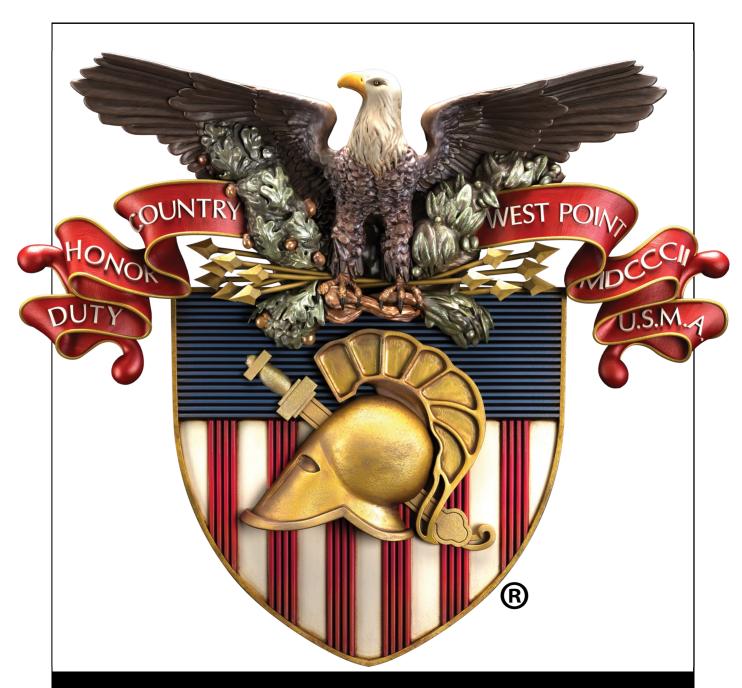
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CLASS OF 2026
INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS
OFFERED ADMISSIONS



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REQUIRED ITEM SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Reception Day (R-Day) will be held on June 27, 2022. Your exact reporting time will be provided no later than June 15, 2022. You may begin scheduling travel but should wait on the lodging code to reserve the DoubleTree Newark Airport (page 13).

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- The primary email on file should be YOUR personal email address (not a school or parent email)
- R-Day notifications will come from donotreply@westpoint.edu
 (please ensure emails sent from these addresses are delivered to your inbox)

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How to Submit Required Information

Congratulations on your appointment to West Point! Candidates who accept the Offer of Appointment must submit all required information as instructed within this booklet no later than the suspense date listed. Be sure to check your candidate portal frequently as status updates are continually made. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact your Admissions Officer.

Once you have received an Offer of Admission you will need to login to your <u>Candidate Portal</u> and either Accept or Decline.



After accepting the Offer of Admission, an Admit Kit will appear. Similar to your candidate kit, the admit kit will indicate if your items have been received. All admit kit items must be received prior to R-Day. Your admit kit view may initially differ than the image below.



When in doubt on what and how to submit items, reference the Required Document Submission Checklist on page 1 of this booklet.

COVID VACCINATION

All candidates seeking to gain admission as a Cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to signing the USMA Form 5-50 (Oath of Office) unless they have an approved pre-accession medical or administrative exemption (to include religious accommodation). You are considered fully vaccinated 14 days after completion of the final dose of the respective vaccine. You may find additional information on the Department of the Army requirement here.

(COVID Vaccination Survey)

You <u>must complete the COVID vaccination</u> <u>series no later than June 13, 2022</u> to ensure you are fully vaccinated prior to R-Day. Input the vaccine type and date of the final dose under Vaccination Information no later than **June 14, 2022.**

BIRTH CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

A New Cadet must be at least 17 years old but not yet 23 years old as of July 1, 2022. Age at the time of reporting to is a statutory requirement that cannot be waived. You must provide a copy of your birth certificate using the Candidate
Portal Upload Docs tab by May 15, 2022.

If your birth record contains any errors, you should apply for a corrected copy before submitting the document. Any record containing an error must be accompanied by a sworn (notarized) statement from your parent/guardian stating their relationship to you and the nature of the error on the document being submitted.

SOCIAL SECURITY CARD

To verify your employability, you will need to upload a <u>signed</u> copy of your Social Security Card using the <u>Candidate Portal</u> Upload Docs tab by **May 15, 2022**. Your document must be legible or it will be rejected.

