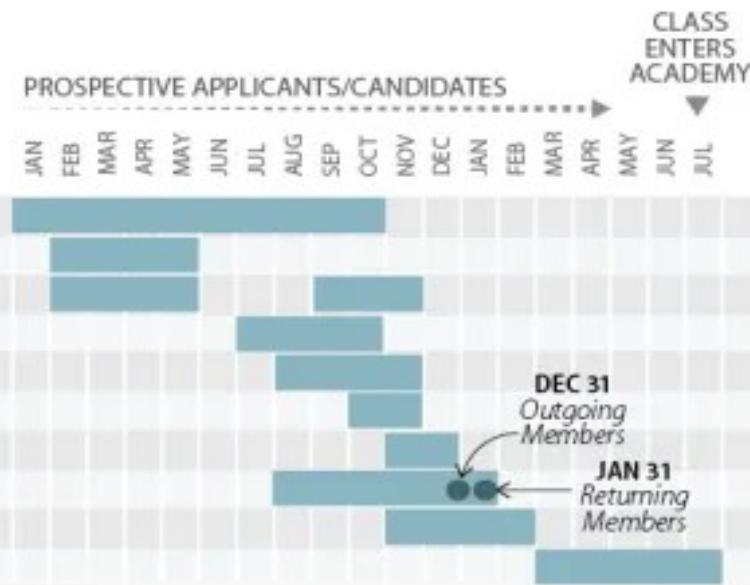
Due on 09/05/2025  
11:59 PM Eastern

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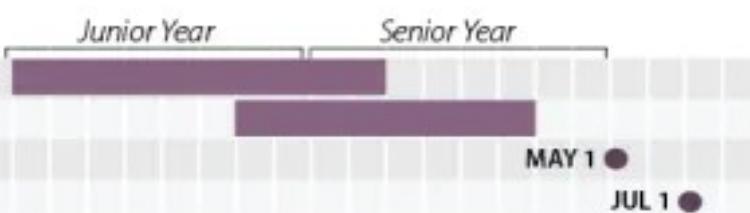
## Member Offices

- Outreach for prospective nominees
- Review policies/website for new admissions cycle
- Host Service Academy Days
- Nominate candidates seeking early appointments
- Publicize upcoming nomination deadlines
- Common deadlines for nomination applications
- Selection panel meetings/applicant interviews
- Submit nominations to service academies
- Notify/publicize nominees once determined
- Publicize appointees/those attending academies



## Applicants

- Submit pre-applications; summer programs; take SAT/ACT
- Complete all application requirements
- Accept or decline appointment
- Appointees begin academy



## Service Academies

- Begin application review; make early appointments
- Typical admissions deadlines
- Most appointments made; applicants notified
- Fill any remaining appointments



# Summer Programs – USNA

- The U.S. Naval Academy (**USNA**) offers several summer programs for high school students, including the Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS) and the Summer STEM Program. These programs provide students with an opportunity to experience life at the Naval Academy and gain exposure to academic and military training.

## **SUMMER SEMINAR**

### **Naval Academy Summer Seminar**

*For Students Entering the 12th Grade*

Summer Seminar kick-starts your Naval Academy application by giving you a taste of life at the Academy. For one week in June, you will experience first-class academic, athletic and professional training while building lifelong friendships with campers from all over the world.

## **SUMMER STEM**

### **Science Technology Engineering and Math**

*For Students Entering 9th – 11th Grade*

Summer STEM at the Naval Academy is a vibrant week of problem solving, exploratory learning, critical thinking, and team building for rising 9th-11th graders interested in a future in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

# USNA Summer Seminar

- The Naval Academy Summer Seminar is a six-day program that gives high school students a taste of what it's like to be a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy. Students live in Bancroft Hall, the Academy's iconic dormitory, and take classes in a variety of subjects, including engineering, navigation, and leadership.
  - The program runs during June, with specific dates varying each year. For 2025, there are three sessions for rising high school seniors.
  - The cost is generally around \$650 plus travel expenses, and the application deadline is March 31, 2025.

