

Military Service

Many of our students have chosen to join the military. The Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) has been a forerunner to making this path an option and ensuring that patriotic young men and women who wish to serve their nation in the armed forces are free to do so and are not discriminated against because they were homeschooled.

Below is a check list towards taking your first steps to joining the military branch of your choice.

Here is a checklist for graduates interested in military enlistment:

- Do not take the GED in order to enlist.
- When speaking to a recruiter, tell him you are a homeschool graduate. (Not Private School). There is a benefit if you have homeschooled with ACA all of your high school years.
- Bring your diploma and/or a transcript from ACA and any other institution you may have attended (i.e., college transcript) to your meeting with the recruiter to confirm your graduation date.
- Contact the main office for a copy of the Private School Affidavit for your county.
- If you take online classes make sure the recruiter knows that you homeschooled for the bulk of your classes. It could cause unnecessary complications in the enlistment process if you try to enlist as a homeschool graduate but the military believes you were really a graduate of an online program.
- You need to receive a passing score on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) portion of the ASVAB. The passing score is determined by each service branch and the needs of the military, but fall generally around the 35th percentile.
- It is suggested that students take 12-15 units at the Jr College level in order to make an easier transition into the military but not necessary. Taking one academic class a year of 3-4 units would bring you at or very close to covering these units.

(The forgoing information is from the HSLDA website on enlisting in the military.)