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Admissions Immersion Briefing for USAFA Parents' Club

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Missions and Vision Signposts

- USAFA Mission: To forge leaders of character, motivated to a lifetime of service, and developed to lead our Air Force and Space Force as we fight and win our Nation's wars.
- Admissions Mission: USAFA Admissions seeks, recruits and delivers service-minded young people who have the critical thinking aptitude, leadership attributes, and the warrior-ethos qualities necessary to fight and win our Nation's wars as leaders of character in our Air Force and Space Force.
- Admissions Vision: An innovative and agile organization, preparing the Air Force and Space Force for tomorrow by recruiting the nation's top talent today



Admission 101 Overview



<u>Outreach</u>

- Academy Days
- School Visits
- Aviation/STEM Events
- Falcon Forums
- Falcon Visitation Experience
- Summer Seminar
- Appointee Events
- Campus Tours



Apply

- Precandidate Questionnaire (PCQ)
- Standardized test scores
- Official transcripts
- Essays
- Extracurricular reporting
- Teacher evals



Nominations

- Congressional Nominations
- Military Affiliated



Medical Clearance

- DoDMERB
- Air Force Medical (AFMED)
- Air Force
 Medical Waiver
 Decision
 (AMWD)
 authority



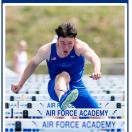
<u>Candidate</u> <u>Fitness</u> <u>Assessment</u>

- (CFA) - Basketball Throw
- Pullups
- Shuttle Run
- Sit-ups
- Push-ups
- 1 mile run



ALO Evaluation

- Mentor ALO prep
- Evaluator ALO interview



Blue-Chip Recruited Athlete

- Process

 NCAA Div. I
 elite talent
- Multi-year recruitment
- Specific programmatic requirements



Selections

- Counseling
- Academic record scoringCommittee
- review
- Congressional slate builds



Appointment

- Selections +
 Medically
 cleared +
 Nomination
- Direct Entry
- USAFA
 Preparatory
 School
- Falcon
 Foundation
 Scholarship

Concurrent Processes

Seek

Attract

Deliver

OPR: HQ USAFA/RR



Application Timeline

APPLICATION TIMELINE











What Guides Us?

- Title 10 obligations to fill Congressional Vacancies
 - Determines Opportunity Districts
- DoD and DAF Policy



- Determines priorities
- Class of 2030 Admissions Recruiting Campaign Plan
 - Defines Lines of Effort: Warfighters to Win, Leaders of Character & Quality, Critical Thinkers to Adapt







- U.S. Citizen
- 17-22 Years-Old (Title 10)
 - Not Past 23rd Birthday as of 1 July of Entry Year
 - Not Past 22nd Birthday as of 1 July of Entry Year to the Prep School
- Not Married and No Legal Support Obligations
- Not Pregnant
- Good Moral Character



Nominations Process

Candidates should seek ALL nominations for which they are ELIGIBLE

ALL CANDIDATES

Congressional

US Senator (2)

US Representative

Vice Presidential

May nominate up to 15 people

MILITARY AFFILATED

- Presidential
- -Children of Dec. or Disabled Vets
- Honor Military Schools& AFROTC
 - Children of MoH Recipients
- USAF/USSF (LEAD)

US TERRITORY

Puerto Rico

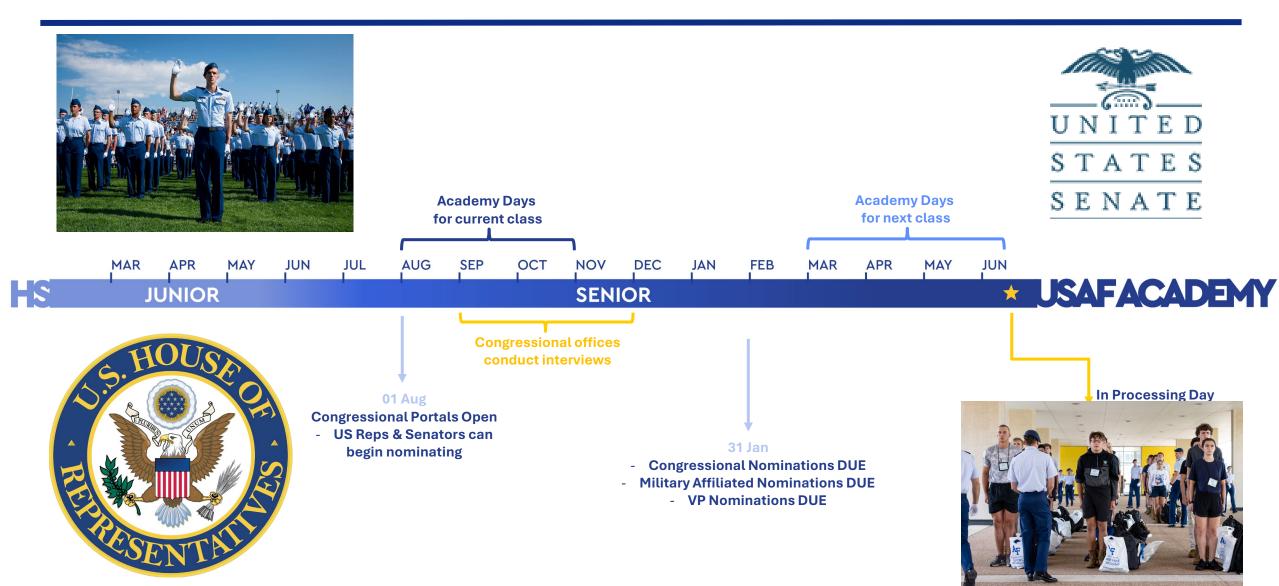
Seek a nomination from Gov & Resident
Commissioner

