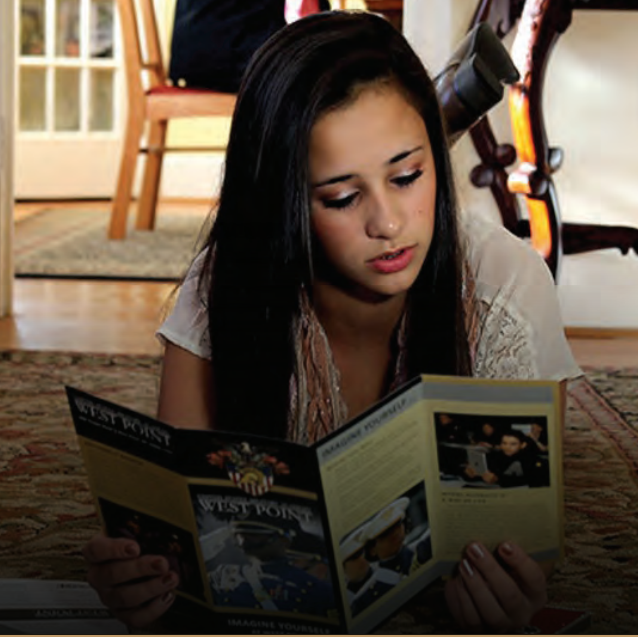


**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE?** Students are most satisfied with their college selection when they research possible colleges themselves. Don't rely simply on alumni or college guides for information. Instead, we urge you to visit your schools of interest, talk with students and faculty members, and determine the best fit for you. We are confident that our Summer Leader Experience will provide a snapshot of our outstanding academic environment, that prepares our graduates to make an impact on the world. We trust that you will make the best decision.



Choosing a college is one of the most significant decisions you will make as a young adult. Your undergraduate education will lay the foundation for your future. The questions below can help you in the decision-making process. It is important to consider what **You** want for **Your Future**.

- Which colleges will best prepare me to make a positive impact?
- Do my colleges of interest have a reputation for excellence?
- Does the student body have similar interests and ambitions to me?
- Is there a good balance between academics and workforce preparation?
- What is my plan to pay for my education?

**ACADEMIC**



You will train using the same cutting-edge technology and high-tech facilities available to West Point Cadets.

**MILITARY**



Immersed in a military environment unique to West Point, you will conduct hands-on training to build military proficiency; this valuable experience will aid in your preparations for life at the Academy.



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**FITNESS**



At the Academy, every cadet is an athlete; at SLE you will overcome military obstacle courses and build trust with your peers through intramural sports, military fitness challenges, and conditioning.

**SOCIAL**



SLE is a taste of life at West Point; the academic, military, and physically demanding journey will form life-long bonds and camaraderie between you and your future classmates.

Are you wondering if the United States Military Academy is a good fit for you? Or maybe you want to get a taste of Cadet Life, so you are better prepared for the West Point experience? SLE is your opportunity to experience the academic, military, and fitness components of Cadet life, firsthand — all while interacting with current Cadets and building friendships with your future classmates.



**SUMMER LEADERS EXPERIENCE**



## EXPERIENCE CADET LIFE AND DISCOVER YOUR OWN POTENTIAL

### WHAT HAPPENS AT WEST POINT'S SUMMER LEADERS EXPERIENCE?

The Summer Leaders Experience is a week of concentrated academic, athletic, military, and social engagement at West Point. As an attendee you will enjoy a sampling of the Academy's academic offerings while immersed in an environment full of history and culture.

SLE is jam-packed and the activities begin immediately. Arriving on Saturday, you will check in and get acquainted with fellow SLE attendees and your surroundings. The rest of your week's schedule is full of academic activities, hands-on military training, team sports, tours of our historic grounds and high-tech facilities, and participating in the Candidate Fitness Assessment.

Additionally, you will be led by current West Point Cadets who will use the leadership skills they have learned and developed while at the Academy to coordinate your every activity. Every Cadet's experience is different and they will gladly share their stories with you as well as answer any questions about the Academy or about the U.S. Army.

### CAN I EXPLORE MY DIFFERENT ACADEMIC AREAS OF INTEREST?

You will have several opportunities to explore the academic disciplines at West Point. We will help you choose your own experience from a variety of courses, all of which provide you with hands-on experience. Many are taught from inside our modern computer and laboratory facilities here on campus. Classes are small, and our instructors are very helpful.

You will explore the entire campus where we offer 36 academic majors such as Engineering, Business Management, and Computer Science. As a Foreign Language major you could also study abroad in places like Morocco, Spain, or Belgium.

### WHAT CAN ATTENDING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY OFFER?

Thomas Jefferson fervently hoped that this nation would be built on the strong foundation of a well-educated citizenry. Today, West Point continues to stand among the best of our nation's colleges. One of our top goals is to educate a more ethnically diverse student body than ever before. West Point, likewise, enrolls a supremely talented, geographically diverse student body from all 50 states and a select group of international students.

As you consider how you will prepare yourself for the world, continue asking questions to guide your college decision. Will your education shape you into a future leader, prepared to make an impact larger than yourself? Will attendance at your chosen college or university earn you the immediate trust and respect of a nation? Do you want to join a lifelong network of civilian and military professionals?

**The Long Gray Line** is waiting for **You** to answer the call.

*"I truly believe that those who can, should apply to the Summer Leaders Experience – this will help them to decide if West Point is for them."*  
– Mother of a new cadet



### WHY ATTEND THE WEST POINT SUMMER LEADERS EXPERIENCE?

Attendees of the West Point Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) learn first-hand why West Point is trusted as the premier leader development academy and is counted among the most respected academic institutions in the country.

West Point is consistently ranked among the top colleges in the country and is well recognized for consistently producing Rhodes scholars and recipients of Hertz fellowships. Many seniors also are selected for Marshall, Gates, Cambridge, Truman, East-West Center, and National Science Foundation fellowships and scholarships.

By applying for the Summer Leaders Experience you are also opening an admissions file at the Academy. Consider joining us at West Point this summer to confirm your interest.

At SLE you will have the opportunity to meet some of the brightest students from across the nation, your future classmates.

If your dream is to become a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy, and ultimately become an officer in the U.S. Army, apply for SLE – over 40% of SLE attendees join USMA as freshmen cadets the following summer.



### WHAT CAN SLE OFFER ME?

For two weeks every year, usually near the last week in May and the first week in June, USMA offers high school juniors the opportunity to experience cadet life at the Academy by attending our Summer Leaders Experience, where students from all over the nation are introduced to an experience unlike any other.

While here, each attendee obtains a better understanding of the importance of leadership, as well as how they can help themselves and their country.



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### IMPORTANT

Registration for SLE opens February 1st of your junior year in high school, and the deadline for registration is March 15th. Each session can accept 500 students and space fills quickly, so it is important to apply early.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about Summer Leaders Experience, including this year's session dates, costs, and transportation please visit the admissions website and click on **SUMMER PROGRAM**.