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PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP

(Certificate of Naturalization)

Proof of citizenship is required for New Cadets. If you are not a native U.S. citizen, you must furnish a certified or notarized copy of a Certificate of Naturalization.

Provide the same naturalization information for any parent who is not a native U.S. citizen.

If you possess dual-citizenship, you need to inform the West Point Installation Security Office, and await further instructions. They may be reached at (845) 938-2717.

International Candidates attending West Point as non-U.S. citizens who are attending as guests from their own nation's military academy are not required to denounce their citizenship.

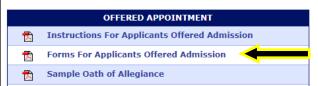
(U.S. Citizens Born Abroad—DS Form 240)

If you were born to American parents outside the United States, you must submit a Department of State Form 240, Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America. More information about DS Form 240 can be found by visiting the <u>U.S. Department of State website</u>.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

(Certificate of Authorization, Form 6-154)

Certificate of Authorization, USMA Form 6-154, is included in the Forms for Applicants Offered Admission.



The Certificate of Authorization must be signed and emailed to caso.coa@westpoint.edu Upload Docs tab by June 1, 2022. This information is required to open your Cadet Trust Fund, where, each month, a portion of your Cadet pay will be automatically deposited. This is not a personal checking account. The Cadet Trust Fund is used to cover Academy related expenses, e.g., uniforms, equipment, textbooks, computer, various needs and miscellaneous expenses a

Cadet will incur while attending West Point.

(Fast Start Direct Deposit, FMS 2231)

You must complete and sign the Fast Start Direct Deposit FMS 2231, which is included in the Forms for Applicants Offered Admission. This form will provide your authorization for the U.S. Army Military Pay Office to deposit your pay into your personal checking or savings account and distribute your pay as you specify. You must be the primary account holder.

Non-U.S. Citizen International Candidates

You do not complete financial forms before arrival. You will receive a U.S. Social Security Number after your arrival to West Point, after which you will need to complete the application for your Cadet pay accounts.

U.S. Army Soldiers and USMAPS Cadet Candidates

All U.S. Army Soldiers and USMAPS Cadet Candidates must still complete and submit the FMS 2231 in order to be paid on the Cadet pay system.

<u>Instructions for Completing the FMS 2231</u> Complete the following:

- Block 1. Employee Information Fill in Social Security Number, Employee name, Telephone number
- Block 2. Type of Account X in checking or savings (your decision)
- Block 3. Direct Deposit Information Fill in routing number, account number, account holder's name, name of financial institution
- Block 4. No action required
- Block 5. Authorization You will put your signature

This document will be hand-carried on R-Day.

(Cadet Finance Coversheet, W4, DD Form 2058)

The Cadet Finance Coversheet, W4, and DD Form 2058 are included in the Forms for Applicants Offered Admission. The documents will be hand-carried on R-Day.

<u>Instructions for Completing the Coversheet</u> Complete the following:

- Fill in the following information Name, home address, Social Security Number, date of birth
- Check one box only to indicate your incoming status (US Civilian is all coming directly from civilian life with no prior service)
- Write the first letter of your last name

<u>Instructions for Completing the W4 Tax Form</u> Complete the following:

- Step 1(a). Fill in first name and middle initial, last name
- Step 1(b). Fill in Social Security Number, address, city or town, state, and zip code
- Step 1(c). Check single
- Step 5. Sign on line that says employee signature and add the date

<u>Instructions for Completing the DD Form 2058</u> Complete the following:

- Name. Last name, first name, middle initial
- Social Security Number. Write your 9-digit SSN number
- Legal Residence/Domicile. Write the complete name of your city/town and state you reside in (do not abbreviate the state).

PARENTS' CONSENT FORM (FORM 5-519)

The Parents' Statement of Consent (USMA Form 5-519) is included in the Forms for Applicants Offered Admission. This form is required if you are not 18 years old prior to reporting to West Point on R-Day. This form must be completed, signed, and uploaded using your <u>Candidate Portal</u> Uploads tab by **May 15, 2022.**

POLICE RECORD CHECK (FORM 5-521)

The Police Record Check (USMA Form 5-521) is included in the Forms for Applicants Offered Admission. It is required from all applicants except for International Candidates who are non-U.S. citizens.

If you have been charged, convicted, or had charges disposed of for anything more severe than traffic violations, you must provide copies of

the court records for each incident. These records are required regardless of the plea or verdict and should not be discharged, even if the records were expunged or sealed. Also, if applicable, gather all records from juvenile court jurisdictions to verify if you have ever been judged a juvenile offender.

