

**§ 901.3 Categories of nominations for appointment.**

All appointees must have a nomination in at least one of the following categories:

(a) Congressional and U.S. Possessions categories include the following nominating authorities:

(1) U.S. Senators and Representatives.

(2) Delegates in Congress from the District of Columbia, Guam, Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

(3) Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico.

(4) Governor of Puerto Rico.

(5) Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission.

(b) Vice-Presidential category.

(c) Presidential competitive category.

(d) Children of deceased or disabled veterans and children of military or civilian personnel in missing status competitive category.

(e) Honor military and honor Naval schools, Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFROTC), and Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) competitive category.

(f) Children of Medal of Honor recipients category.

(g) Air Force enlisted regular competitive category.

(h) Air Force enlisted reserve competitive category.

(i) Superintendent competitive category.

(j) Foreign students competitive category (40 foreign persons designated to receive instruction under 10 U.S.C. 9344).

**§ 901.4 Basic eligibility requirements.**

Each applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

(a) *Age.* Applicants must be at least 17, and not have passed their 22nd birthday on July 1 of the year of entry into the Academy.

(b) *Citizenship.* Except for students sponsored by foreign governments under 10 U.S.C. 9344, applicants must be citizens or nationals of the United States. All incoming cadets must verify citizenship status before admission:

(1) For American-born citizens, certified birth certificate presented to the Director of Admissions (USAFA/RRS), U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs CO 80840-5651 before administration of oath of appointment.

(2) Foreign cadets must present certified copies of certificates of arrival and nationalization or citizenship to USAFA/RRS before administration of oath of appointment.

NOTE: Facsimiles, copies, photographs or otherwise of birth certificate or certificate of citizenship will not be accepted unless properly certified by the raised seal of the issuing authority.

(c) *Domicile.* If nominated by an authority designated in the Congressional and U.S. Possessions categories, the applicant must be domiciled within the constituency of such authority.

(d) *Exemplary standards.* Applicants must be of highest moral character, personal conduct, and integrity. The Academy requires applicants to explain or clarify any of the circumstances below. For any military applicant or nominee whose official records indicate questionable background, commanders furnish the applicable information to USAFA/RRS.

(1) Applicant is or has been a conscientious objector. In this case, an affidavit is required stating that such beliefs and principles have been abandoned so far as they pertain to willingness to bear arms and give full and unqualified military service to the United States.

(2) Any facts that indicate the applicant's appointment may not be consistent with the interests of national security.

(3) Conviction by court-martial of other than a "minor offense" (MCM, 1984, part V, paragraph 1e, page V-1) or conviction of a felony in a civilian court.

(4) Elimination from any officer training program or any preparatory school of the Army, Navy, or Air Force Academies for military inaptitude, indifference, or undesirable traits of character. This includes any person who resigned in lieu of impending charges or who was eliminated by official action.

(5) Habitual alcohol misuse or drug abuse which exceeds the standards of AFR 30-2 is disqualifying.

(6) Any behavior, activity, or association showing the applicant's conduct is incompatible with exemplary standards of personal conduct, moral character, and integrity.

(e) *Marital status.* Applicant must be unmarried. (Any cadet who marries is disenrolled from the Academy.)

(f) *Dependents.* Applicant must not have a legal obligation to support a child, children, or any other person.

NOTE: For the purpose of this regulation, children are defined as the natural children of a parent and adopted children whose adoption proceedings were initiated before their 15th birthday.

(g) *Medical requirements for admission.* Before being admitted to the academy, candidates must take a medical examination and meet the medical standards outlined in AFRs 160-13 and 160-43. All candidates must meet the medical standards specified by the Secretary of the Air Force. Waivers may be granted by the Air Force Academy Command Surgeon. As specified by HQ USAF, most of the candidates admitted to the Academy must meet the eligibility standards for flying training.

#### **§901.5 Academic examination requirements.**

Before being offered an appointment, candidates must take either the College Board Admission Testing Program (ATP) or the American College Testing Program (ACT) test.

(a) *ATP.* A candidate who elects to use the ATP tests must take the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT). The candidate is encouraged but not required to take achievement tests of English Composition and Level 1 (Standard) Mathematics or Level II (Intensive) Mathematics. (Level 1 recommended for candidates without advanced high school mathematics.)

(b) *ACT.* Candidates who elect to use the ACT tests must take the complete battery of tests: English, mathematics, social studies, and natural sciences.

#### **§901.6 Candidate fitness test requirement.**

Before being offered an appointment, candidates must take a Candidate Fitness Test (CFT) which consists of exercises designed to measure muscular strength, coordination, and aerobic power. Waivers to the CFT requirement

may be granted by the Air Force Academy Director of Athletics if a candidate's participation in high school athletics conflicts with test administration dates and the candidate clearly demonstrates an acceptable level of physical fitness.

### **Subpart B—Nomination Procedures and Requirements**

#### **§901.7 Precandidate evaluation.**

The Air Force Academy conducts a precandidate evaluation program as an initial step in the admissions process and as an aid to Members of Congress in screening their applicants for nomination.

(a) Applicants normally are sent a precandidate packet, including USAFA Form 149, Precandidate Questionnaire, with a request for the applicant to provide academic, athletic, leadership, and medical information.

(b) The Academy evaluates the precandidate information and provides an analysis to appropriate congressional offices. Such information gives the nominating authorities an indication of the applicant's potential to qualify for admission and the applicant's self-reported medical status; it does not, however, reflect the applicant's final admission status. It is intended only to aid in selecting the best-qualified applicants for nomination.

(c) Applicants whose evaluation indicates they are fully qualified will be notified and advised to seek a nomination. Individuals whose evaluations reflect areas needing improvement are informed and encouraged to submit additional test scores or information in an effort to meet the qualifying levels.

#### **§901.8 Congressional and U.S. Possessions categories.**

Individuals who meet the basic eligibility requirements of §901.4 may apply for a nomination according to their domicile (permanent legal residence).

(a) U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, the District of Columbia Delegate to the House of Representatives, and the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico are each authorized a quota of five cadets attending the Academy at any one time. If a vacancy