

# Cadet Life

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To be eligible for the Sponsor Program, you must be at least 28 years old and live within 25 miles of the Coast Guard Academy in order to be considered (exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis). Active duty military must have a rank/rate of E-7 or O-3 and above.

Following Coast Guard Academy policy, all adults who volunteer to mentor, teach, coach or sponsor cadets, whether on or off Coast Guard Academy grounds, may be asked to provide information (name, birth date and social security number) needed to conduct a background check. In order that we may conduct these background checks, you may be asked to provide the following information for every person over the age of 21 residing in your home. This includes your spouse, adult children, and/or relatives living in your home.