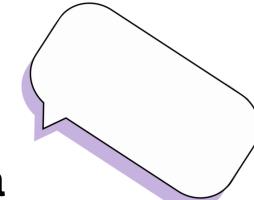


How to Join the Military After High School





Talk to a Recruiter

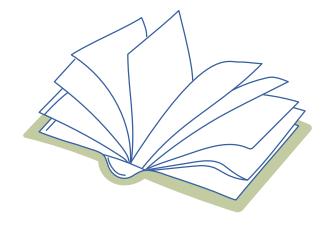
A recruiter can explain what each branch is really like and answer your questions.

Ask about training, benefits, and career options.

Remember — talking to a recruiter doesn't mean you've committed. It's a chance to explore.



Learn Your Options



The U.S. Military has six branches: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, and Coast Guard. Each branch offers different jobs, benefits, and lifestyles. Think about what you want most — travel, education, or specialized skills — and match that to a branch.





Take the ASVAB

The Armed Services
Vocational Aptitude Battery
(ASVAB) is a test that shows
what military jobs you
qualify for. It covers
reading, math, and problemsolving. Your score helps
place you in the best role
for your skills.





Get a Health Check

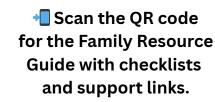
Before joining, you'll take a medical and fitness exam.
This makes sure you are healthy and ready for the challenges of training and service. Staying active and taking care of yourself now will help you prepare.



Go to Basic Training

All recruits begin with basic training — building discipline, teamwork, and core skills. After graduation, you'll start your chosen military job and career.









Pick Your Job + Sign Your Contract

Based on your ASVAB score and interests, you can choose from hundreds of military jobs — from IT to mechanics to healthcare. When you're ready, you'll sign a contract. This is your official agreement, so ask questions and understand the details first.

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