Be aware that some law enforcement offices may charge a processing fee, of which you are responsible for paying. If your local law enforcement office has policies precluding the release of violation information, you must have a statement of that policy in lieu of the record check.

An individually completed Police Record Check is required from every jurisdiction into which you may fall, to include your city or town police department, county sheriff or constable's office, and any other that applies to where you live, work, and attend school.

Once all Police Record Check forms are completed, combine (if necessary) and upload the documents using your <u>Candidate Portal</u> Upload Docs tab. Police Records Checks must be received by **June 1, 2022**.

PERSONAL DATA

(Personal Information)

You must complete your personal information through your <u>Candidate Portal</u> under the Admit Kit. This must be complete by **May 15, 2022**.



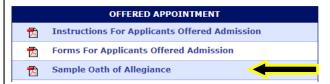
(Emergency Contact Information)

You must complete your Emergency Contact Information through your <u>Candidate Portal</u> under the Admit Kit. This must be complete by **May 15**, **2022**.



OATH OF ALLEGIANCE (Form 5-50)

An important consideration for you is the oath you must swear or affirm on your first day at West Point. A copy of the USMA Form 5-50 is available in your Candidate Portal.



The USMA Form 5-50 consists of the Oath of Allegiance, the Agreement to Serve, and an affirmation that you are neither married nor legally obligated for the care of children.

Be sure to read USMA Form 5-50 carefully, discuss it with your parent(s)/guardian(s), and weigh the magnitude of the commitment to which you will be obligating.

DO NOT SIGN the Form 5-50. It is for review and information only. You will sign this form on R-Day as part of your inprocessing.

SECRET CLEARANCE

The e-QIP process is an online system and it includes entering your personal information to include residence, employment, education, relatives, and other aspects of your life back to your 16th birthday, plus submission of fingerprints.

IMPORTANT: Completion of e-QIP is mandatory for issuance of government identification and access to the government computer network. This requirement must be completed by June 1, 2022.

Once you have accepted your offer, you will be emailed directions to upload your birth certificate or citizenship documentation and how to get your fingerprints completed.

You will be mailed a fingerprint card with a return envelope from the West Point Installation Security Office (NOT the Directorate of Admissions) soon after the email instructions. Please get fingerprinted immediately, using the fingerprint card, at your local police department,

military recruiter, or nearest military installation. Once complete, return the completed and signed card to the West Point Installation Security Office using the BROWN return envelope included in the mailing packet. Please ensure the card is mailed to:

West Point Installation Security Office IMML-PL (C. Drouin) 621 Wilson Road West Point, NY 10996

If you have been fingerprinted electronically with a DoD resource (military recruiter, military installation, etc.) versus being inked, please notify the Security Office at (845) 938-2717. Electronic fingerprints are only good for 120 days so plan to be reprinted if not fairly recent.

You will be notified via email to start the web-based online process of e-QIP once your fingerprint card has been processed after receipt and your birth certificate/citizenship documentation has been uploaded. International candidates, who are non-US citizens, are not required to complete the request for a secret clearance. However, upon arrival on R-Day, International candidates will be fingerprinted and submit an initial background check through the West Point Installation Security Office.

For further assistance during this process or if you have questions, please contact the West Point Installation Security Office at (845) 938-2717.

Once the birth certificate/citizenship document and fingerprints have been received by the Installation Security Office, the Candidate Portal is updated to green and you will be initiated to start e-QIP and be notified via email to access the web-based system. You will not have access to e-QIP until fingerprints and birth certificate/citizenship documents have been received and the Installation Security Office has initiated the process.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

The Emergency Notification Documents consist of the Record of Emergency Data (DD Form 93) and the Servicemember's Group Life Election (SGLV 8286). These documents are completed through your <u>Candidate Portal</u> as part of your Admit Kit items.



Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance completed

For help: USCC S1- PLEASE BRING SIGNED COPY OF THIS ON
RDAY. FOR QUESTIONS CALL: at (845)938-8688/3505 or email



Form DD93: Record of Emergency Data completed

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RDAY, FOR QUESTIONS CALL: at (845)938-8688/3505 or email

These documents are essential during the notification process should something happen to you while at West Point. You will be required to update these documents when there is a change in any item or annually, whichever comes first.