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#### 2025 Session Dates

Summer Seminar (*rising 12th graders*)

Session 1 (Saturday - Thursday): May 31 - June 5, 2025

Session 2 (Saturday - Thursday): June 7 - June 12, 2025

Session 3 (Saturday - Thursday): June 14 - June 19, 2025 (*please note this session runs during a Federal holiday*)

[More about Summer Seminar](#)

# USNA Summer STEM

- The Summer STEM Program is a one-week program that encourages rising 9th-11th graders to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Students participate in hands-on learning in world-class lab facilities with distinguished faculty and Midshipmen. The program fee is \$750 per session, which covers room, board, meals, USNA Summer STEM apparel, and a day trip to Washington, D.C. Bus transportation to and from BWI Airport and the Academy is provided.

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Summer STEM (*rising 9th-11th graders*)

**Session 1 (Monday - Saturday):** June 2 - 7, 2025

**Session 2 (Monday - Saturday):** June 9 - 14, 2025

**Session 3 (Monday - Friday):** June 16 - 20, 2025 (*please note this session runs during a Federal holiday*)



**More about Summer STEM**

# Summer Programs – USMA

- The U.S. Military Academy (**USMA**) at West Point offers the Summer Leaders Experience (SLE), a week-long program designed for high school juniors who are considering a future at West Point.
- This program provides participants with firsthand exposure to the academic, military, and social aspects of cadet life.
- The program includes a variety of activities such as academic workshops, military training, athletics, and social events. Participants also have the opportunity to meet with Army officers and learn more about the admissions process.



# Summer Programs – USMA

- The SLE is highly competitive, with **only 1,100 slots available each year.**
- The average attendee has SAT scores between 1200-1300, is in the top 20% of their class, and participates in extracurricular leadership activities. However, students are encouraged to apply even if they do not meet all these criteria.
- The SLE is a tool that helps students understand why West Point might be a good fit for them. By applying for the SLE, students are also opening an admissions file at the academy.

## What is SLE like?

SLE provides activities and experiences that challenge you mentally and physically as well as give you unprecedented insight into whether the U.S. Military Academy is a good fit for you, 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
- Cadet Fitness Test training and tips for success
- Intense team-building activities with other elite high school students
- Graduation ceremony for West Point Summer Leaders Experience
- Social events that provide insight into cadet life

[View the SLE photo album on FLICKR](#)

## How do students apply for the Summer Leaders Experience?

SLE applications are accepted from Feb. 15 through April 15 of your junior year in high school.

To apply, complete the SLE Checklist within the application.

[Start the application now!](#)

# Summer Programs – USAF

- 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 for Summer Seminar 2025 will open December 1, 2024 and **close January 15, 2025.**

## What to Expect

During Summer Seminar, you will be assigned to an “element” or group, with an upper-class cadet as your Element Leader. Your Element Leader will be with you almost 24 hours a day as your mentor and guide.

Be sure to check out our [Summer Seminar FAQ](#) to learn more.

### JUNIOR YEAR

## Start Your Application

Junior year is when your application process for the Academy truly begins. You will start by filling out the Pre-candidate Questionnaire, which becomes available online March 1.

Along with your element, you will:

- Live in cadet dormitories and eat at the cadet dining facility.
- Explore academic facilities and research labs.
- Participate in a variety of workshops, including some to assist with your application.

Between March 1 of your junior year and December 31 of your senior year, you must:

- Submit a completed Pre-candidate Questionnaire. If you are ready to begin your application, the [Pre-candidate Questionnaire](#) is available online.
- Request nominations from your state's congressional representative(s) or other designated nominator.

# Summer Programs – USAF



## Selection Process

Students are selected to participate in Summer Seminar based on a "whole-person concept" that includes demonstrated leadership experience or potential in extracurricular and community activities, athletics and academics. Historically, more than 3,200 people apply and roughly 640 are selected.

Please keep in mind the selection process to attend.

