

Membership Requirements

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Cadet Membership

The following are requirements for the CAP youth leadership program:

- The minimum age to join is 12 years old.
- The maximum age to join as a cadet is 18 (although you can remain a cadet until you reach 21).
- You must be enrolled in or graduated from a private or public school or college with a satisfactory record in academic achievement.
- Single
- Not a member of the active duty Armed Forces. *National Guard and Reserve personnel are not considered active duty unless they are serving on extended active duty.
- A citizen of the United States of America or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the U.S or its territories.
- Those persons in "admitted for permanent residence" status must possess and present a current Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-151 or I-551)
- Request for waiver of citizenship criteria for lawfully admitted non-citizens residing in the United States who were not admitted for permanent residence will be submitted through channels along with a copy of the membership application.
- Good moral character.
- If a former member of CAP, must not have been terminated for misconduct.
- Be accepted by the unit and higher headquarters.

Senior Membership

Membership is a privilege reserved for those individuals who conscientiously desire to promote the objectives and purposes of CAP and who meet the eligibility requirements.

- All applicants must be accepted by the unit commander and higher headquarters.
- Must be at least 18 years of age or be a member of the Armed Forces on active duty at any age.
- A citizen of the United States of America or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the U.S or its territories.
- Those persons in "admitted for permanent residence" status must possess and present a current Alien Registration Receipt Card (Form I-151 or I-551)
- Request for waiver of citizenship criteria for lawfully admitted noncitizens residing in the United States who were not admitted for permanent residence will be submitted through channels along with a copy of the membership application.
- All individuals applying for active senior membership must be screened and registered by National Headquarters. The screening process requires that the individual submit an FBI fingerprint card which can be obtained from the unit you wish to join. This card is used to complete an FBI criminal check.

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