

As the admissions process closes Feb 28 for this year's Senior class, the process begins again for the Junior class starting 15 January.

Each year the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York invites 1,000 outstanding rising high school seniors from around the country for a six-day immersion into the West Point experience. I have attached a brochure. You can also go to the following link to <http://www.usma.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx> to learn more about the program and watch a video.

The Summer Leadership Experience (SLE) is a weeklong program of academic classes, military training, physical fitness training and intramural athletics. This program gives students the opportunity to experience cadet life and to see first-hand what West Point has to offer.

The program consists of daily morning physical training, academic classes, afternoon sports, a day of military training, administration of the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA), a West Point tour and social functions. The academic program features workshops and class samplings from the Academy's curriculum. All participants are housed in the cadet barracks and meals are served in the Cadet Mess Hall. Students pay their own travel expenses plus a registration fee of \$400 to pay for food, workshop materials, and some West Point apparel.

SLE 2018 will take place in two separate sessions Session 1: 02-08 June 2018 and Session 2: 09-15 June 2018.

The application process opens on 15 Jan. It is a two-part process. To be considered for SLE, Candidates must have a file opened as a Candidate for the Class of 2023 by completing Part I Candidate Questionnaire located at <http://www.usma.edu/admissions/SitePages/Apply.aspx> . Once this is completed, a Candidate Number is created and they can then complete Part II. Candidates must be current year Juniors and MUST have a valid PSAT, PLAN, SAT or ACT test score.

Students are selected from among the top performers academically and with leadership potential as gauged by their extracurricular and athletic activities with consideration given to class composition goals. The SLE selection process is an abbreviated version of the West Point admissions process. Typically, we receive 6,000 applications for SLE; we anticipate similar interest this year. Generally, students invited to attend SLE will be competitive for admission to West Point.

This is an outstanding, but HIGHLY competitive opportunity. Potential candidates should not delay their application. Approximately 40-50% of attendees will ultimately attend West Point, but they are competing against other students bound for Ivy League and other Tier 1 schools looking to enhance their resumes as a leader by claiming their attendance at West Point's SLE.

If you are a highly qualified candidate that may not apply due to the costs, the application is free and financial needs based scholarship money will be available by West Point Graduates of the Pikes Peak Region.