Summer Seminar is NOT in any way a prerequisite for admission to the Academy. It is also NOT a prescreening or preselection program. All students applying for Summer Seminar are encouraged to apply for appointment to the Academy, regardless of selection for Summer Seminar. If you are not selected, it should not be interpreted as a reflection of your qualifications or ability to successfully pursue an appointment.

## How to Apply

Our online Summer Seminar application is open from December 1 to January 15. To apply, click the blue "Apply Now" button at the top of the screen. This will take you to the application portal, where you'll need to select the Summer Seminar Application button to get started.

Selections for Summer Seminar are based on the qualifications of each applicant and not on a first-come, first-served basis.

Under no circumstances will late applications be accepted.

If you have questions about the program, please email

[Summer.Seminar@afacademy.af.edu](mailto:Summer.Seminar@afacademy.af.edu).

You will need the following information available to complete the application:

- Full legal name
- Mailing address/home phone/email address
- High school and junior class size
- Social Security number
- Current high school GPA of 3.0 or above
- Grades for English and math  
English (ninth grade–first semester of 11th grade) and math (algebra I and II, geometry, trigonometry, physics, chemistry)
- One or more test scores (Optional): PSAT, PreACT, ACT or SAT



# CYBERPATRIOT

THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION'S  
NATIONAL YOUTH CYBER EDUCATION PROGRAM

## Day 5 - SECTION 4

### Internships and Other Opportunities



# Department of Defense Opportunities

- Exist across all levels
  - High School Students
  - College Students
  - Educators

## Participate in STEM



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[View All STEM Opportunities +](#)

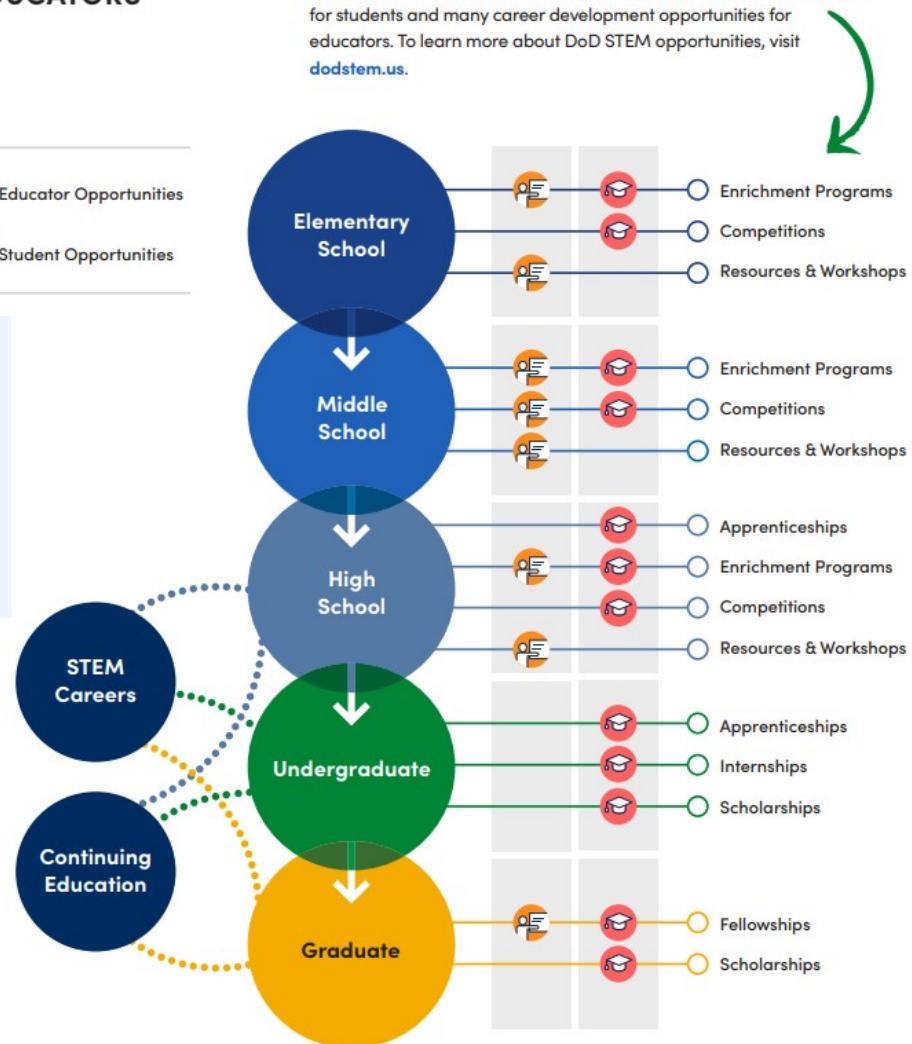
## STEM OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS & EDUCATORS