Do's:

- 1. Read the following instructions before completing both forms. These instructions are also accessible by clicking the "Instructions tab" at the top of each form in the <u>Candidate Portal</u>.
- 2. It is highly recommended you discuss this information with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and/or beneficiaries.
- 3. All New Cadets must complete these forms before coming to West Point to include Prior Service, USMAPS, National Guard, Reservist, and Sister Service members.
- 4. For hard to find addresses (e.g. not easily found physical addresses using GPS), put specific and detailed instructions in Block 14.
- 5. Contact the USCC S1 staff if you have questions at 845) 938-3505.
- 6. You MUST hand-carry the completed but unsigned DD93 and SGLV forms with you on R-Day.

Don'ts:

- 1. List individuals under the age of 18 as beneficiaries.
- 2. List APO or P.O. Box addresses.
- 3. Sign the DD93 and/or SGLV until told to do so on R-Day.
- 4. Print documents without validating and converting to PDF format (no CTRL "P" printing).

Record of Emergency Data (DD Form 93)

The Record of Emergency Data Form (DD93) is used to designate an emergency contact and beneficiaries should you become injured, missing, captured, or deceased.

DD Form 93 Instructions

- 1. Check Block 1, Name, spelling.
- 2. Check Block 2, SSN, accuracy.
- 3. Skip blocks 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b.
- 4. Skip blocks 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d (children).
- 5. Complete block 6a: Enter your father's last name, first name, and middle initial. Check the unknown box if unknown. If deceased, check the deceased box. Stepfathers can be added to this block.
- 6. Complete block 6b: Enter your father's current address. Check the unknown box if unknown (do not put a P.O. Box).
- 7. Complete block 7a: Enter your mother's last name, first name, and middle initial. Check the unknown box if unknown. If deceased, check the deceased box. Stepmothers can be added to this block.
- 8. Complete block 7b: Enter your mother's current address. Check the unknown box if unknown (do not put a P.O. Box).
- Complete block 8a: If one or both of your parents are ill and would suffer injury or death as a result of being notified of your death, check the appropriate box or list his/ her name.
- 10. Complete block 8b: If you identified a parent (s) in 8a, enter the name of the person to be notified instead of 8b including name, address, and phone number. This can be the family pastor, priest, or another relative.
- 11. Recommend skipping blocks 9a, 9b, and 10 (read instructions for more information).
- 12. Complete block 11a: Beneficiaries for death gratuity (separate from SGLV). Must be 18 or older. Note: Death gratuity is no cost to you, but provides a critical financial resource to survivors of service members.
- 13. Complete blocks 11b and 11c: Relationship, full addresses, and phone numbers.
- 14. Complete block 11d: Must be in 10% increments and total 100% or left blank.
- 15. Complete blocks 12a and 12b: Beneficiary for

- any unpaid monthly allowances with full address and phone number. Must be of 18.
- 16. Complete blocks 13a and 13b: Person you want to handle your funeral arrangements (blood relative, at least 18 years of age), with full address and phone number.
- 17. Block 14 remarks are optional.
- 18. Click Validate Form Data and Save My Changes.
- 19. Click Generate Completed Form in PDF Format and print to bring on R-Day.

Servicemember's Group Life Insurance Election (SGLV 8286)

All New Cadets, including foreign Cadets, are automatically enrolled to receive the maximum coverage of \$400,000 life insurance. The monthly premium is \$25.00 and will be deducted from your Cadet pay, not your stipend pay.

SGLV 8286 Instructions

- 1. Complete section 1
 - a. Name: Check spelling.
 - b. Title: CDT.
 - c. SSN: Verify accuracy.
 - d. Duty Location: West Point, NY.
 - e. Branch of Service: Army.
 - f. Current amount of SGLI: If no prior military service, your current amount is \$400,000 (changes occur in Section 2).
 - g. Marital Status: Single should be checked.
- 2. Complete section 2
 - a. Select the box of your desired SGLV amount.
 - b. If prior service with a current SGLV, you can increase or decrease the amount if you desire.
 - c. If you would like to decline life insurance, check the 4th box and handwrite "I do not want insurance at this time."
 - d. Your SGLV can be updated at any time you want to make changes to the amount and/or beneficiaries.
- 3. Complete section 3
 - a. List your primary and secondary beneficiaries with full address, relationship, % and payment option.

