

Questions to ask while meeting with recruiters.

**1. Why should I join the (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines)?**

This is one of the most important questions you can ask. This is a part of your future! Explore all your options with every branch and find what right looks like for you! Each branch has its pros and cons, by exploring each branch and asking questions you can help yourself make an informed decision. Do YOUR RESEARCH to ensure everything is able to be fact checked that you are being told.

**2. What are the requirements for joining?**

Every branch has their own unique requirements. Everything from height / weight, age, health condition, and ASVAB scores are taken into consideration, to name just a few.

**3. What is the minimum length of my service commitment?**

Most branches require a 4 year commitment to join. With that said, if you're looking to do a specific job, sometimes they will require you to sign on for longer.

**4. How long is boot camp / basic training?**

The vast majority of boot camps last somewhere in the range of 8 weeks, but it does vary from branch to branch.

**5. Can I choose when to go to boot camp?**

Your recruiter will work with you to set up a plan for what that looks like! As a high school student, you will have different times for going to boot camp. Ask your recruiter for time frames.

**6. Where will I be stationed after boot camp? Do I have a choice?**

After boot camp and training, dependent on the branch or job, you may get to pick a duty station based off your branch. Ensure you read through your contract and go over your contract with your recruiter for all incentives discussed (duty locations, bonuses, etc.)

**7. Will I ever be deployed? If so, where to?**

The mission of the military and specific branches is always changing. You may deploy at some point in your career or you may not. This will depend entirely on the military/branch mission.

**8. I want to be a (insert whatever job you're looking to do). What is the minimum ASVAB score I need?**

If you've already taken the ASVAB, you should ask what jobs you would qualify for if you're unsure of what you want to do in the military. If you have a specific job you're looking to do, ask if your ASVAB scores qualify for it.

**9. Can I talk with someone that does the job I want?**

Most recruiters are knowledgeable on what their branches jobs entail. Your recruiter may know a person currently serving in that job field or someone you can talk to. If not, your recruiter can provide resources to assist you in the job field of interest.

**10. What will I be paid? Are there any bonuses or incentives for specific jobs?**

Generally speaking, the pay is the same in every branch of the military, and is contingent upon your rank and length of service. Some bonuses for branches can range between \$20,000-\$50,000 dollars. Ask your recruiter about the different types of incentives available.