Educator Opportunities



Student Opportunities



<https://dodstem.us/>

# Department of Defense Opportunities



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<https://dodstem.us/participate/opportunities/?state=FL>

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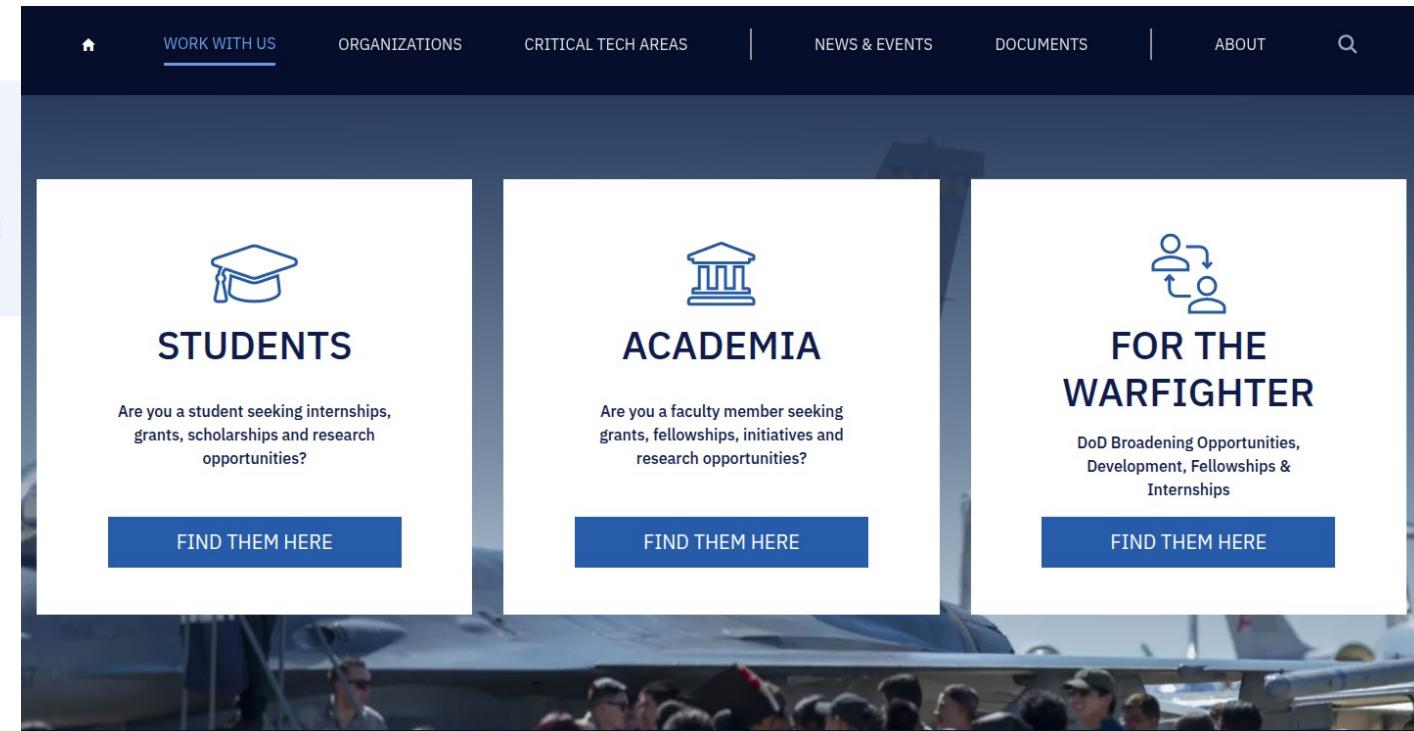
### DoD Cyber Security Viceroy Maven Summer Internship