<u>Am. Samoa, Commonwealth of N. Mariana, Dist. of Col., Guam, & US Virgin Islands</u>

Submit request to delegate's House of Rep.



Nominations Timeline



DoDMERB and Waiver Process

All candidates that complete # items are forwarded to DoDMERB

Candidate completes required physical & eye exams

DoDMERB Reviews exams & determines medical status

Medical Status Determined: Qualified or Disqualified

If disqualified, Admissions reviews candidates for medical waiver submission

Admissions submits candidate to AMWD for medical waiver review

Candidate gathers additional records for waiver review

AMWD dispositions waiver: Waiver granted or Waiver denied

If denied, candidate can enter rebuttal waiver process

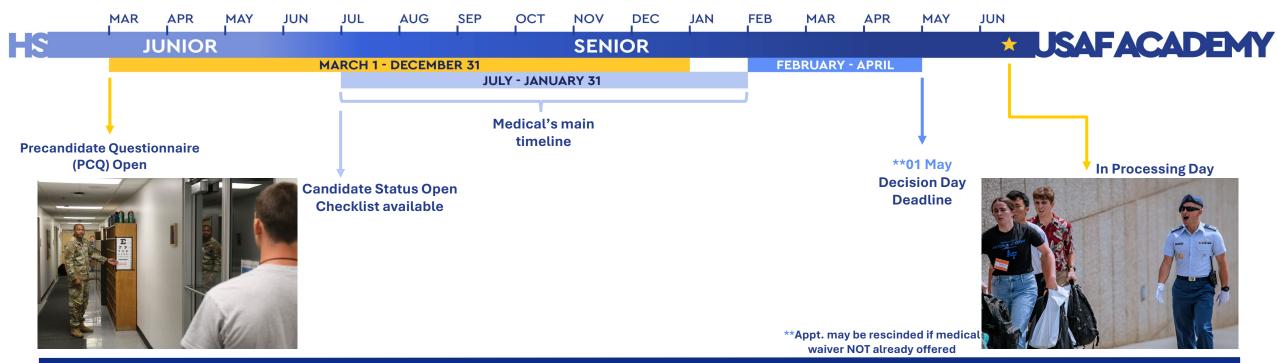
AMWD dispositions rebuttal waiver: Rebuttal granted or Rebuttal denied

If denied, candidate will receive an AFMED review (highest waiver authority)



