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Announcing the 2008 United States Military Service Academies Foreign Program

The Embassy of the United States of America is pleased to announce the opportunity for Malagasy students to seek admission to the 2008 United States Military Service Academies Foreign Program. The Academies Foreign Student Program is a very successful and highly competitive program administered by the U.S. Embassy's Defense Attaché Office (DAO) that allows highly-qualified foreign students to compete for nomination to attend one of the U.S. Military Service Academies (i.e. U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy.) It is important to note that the Service Academies themselves make all final decisions for admissions and a nomination from the Defense Attaché Office is not a guarantee of admission.

Candidates to the 2008 Academies Foreign Student Program must submit their applications to the Malagasy Ministry of National Defense for official sponsorship. The Ministry of National Defense forwards the most qualified applications to the U.S. Embassy's Defense Attaché Office for final approval and nomination to the Service Academies.

Each candidate must meet the following requirements:

- Be unmarried Malagasy citizen with no dependents;
- Be of good moral character, meet exceptional leadership, academic, physical, and medical standards; (Note: a physical fitness test will be administered by the Defense Attaché Office at the U.S. Embassy ;)
- Be at least 17 years of age and not older than 23 years on 01 July 2008;
- Be proficient in reading, writing and speaking contemporary English;
- Have a strong academic record;
- Achieve qualifying scores on the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing (ACT). In addition, candidates for the U.S. Naval Academy are required to take the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL). Test scores taken within the previous five years are valid. Detailed information on the tests preparation and registration are available at the American Cultural Center, phone 22-202-38 (Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning).
- Be in good health and free of any communicable disease. Each candidate must be medically cleared by a Malagasy Ministry of Defense medical doctor.

Nomination/Application Deadlines to the Malagasy Ministry of Defense:

U.S. Air Force Academy - no later than December 15, 2007;

U.S. Military Academy at West Point - no later than January 15, 2008;

U.S. Naval Academy - no later than January 15, 2008.

Questions concerning the U.S. Military Service Academy program can be directed to the U.S. Embassy Defense Attaché Office at 22-212-57 or the International Relations Service of the Ministry of National Defense.