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| **Enlistment Information for the United States Armed Forces** | | | | | | |
|  | **Air Force** | **Army** | **Coast Guard** | **Marines** | **National Guard** | **Navy** |
| **High School Diploma** | Standard Diploma  GED could be accepted with a 65 on the ASVAB and 15 or more semester hours of qualifying college credit. | Standard Diploma GED may be accepted with 15 college credits. Applicants with Certificates of Attendance or Completion can join only after a 6 month waiting period and passing the ASVAB. | Standard Diploma or home school diploma with a passing score on the AMES test and an ASVAB score of 50 | Standard Diploma  GED could be accepted with 15 college credits. | Standard Diploma or GED | Standard Diploma or GED |
| **Health Restrictions** | Height & weight restrictions; must pass the military medical exam; other restrictions apply\* | Height & weight restrictions; must pass the military medical exam; other restrictions apply\* | Height & weight restrictions; must pass the military medical exam; (other restrictions apply\* | Height & weight restrictions; must pass the military medical exam and a physical fitness test; other restrictions apply\* | Height & weight restrictions; must pass the military medical exam; other restrictions apply\* | Height & weight restrictions; must pass the military medical exam; other restrictions apply\* |
| **Training Program** | Basic Training | Basic Training | Basic Training | Basic Training | Basic Training | Basic Training |
| **Age**  **Requirement** | 17-27 to enlist | 17-42 to enlist | 17-29 to enlist | 17-42 to enlist | 17-42 to enlist | 17-34 to enlist |
| **Dependents** | Single parents are not eligible. Married applicants with more than one child are not eligible. | Single parents are not eligible. Married applicants with more than two dependents are not eligible. Three or four dependents may be accepted with a waiver. | Single females with dependents are not eligible. Single males with one dependent may be eligible if someone has custody while enlisted. Married applicants with more than two dependents are not eligible. | Single parents are not eligible. Married applicants with more than two dependents are not eligible. Three or four dependents may be accepted with a waiver. | Not known | Single parents and those with more than one child are not eligible. |
| **ASVAB Score\*\*** | Minimum 36  Minimum 65 if GED recipient | 31-99 | Minimum 31 Minimum 50 if home schooled. | Minimum 31 | Minimum 50 | Minimum 35 |
| **Citizenship** | U.S. citizen or permanent alien resident | U.S. citizen or permanent alien resident | U.S. citizen or permanent alien resident | U.S. citizen or permanent alien resident | U.S. citizen or permanent alien resident | U.S. citizen or permanent alien resident |
| **Background Check** | Full background check completed | Full background  check completed | Full background check completed | Full background check completed | Full background check completed | Full background check completed |
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| **Recruiting Website** | <http://airforce.com/> | <http://www.goarmy.com/> | [http://www.gocoastguard.com/](http://www.gocoastguard.com/%20) | <http://www.marines.com/> | [http://www.nationalguard.com/](http://www.nationalguard.com/%20) | <http://www.navy.com> |
| This summary contains general information as of February 4, 2011. For specific information, contact your local recruiting office.  \* For information on specific disabilities or medical conditions, consult the following resource and your local recruiting office:  U.S. Department of Defense. (2010, April). *Medical standards for appointment, enlistment or induction in the military services*. (Instruction No. 6130.03).  Washington, DC: Author. Available at [http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/613003p.pdf](http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/613003p.pdf%20)  Page references for IDEA disability categories follow:  Autism – p. 42 Deaf-blindness – pp.11-15 Deafness – pp.14-15  Emotional Disturbance – pp. 42-44 Hearing Impairment – pp. 14-15 Mental Retardation – p. 44 (other mental disorder)  Orthopedic Impairment – pp. 31-32 Specific Learning Disability – p. 42 Speech or Language Impairment – p. 16, p. 43  Traumatic Brain Injury – pp. 39-40 Visual Impairment/Blindness – pp. 11-13  See individual listings for Multiple Disabilities and Other Health Impairment (asthma, ADD, ADHD, diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition,  hemophilia, lead poisoning leukemia, nephritis, rheumatic fever, sickle cell anemia, Tourette’s syndrome…)  \*\*The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a norm-referenced, timed test. No accommodations are permitted. | | | | | | |
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