The DoD Cyber Security Viceroy Maven Summer Internship is a faculty-led, multi-institution research program that targets key cyber and electromagnetic spectrum operations (EMSO) challenges crucial to the Department of Defense. It provides scholarships and stipends to students, sponsors research projects of DoD interest, and hosts seminars, workshops, and competitions. The program's results and lessons learned are shared annually at the VICEROY Symposium, making it a vital opportunity for those dedicated to strengthening cybersecurity and EMSO capabilities.

 Fall

 Nationwide

- INTERNSHIP OR APPRENTICESHIP
- GRADES 9-12
- UNDERGRADUATE
- GRADUATE



The screenshot shows a dark-themed website header with navigation links: WORK WITH US (underlined), ORGANIZATIONS, CRITICAL TECH AREAS, NEWS & EVENTS, DOCUMENTS, ABOUT, and a search icon. Below the header are three main sections: 'STUDENTS' (with a graduation cap icon), 'ACADEMIA' (with a classical building icon), and 'FOR THE WARFIGHTER' (with a soldier icon). Each section has a brief description and a 'FIND THEM HERE' button. The background of the page features a blurred image of military aircraft and personnel.

-  STUDENTS
- Are you a student seeking internships, grants, scholarships and research opportunities?
- [FIND THEM HERE](#)

-  ACADEMIA
- Are you a faculty member seeking grants, fellowships, initiatives and research opportunities?
- [FIND THEM HERE](#)

-  FOR THE WARFIGHTER
- DoD Broadening Opportunities, Development, Fellowships & Internships
- [FIND THEM HERE](#)

<https://dodstem.us/participate/opportunities/?state=GA>

<https://www.ctoinnovation.mil/students-and-academia>

# US NAVY SEAP

- US NAVY Science Engineering Apprenticeship Program (**SEAP**)
  - Engineering based internships
  - To apply for SEAP, you must currently be enrolled in high school (you may be taking college level courses for college credit) and have completed grade 9 by the time of application (some labs make exceptions to the age minimum; students who have yet to complete 9th grade should consult the Labs page for eligibility requirements for each lab). You must be able to produce transcripts to validate your enrollment.



# US NAVY SEAP

- Example program offering at NAS Jacksonville
  - *Avionics Engineering*
  - *Aircraft Support Equipment & Aircraft Launch/Recovery Equipment*
  - *ATE/TPS/SE Acquisition*
  - *ATE/TPS/SE Design*
  - *ATE/TPS/SE Fleet Support*
  - *Materials Certification*

