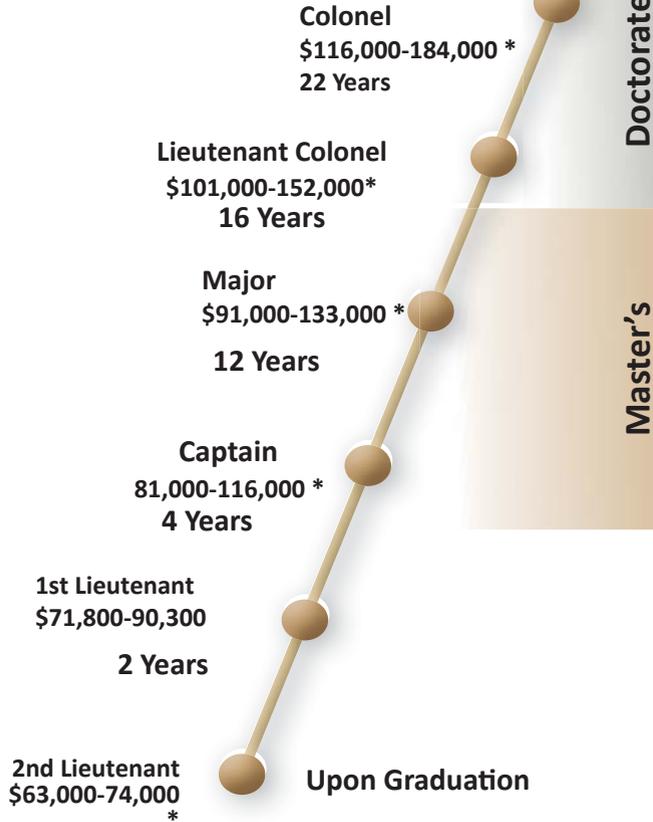


CAREER PROGRESSION: As a West Point graduate, you'll begin a well-paying, respected, and very rewarding career, as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, leading soldiers from all walks of life. USMA graduates earn a salary* of more than \$63,000 annually, which exceeds the average college graduate's expected salary.



* The above salaries are based on an unmarried officer, and does not include provided medical & dental care, or miscellaneous incentives and bonuses which can add up to \$10,000 per year to an officer's salary.



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GUIDANCE COUNSELORS'
REFERENCE GUIDE
to the United States Military Academy



**INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH YOUR
SCHOOL'S OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

**INTRODUCE YOUR TOP STUDENTS TO THE ADVANTAGES OF AN EDUCATION
FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT**

As a Community Influencer you're in a unique position to help high school students make strong starts in life. You walk alongside them as they work to:

- Find colleges that are the right fit
- Decide how to pay for college
- Make important decisions that will lead to meaningful lives

For your top students who meet our high standards of academic achievement, physical fitness and strong moral character, the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point offers an exciting path through higher education to a great career. It's an education that places students in the company of tomorrow's leaders. In fact, our graduates include U.S. presidents, senators, generals and leaders in business, industry and medicine.



A recommendation from you to consider a USMA education can set a student on course for lifetime success.

As you work with students on their college plans, we ask you to note those young men and women who fit the exceptional profile of USMA students and encourage them to apply, a process that costs nothing and carries no obligation to attend. Because applying for admission to USMA can take considerable time and includes obtaining a congressional nomination, a medical exam and a fitness assessment, students should begin their applications during their junior year. Your attention throughout the application process will be a great asset to your students.

You will also want to make these students aware of the Summer Leaders Experience, which allows them to spend a week at USMA, experiencing life at the Academy in the summer between their junior and senior years in high school. More information about this summer program can be found on our website.



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WHAT YOUR TOP STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

Why should a top student consider applying to USMA?

The United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point presents an opportunity to pursue a top-tier undergraduate education in the context of whole-person development: academic, physical, military and ethical – all the elements of great leaders. We offer outstanding students a unique combination of advantages, including:

- **A fully funded undergraduate education leading to a Bachelor of Science degree** (the equivalent of a scholarship valued at more than \$350,000).
- **Fully funded health and dental care, plus a monthly salary.**
- **Exceptional leadership training** that prepares students for any challenges they will face in the military or afterward in civilian careers.
- **A guaranteed career as a commissioned officer.** Graduates are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, where they spend at least five years on active duty in well-paying leadership positions.



Who is a good candidate for USMA?

USMA is looking for America's very best students. Please consider referring your students who:

- Consistently earn high grades.
- Earn high ACT and/or SAT scores.
- Seek out leadership roles in school and community activities.
- Maintain physical fitness and participate in sports.
- Exhibit high moral character.

For more information about the qualities USMA looks for in students and requirements for admission, visit our website at usma.edu/admissions. We encourage outstanding students to apply during the spring semester of their junior year in order to be considered for admission. If your students are interested in USMA events in your local area, or are too young to apply, they can sign up for announcements on our website as well.

What is it like to attend USMA?

USMA provides students with a college education that is unsurpassed in quality and consistently ranked among the country's top colleges. We offer more than 35 academic majors, including high-demand programs in engineering, science, business, mathematics and the humanities. Classes are small and generally include between 14 and 18 students, which provides an optimal learning experience and open access to instructors who know all their students by name.

In addition:

- All students participate in sports. USMA offers a full complement of NCAA sports as well as intercollegiate club and intramural sports.
- All students take part in military training that develops a sense of self-confidence and personal fortitude that stays with them for life.
- All students receive opportunities for Advanced Individual Academic Development (AIAD) that can include such experiences as a trip to Normandy, France, to study the Allied invasion of Western Europe; an excursion to Florence, Italy, to study famous works of art; language and cultural immersion in Beijing, China; or a trip to Monterey, California, to perform research in engineering.

There are few higher honors for a high school student than receiving a letter of admittance into the United States Military Academy at West Point. We encourage you to refer your most outstanding students to USMA. Give them the opportunity of a lifetime to receive an unparalleled, fully funded education, followed by five years of active duty holding well-paying leadership positions as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army.

For the right student, there is no greater distinction than to serve one's country as a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

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"The United States Military Academy at West Point is truly a student-centered institution. Growing each student into an exceptional scholar, leader and servant to the nation is our reason for being."

Dr. Led Klosky, Associate Professor
Civil Engineering