- b. Percentages must equal 100% between all primary and secondary beneficiaries listed.
- c. Your primary beneficiaries are the individuals that will receive your SGLI after you are deceased. If any of your primary beneficiaries are deceased before you, your SGLI will go to the rest of the living primary beneficiaries.
- d. Your secondary beneficiaries are the individuals that will receive your SGLI after you are deceased, and if all of your primary beneficiaries are deceased as well.
- 4. Complete section 4 (Prior Service Soldiers and USMAPS only)
 - a. Only fill out the health section if you are increasing the SGLV amount.
- 5. Click Validate Form Data and Save My Changes.
- 6. Click Generate Completed Form in PDF format (no "CTRL P" printing).

If you have SGLV coverage, you pay a monthly premium that is automatically deducted from your base pay. The current basic SGLV premium rate is 6 cents per \$1,000 of insurance. The premium includes an additional \$1.00 per month for Traumatic Injury Protection coverage (TSGLI).

SGLI Premium Rate - Effective July 1, 2019				
Coverage Amount	Monthly deduction			
\$400,000	\$25			
\$350,000	\$22			
\$300,000	\$19			
\$250,000	\$16			
\$200,000	\$13			
\$150,000	\$10			
\$100,000	\$7			
\$50,000 \$4				

HAND CARRY ON R-DAY

- DD Form 93 and SGLV 8286.
- 2 forms of ID (original) one must be a valid State of Federal ID which has a photo (e.g. driver's license, passport) and additional forms can be an original birth certificate or social security card.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBER

For questions related to the DD Form 93 and/or SGLV 8286, please call the United States Corps of Cadets (USCC) Personnel office at (845) 938-3505/8684/8688/2130.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

(Initial Evaluation)

Immediately upon arrival on R-Day, all candidates will have their weight and height evaluated to ensure the standards outlined in Army Regulation 40-501 are met. Each candidate is responsible for meeting the standards prescribed in Table 3-1 of this regulation.

(Medical Qualification or Disqualification)

FIRST: It is your responsibility to remain medically qualified prior to arriving to West Point and reporting for duty on R-Day.

SECOND: If your medical condition has significantly changed since your DoDMERB exam, you must notify both:

- 1. Your Regional Commander (click here)
- 2. DoDMERB (800) 841-2706

Changes in medical condition include any surgery, injury, or illness for which you've received medical treatment since your exam. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you do not schedule any elective surgeries after completing your DoDMERB medical exam as it may result in automatic medical disqualification.

NOTE: Every candidate is responsible for meeting the height and weight standards on R-Day, without exception. Candidates who do not meet these standards are subject to immediate dismissal.

Immunizations (Form 40-1)

USMA Form 40-1 is included in the Forms for Applicants Offered Admission in your <u>Candidate</u> <u>Portal</u>. Follow the instructions included with the forms and read the frequently asked questions prior to emailing the clinic. Complete all required immunizations before submitting the packet.

Be sure to bring an additional copy of your immunizations records, including this form, when reporting on R-Day.

You must submit the completed form to <u>usarmy.westpoint.medcom-</u>kach.<u>mbx.chc@mail.mil</u> by **May 15, 2022**.

For questions regarding your immunizations, please contact the Cadet Health Clinic at (845) 938-3003 or email them here.

Optometry (Form 5-490)

USMA Form 5-490 is included in the Forms for Applicants Offered Admission in your <u>Candidate</u> <u>Portal</u>.

Regardless of whether or not you wear corrective lenses (glasses or contacts), you must complete Part 1 of the Vision Survey. If you do require corrective lenses, you must have your eye doctor complete Part 2 of the Vision Survey.

Cadets requiring corrective lenses will be provided two pairs of military issued eyeglasses. For purposes of safety, contact lenses are not permitted throughout Cadet Basic Training (CBT). Upon completion of CBT the use of contact lenses is permitted, except during water training courses (e.g. swimming, scuba, et al.). All candidates currently requiring corrective lenses must possess at least one pair of usable eyeglasses when reporting on R-Day.

You must email the USMA Form 5-490 to <u>elena.l.stewart.civ@mail.mil</u> by **May 15, 2022**.

(Dental - 1 panorex, 4 bitewings, DD2813)

Dental forms are included in the Forms for Applicants Offered Admission in your <u>Candidate</u> Portal.