FRCSE NAVAL AIR SYSTEMS COMMAND FLEET READINESS CENTER SOUTHEAST

<b>LOCATION:</b> Jacksonville, Florida	<b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="https://www.navair.navy.mil/organization/FRCSE">https://www.navair.navy.mil/organization/FRCSE</a>	<b>CONTACTS:</b> Kami Carter - <a href="mailto:kami.e.carter.civ@us.navy.mil">kami.e.carter.civ@us.navy.mil</a> Bradford Youngers - <a href="mailto:bradford.j.youngers.civ@us.navy.mil">bradford.j.youngers.civ@us.navy.mil</a>
<b>WORK SCHEDULE TYPE:</b> On-site (The internship will be performed entirely at the lab.)		
<b>STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:</b> Interns must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Students must also have a driver's license.		
<b>MISSION</b> To produce quality airframes, engines, components and support equipment, and provide service that meet the Naval Aviation Enterprise's aircraft ready-for-tasking goals with improved effectiveness and efficiency.		
<b>ABOUT THE LAB</b> As part of the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast (FRCSE), the Jacksonville Materials Engineering Laboratory is actively involved in the technologies and processes utilized to perform maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) on multiple types of Navy aircraft, including fighter and attack planes, patrol, anti-submarine, reconnaissance, transport, trainer, and rotary wing. The Materials Engineering Division occupies a modern 16,500 ft <sup>2</sup> laboratory equipped with sophisticated analytical equipment used to solve aircraft-related materials problems, develop intricate process procedures, perform research, testing, and evaluation activities, and continually improve the processes in use within FRCSE. Services range from basic materials identification to complex material failure root cause determination. The staff consists of approximately 40 materials engineers, chemical engineers, chemists, technicians, and administrative personnel.		
<b>WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THIS LAB?</b> The staff remains current with the latest scientific and technical advances through interactions with other Department of Defense (DoD) activities, industry, and academia. The division's experts actively participate in many research and technology insertion projects, working with programs such as the Office of Naval Research (ONR), Navy Environmental Sustainability Development to Integration (NESDI) program, Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR), and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program (ESTCP). Scientists perform a variety of materials engineering research projects.		
<b>ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP</b> We are seeking motivated high school students with an interest in expanding their knowledge and developing their hands-on experience in engineering, computer science, electronics, finance, logistics, and contracts management. The Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) offers you a challenging and exciting career in the federal government with a variety of opportunities to achieve your career goals. Demonstrating and validating new technologies to improve material performance is a key area of research interest at FRCSE. Students will uniquely benefit from not only research in the laboratory, but the hands-on experience gained with exposure to the industrial operations of aircraft maintenance and repair.		
<b>WHAT WILL I DO ANY GIVEN DAY AS AN INTERN AT THIS LAB?</b> Interns participate in lab functions in a number of ways including (but not limited to) assisting mentors with guided research projects; job and project shadowing with professional researchers;		

# US NAVY SEAP

- 8 week summer internship
- Must be 16+ - will depend on the program
- Stipend driven

## STUDENT QUAD CHARTS



DO YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

We would be happy to hear from you and are here to answer all of your questions. Get In Touch [seap@saxmanone.com](mailto:seap@saxmanone.com) or call (571) 292-5826

Applications open August 1st - November 1st.

# US ARMY AEOP

- US Army Education Outreach Program (**AEOP**)
- The Army Educational Outreach Program (AEOP) is one part of the Army's investment in our nation's future STEM professionals, and with a mission to provide an accessible pathway of STEM opportunities to attract, develop, and mentor the next generation of talent.

