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INVITATION TO U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY CLASS OF 2029
INTERNATIONAL CADET PROGRAM

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) is inviting the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) to send a nomination to the International Cadet Program of USCG Academy Class of 2029 to start on June 2025 until 2029 at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut, USA. This program is open to qualified civilian applicants. Successful applicants will be provided with free tuition, monthly pay and allowances, free board and lodging, transportation expenses and other benefits. Further, they will be admitted as a regular cadet at the USCG Academy and are subject to applicable USCG Academy regulations covering class attendance, discipline, resignation, and graduation requirements. Upon graduation, Filipino Cadets will be commissioned in the PCG as regular Coast Guard Officer with a rank of Ensign and will render a minimum of eight (8) continuous years of PCG service.

BACKGROUND

The USCGA is one of the five federal service academies in the US. It offers an outstanding four-year program with an intensive undergraduate curriculum leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. Its curriculum is weighted heavily toward mathematics, science and engineering courses. The Academy offers the following nine majors:

- A. Civil Engineering
- B. Cyber-Systems
- C. Electrical Engineering
- D. Government
- E. Management
- F. Marine and Environmental Sciences
- G. Mechanical Engineering
- H. Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
- I. Operations Research and Data Analytics

The program also consists of formal classroom training in subjects such as navigation and law enforcement supplemented by summer programs that include general shipboard and aviation training, seagoing experience aboard the USCG training ship Barque Eagle, military training, and other operational experience.

An integral part of the USCGA program is a rigorous physical education and physical fitness program, which demands that candidates to arrive in good physical condition, able to run, swim, and perform calisthenics.

For more information about the USCGA, you may visit its official website:
<https://www.uscga.edu/aboutcga/>

QUALIFICATIONS

Interested applicants should meet the following requirements:

1. Natural born Filipino Citizen;
2. Must be at least seventeen (17) years old and should not be twenty-three (23) year old by 30th of June 2025;
3. Must be medically and physically fit and able to swim;
4. Must pass the Standard Physical Fitness Evaluation (PFE) prescribed under USCGA Physical Fitness Exam (PFE) Manual;
5. Single and with no legal dependents;
6. Must have no derogatory records or legal impediments;
7. Must have an excellent command of English language and communication skills;
8. Must be proficient in English and Mathematics subjects;
9. Must be at least High School Graduate by 01 June 2025;
10. Must have GWA of ninety percent (90%) and above and must have no grades lower than eight-five percent (85%);
11. Must take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) and achieved the prescribed scores as follows:
 - 1) SAT: Math – 600; Reading – 600
 - 2) ACT: Math – 26; English – 27
12. Must pass the American Language Course Placement Test (ALCPT) to be administered at Camp Aguinaldo after passing the SAT/ACT;
13. Must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or English Comprehension Level (ECL) and meet the following score:

TOEFL: 560 on the ITP (paper-based test) or 90 iBT (computer-based test)

ECL: 80

In taking SAT or ACT Exams, visit the websites below and be mindful of the deadline of registration:

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Official website: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/international>

USCGA Code: 5807

American College Testing (ACT)

Official website: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-non-us.html>

USCGA Code: 0600

Deadline of submission of ACT/SAT Results will be not later than **05 January 2025**. The deadline should be strictly observed so as not to interfere with the timeline of the selection process. The electronic copy of the test result must be sent at uscgacadetship@gmail.com on the given deadline. Only those who passed the prescribed ACT/SAT scores will be accommodated to the next selection process:

Additional information about the selection process, physical fitness exam, and medical requirements can be found at <https://www.uscga.edu/international-cadets/> and <https://www.uscga.edu/apply/>:

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. To receive an International Cadet appointment, all applicants MUST be nominated by the PCG and MUST agree to render a minimum of eight (8) years of government service in the PCG. The USCG Academy cannot and will not accept individuals applying without a nomination from the PCG, even if those individuals are willing to pay all fees and expenses.
2. Interested applicants shall bear all related expenses in taking SAT or ACT/TOEFL exam including registration fee, meals, accommodation and transportation expenses to the Testing Center. SAT or ACT and TOEFL are administered at various testing centers throughout the country. ALCPT and ECL has no registration fees and will be taken at the Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City and will be arranged and scheduled by the Office of CG-12.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested applicants may submit the following requirements at: uscgacadetship@gmail.com **on or before 20 November 2024**.

1. Accomplished Application Form
2. Personal History Sheet (PHS)
3. High School Report Card or College Transcript of Records (Translated in English)
4. PSA Birth Certificate
5. Essay stating reasons for joining the program and how do you think your 4-year experience in the USCG Academy can help the PCG.

POINT OF CONTACT (POC), MAILING ADDRESS AND CONTACT DETAILS

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