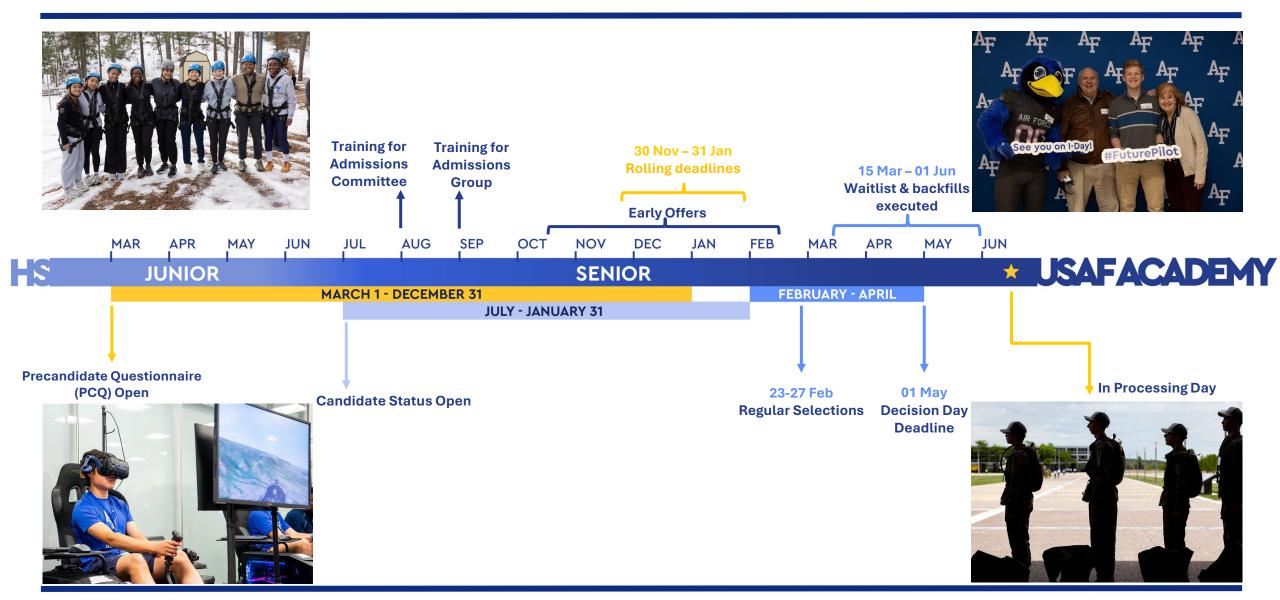
Medical Process Timeline







Selections Timeline







Admissions

Class of 2029 Profile

- 1,112 Appointees
 - (includes 12 international students)
- 55% in top 10% of high school class
- 85% in top 25% of high school class
- 82% H.S. varsity letter winners
- JROTC (15%) / CAP (12%)
- 28 non-medical waivers (down from 110 for class of 2028)

USAFA Prep Class of 2026 Profile

- 229 Cadet Candidates
 - 91 Blue-Chip athletes
 - 37 LEAD candidates

Falcon Foundation Scholarships

50 Falcon Scholars







- Secure Strategic Outreach Capability
 - USNA and USMA saw immediate 36% increase in applications & 70-point increase in average SAT score
- Leverage emerging Artificial Intelligence capabilities for transcript reading and scoring
- Execute Congressionally mandated common nominations portal for MSAs



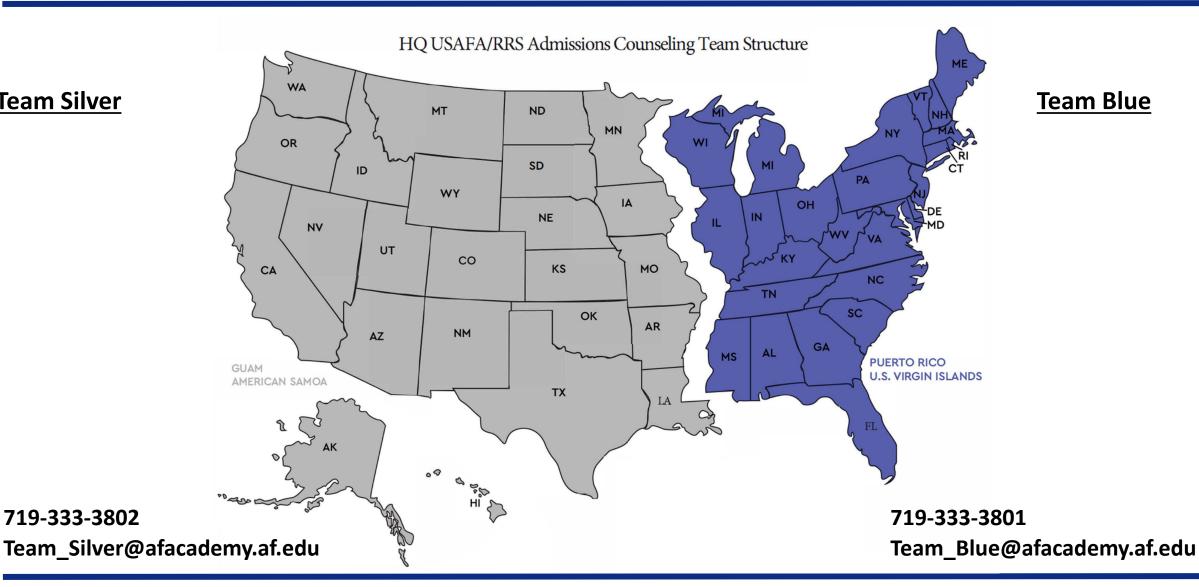




RRS Team Structure



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Warfighters - Leaders - Critical Thinkers



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Questions?



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