FIRST: It is your responsibility to ensure you are dentally qualified prior to arriving at West Point. Any required dental treatment should be completed 30 days prior to R-Day, especially third molar (wisdom tooth) extraction or orthodontic treatment. Active orthodontics with braces or clear aligners MUST be completed (braces removed/active aligners stopped) prior to R-Day. Permanent or removable retainers are allowed.

SECOND: Download the "Dental Admissions Requirements" letter and "Department of Defense Active Duty/Reserve/Guard/Civilian Forces Dental Examination Form (DD2813)". Provide these forms to your dentist or orthodontist and have the dental examination form completed and signed. These documents plus the radiographs (x-rays) below must be emailed to usarmy.westpoint.medcom-kach.mbx.saunders-front-desk@mail.mil by May 15, 2022.

- 1. A set of 4 bitewing radiographs taken within the past 12 months (select Dental Bitewings in Uploads tab)
- 1 panoramic radiograph taken within the past 12 months (a full mouth series is NOT acceptable) (select Dental Panorex in Uploads tab)

The radiographs are accepted in any of the following digital formats: pdf, jpg, png, tif, tiff.

The Dental Health Activity will review and screen your documents and contact you if additional action is required.

Current Active, Reserve, or National Guard Soldiers should hand carry their dental treatment record and turn it in on R-Day.

For questions regarding dental admission requirements, please contact:
Saunders Dental Treatment Facility
M-F 0700-1530
(845) 938-3121/2106

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL (Use of Illegal Drugs)

The use of illegal drugs, including the abuse of alcohol, is inconsistent with the mission of the United States Military Academy. West Point is a training institution for future Army officers, leaders of character, who are charged with enforcing U.S. Army and DoD regulations regarding alcohol and drug abuse.

Upon entering the Corps of Cadets you are immediately subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), which expressly prohibits the possession or use of any form of drugs or prohibited substances.

Underage drinking, excessive or irresponsible consumption of alcohol, and use or possession of illegal substances are grounds for punishment under the articles of UCMJ, including expulsion from West Point and separation from service in the U.S. Army.

Be advised the Corps of Cadets and U.S. Army regularly participate in random urinalysis testing in accordance with DoD regulation.

All incoming Cadet Candidates are tested for drugs when reporting on R-Day. Candidates testing positive for prohibited substances will be discharged.

(Tobacco/Vaping/E-cigarettes)

Tobacco and products containing nicotine negatively impact physical and mental performance. They are prohibited during Cadet Basic Training and should not be used in barracks or in the West Point training environment. Arriving at West Point in top physical condition includes avoidance of nicotine use in any form. Our goal is to graduate addiction-free leaders of character. Do not bring any products containing nicotine with you and do not initiate or resume use of them as a Cadet.

(Pharmaceutical Care)

Most prescription medications in their original containers, with the prescription label attached, are permitted. However, West Point medical

personnel will screen all medications in your possession when reporting for duty on R-Day. All unauthorized medications including herbal remedies or performance enhancement substances are prohibited and will be confiscated immediately.

MARRIAGE AND CHILD SUPPORT

A Cadet Candidate/Cadet must be unmarried. Any Cadet who marries before graduation will be separated from West Point. Divorce, annulment, or other dissolution of a Cadet's marriage will not prevent separation. Any Cadet who has a legal obligation of support from a prior relationship, has custody of a child, or incurs a legal obligation to support a child or former spouse is subject to separation from West Point. Pregnant applicants or applicants with a legal obligation to support a child or former spouse will not be permitted to enroll at West Point. Cadets determined to have been pregnant on the date of admission to West Point will be separated. Cadets in good standing who take leave due to pregnancy may return as a Cadet, provided the individual is not married and does not have custody of a child or legal obligation to support a child.

CLOTHING AND GROOMING STANDARDS (Clothing and personal items)

You should leave all civilian clothes at home except what is necessary to travel to West Point. A detailed list of items you are allowed to bring will be posted to your Candidate Portal under the Admissible Packets link.



(Jun 30, 2020)

(Jul 7, 2020)

4TH ADMISSIBLE

3RD ADMISSIBLE

(Authorized Footwear)

When reporting for duty on R-Day, you must be in possession of:

- 1 pair of boots
- 1 pair of low quarters (black leather)
- 1 pair of running shoes

Posted in the 1ST ADMISSIBLE will be a document entitled "Authorized Footwear for the Class of 2026", aka "The Boot Memo". This letter provides you with a one-time authorization to purchase from the Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES): one pair of boots, one pair of low quarters, and one pair of women's pumps (females only). Low quarters and pumps may not be patent leather.