**Internship - High School**  
**High School Intern**

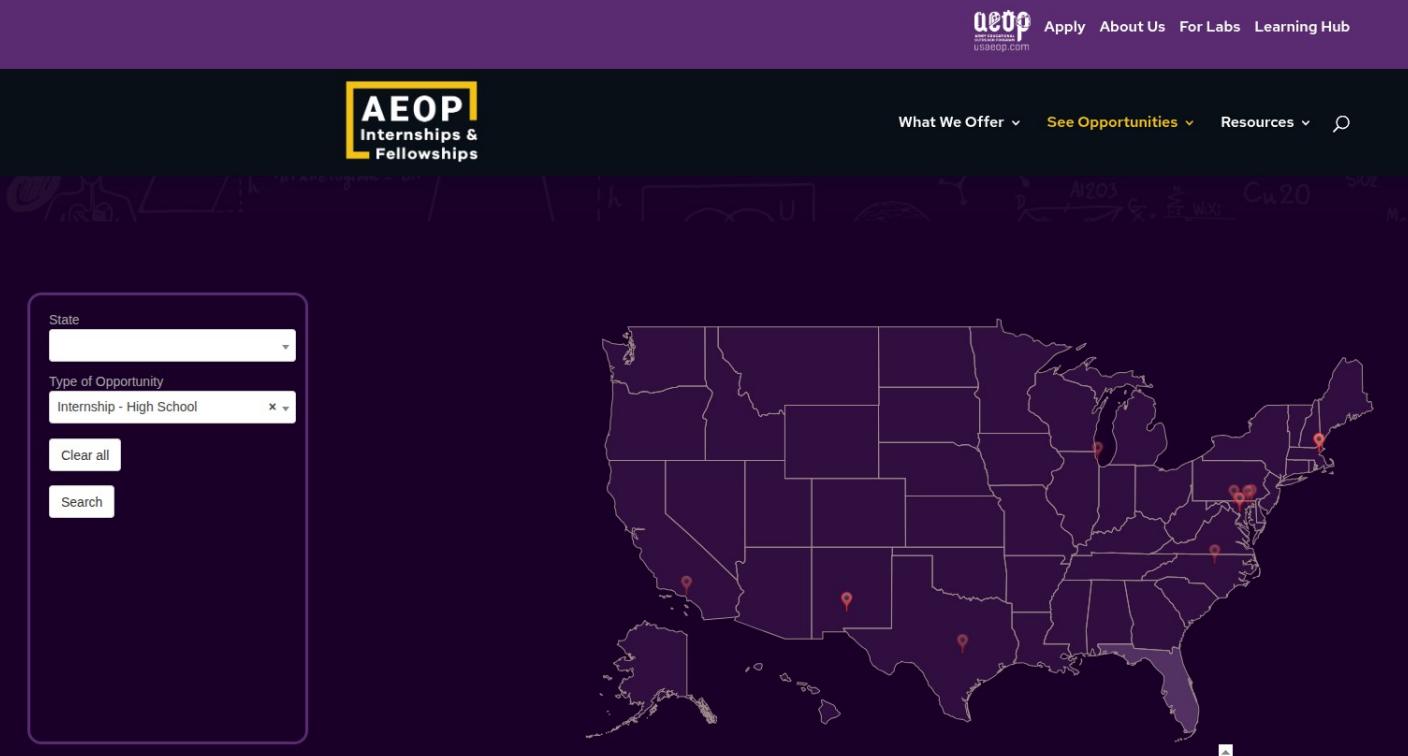
DECOM Army Research Laboratory - ARL Northeast  
Boston, Massachusetts

The U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Army Research Laboratory, known as DEVCOM ARL, is the Army's research laboratory. Nested strategically within DEVCOM and the Army Futures Command, ARL's mission is to Operationalize Science. A hallmark of ARL's mission is collaborative partnerships to broaden Army access to expert talent and accelerate transitions of science-enabled capabilities. This site operates on a rolling application basis. Due to the high volume of applications, not all candidates may receive an immediate response. However, all applications will remain under consideration for future opportunities as they become available. Applicants must be 16 to apply.

[READ MORE](#) [APPLY NOW](#)

**AEOP** Apply About Us For Labs Learning Hub  
usaeadop.com

What We Offer See Opportunities Resources



# US ARMY AEOP - UNITE

- US Army Education Outreach Program (AEOP) - UNITE
- Unite is a four-to-six week, pre-collegiate summer experience for talented high school students in STEM. Held at higher education institutions across the country, Unite encourages students to pursue college majors and careers in engineering and other STEM-related fields through a program of focused hands-on rigorous academics, enrichment and career exploration.

The screenshot shows the Unite program website. At the top left is the 'UNITE' logo. Below it is a purple bar with the text 'Interested in This Program?' and a yellow 'GET IN TOUCH' button. To the right is a photo of a student in a lab coat. Below the photo, the text reads: 'Unite is a nationwide summer program for talented high school students in STEM.' A horizontal line separates this from a purple banner titled 'Important Dates' with a background of science-related icons. The banner lists key dates: 'February 2025' (Student applications open), 'May 18, 2025' (All student applications closed), 'March – May 2025' (Selected students notified by Unite site directors [varies by site]), and 'June – August 2025' (Students participate in Unite program [varies by site]).