The purpose of this letter is to allow you enough time to purchase, wear, and properly "break in" footwear prior to reporting for duty on R-Day.

Running shoes should be designed specifically for running (not cross training) and provide you with maximum shock absorption and a balance of motion control specific to running. As with boots and low quarters, running shoes should be worn and "broken in" prior to R-Day.

(Tattoos, Brands, and Body Piercings)

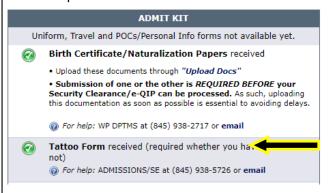
Once accepted, Cadet Candidates, whether previously tattooed or branded or not, should refrain from acquiring additional tattoos or brands prior to R-Day.

Upon arrival on R-Day, all Cadet Candidates will have all tattoos, brands, and body piercings inspected for compliance in accordance with Army Regulations and West Point standards. Additionally, all Cadets must agree to not receive any tattoos, brands, piercings, or other body modifications while attending West Point.

Regardless of whether or not you have tattoos or brands, you must complete and submit the tattoo questionnaire located in your <u>Candidate</u> <u>Portal</u> Admit Kit. *Note: USMAPS graduates will not see the Tattoo Form in their Admit Kit.*

Pursuant to U.S. Army Regulation 670-1, tattoos

or brands anywhere on the head or face are prohibited except for permanent makeup. Any tattoos or brands deemed to be extremist, indecent, sexist, or racist, regardless of location on the body, are strictly prohibited and the Cadet room, board, or medical and dental expenses. will be separated from West Point.



(Personal Grooming)

Cadets are required to maintain grooming standards in accordance with U.S. Army Regulations.

On R-Day, male Cadet Candidates should arrive clean shaven (face) but should not have a shaved head. Regardless of hair length or style, all male Cadet Candidates will receive a regulation haircut In addition, Cadets will receive an initial pay on R-Day.

Female Cadet Candidates should arrive with a hairstyle that is compliant with U.S. Army regulation:

- Must be easy to care for (e.g. require only minimal time to prepare for training)
- Must be a natural hair color
- Regardless of hair length, long or short, hairstyles when in uniform must not extend beyond the bottom edge of the uniform collar
- Hair devices may be worn to hold hair in place provided they are either transparent or the natural hair color

FINANCES

(Pocket Money)

You should carry sufficient funds with you to cover any meals and expenses you may incur during your travel to West Point. However, you should have no less than \$75 but not more than \$100 in bills and change for pocket money when reporting on R-Day. You cannot carry cash of

more than \$100.

(Cadet Account)

West Point does not charge Cadets tuition, Cadets are responsible for certain costs including academic and athletic supplies, needs, required equipment, a personal computer, tablets (optional), personal services, laundry, and dry cleaning. Money for these costs are stored in your Cadet Trust Fund.

The Cadet Trust Fund is **not** the same as your personal checking account. You will need to complete and submit the USMA Form 6-154 (Certificate of Authorization) to open and access your Cadet Account. Please reference FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS on page 5 of this booklet on how to submit the Form 6-154.

Expenses for a Fourth Class Cadet (Plebe) during the first year at West Point are approximately \$14,000. To assist Cadets with meeting these expenses, each Cadet receives a monthly stipend. advance from that stipend to augment those one -time expenses that accrue faster than Cadet pay during the first few months at West Point.

(Scholarships)

Cadets are permitted to receive scholarships. However, since West Point is federally funded, we do not have a financial aid office. It is best for agencies to issue scholarships directly to Cadets. When an agency is unable to make payment directly to the Cadet, the scholarships may be accepted for credit to the Cadet's sub-account provided there are no restrictions on the scholarship and the check is payable to the Cadet Accounting Services Office.

Restrictions are any condition or limitation an agency places on the use of their scholarship funds. Restriction examples include maintaining a specific GPA, restricted to tuition, room or board, or when a scholarship must be returned if a Cadet is disenrolled, etc. Scholarships silent on restrictions will be processed as non-restrictive. Once the scholarship is accepted, it cannot be