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GET IN TOUCH

FOR GRADES

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\*Registration is closed for all 2025 Unite programs\*

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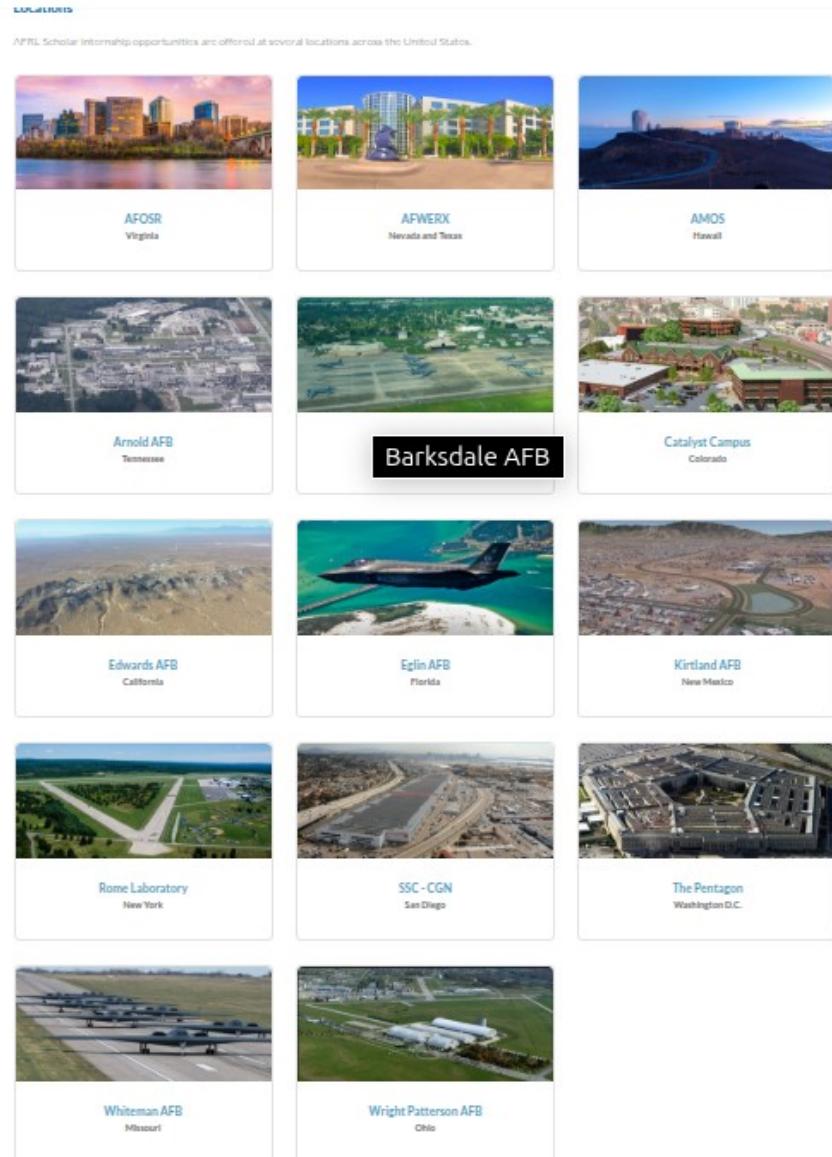
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# USAF Research Lab Projects

- USAF Research Lab Scholars Program
  - The Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Scholars Program offers stipend-paid internship opportunities for undergraduate and graduate-level university students pursuing STEM degrees, as well as upper-level high school students; select locations also offer internships to university students pursuing education-related degrees and K–12 professional educators. The selected interns gain valuable hands-on experiences working with full-time AFRL scientists and engineers on cutting-edge research and technology and are able to contribute to unique, research-based projects. Graduate interns are able to collaborate with AFRL on current research and incorporate the research into their graduate work.

<https://afrlscholars.usra.edu/scholarsprogram/locations/>



- **National Student Leadership Conference**
- The National Student Leadership Conference provides an immersive **pre-college** experience that prepares students for life beyond middle and high school, allowing them to study in university classrooms, learn to navigate a campus, and experience living with roommates. Students are able to explore a career concentration they are interested in before going to college and declaring a major. Each NSLC program also contains a leadership curriculum designed to teach skills that can apply to all areas of life.
- **Must be nominated to be considered**



# Document Repository



[https://github.com/Tech-Vet-Warrior/BK\\_Cyber](https://github.com/Tech-Vet-Warrior/BK_Cyber)