



Educational Guide

Are You Better off **Entering the Military** with a High School Diploma or GED

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For Example

Army

The Army accepts GED holders, but they must score at least a 50 on the ASVAB Test. Army allows up to 15% of recruits to be GED Holders

Navy

The Navy does accept GED Holders, but they also must do well on the ASVAB Test.

Air Force

The Air Force does accept GED holders, must meet a certain ASVAB Score and complete 15 college credits.

Marines

The Marines accept GED holders and must score at least 32 on the ASVAB.

Additional Requirements

Some jobs have additional requirements for GED holders, such as higher ASVAB scores and additional education.

Bonuses

GED holders may be eligible for enlistment bonuses, but the amounts and eligibility criteria may vary.

The above GED requirements are subject to change by each military branch.

While all military branches accept GED holders, there are significant restrictions compared to those with a high school diploma. GED holders are classified as "Tier 2," making it harder to enlist. High school graduates are considered "Tier 1" status. Having a Tier 1 high school graduate offers better enlistment opportunities, career growth, higher pay, long-term stability, and more beneficial options for military-bound students.

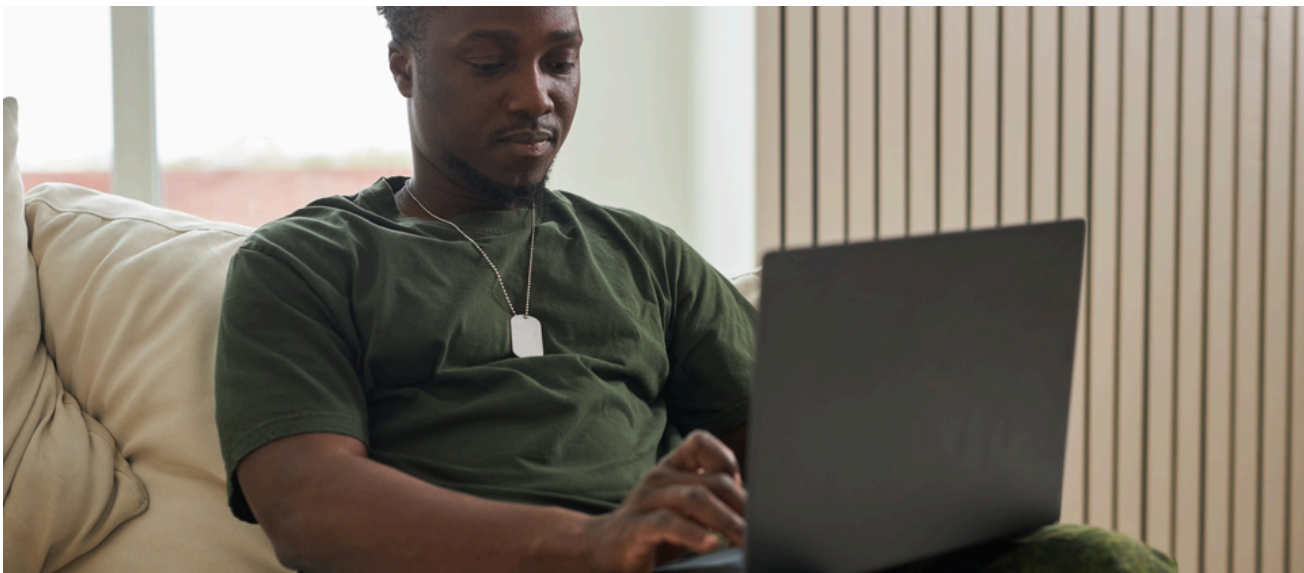
Talk to your recruiter about your options and next steps if you have questions about their GED policy.



Below are some **alternatives** for GED holders who want to join the military

Upgrade from a Tier 2 GED to a Tier 1 High School Diploma

- a. If you don't have a local option to upgrade to a Tier I regionally accredited high school diploma, Citizens High School offers a GED to High School Diploma Pathway.
- b. Steps to earn your high school diploma from a GED at CHS:
 - i. **Step 1:** Sign up for a no-obligation, 30-minute consultation and get a "free" GED to high school diploma evaluation and diploma pathway.
 - ii. **Step 2:** If you also have high school credit, please send a copy of your high school transcript along with your GED Test scores to admissions@citizenshighschool.com before your consultation.



If you are thinking about leaving high school and getting your GED later, you may want to consider transferring from your local high school to CHS and **pursue a "fast track", 18 credit Career High School Diploma pathway with CHS.**

- a. Most students who stop school around age 17, only need 3 or 4 more courses to complete the 18-credit CHS diploma vice the local 22-credit high school diploma.
- b. If you need to finish high school while you work full-time or part-time, please download the CHS Case Study: "How to Fast Track Your High School Diploma While Working Full-Time or Part-Time."
- c. If you are interested in fast-tracking your high school diploma to join the military, please download the CHS Case Study: "Are you better off joining the military for 4 years after high school or working 4 years at an entry-level job."



Funding Your Education With CHS

Here are some quick options:

Tuition Free with Arizona Empowerment Scholarship

CHS AZ Academy is approved by the AZ Department of Education as an eligible high school for the Arizona Scholarship Account (ESA) Program. Eligible students 21 or younger may enrolled with 100% of tuition covered by ESA funds.

CHS Merit Scholarship

CHS is proud to offer merit scholarships to all its U.S. domestic students attending CHS full-time. The scholarship covers a specific percentage of the tuition cost and reduces the out-of-pocket cost to \$179 p/month for the two-course requirement.

All CHS domestic students are automatically considered for the merit scholarship upon submitting their application. They are guaranteed a monthly partial scholarship that is automatically renewed annually.



Additional Funding Options

- Ask Your Employer to assist in your high school completion costs. If your employer doesn't have an education assistance program, ask them for help anyway.
- Self-Pay: Depending on how many credits you already have, you can get your high school diploma in 3 to 4 months. In the diploma program, 4 months only cost \$716. Two months only cost \$358. [Learn more here](#)
- Ask for help from your family or church.
- Most people think scholarships are only for college, but private scholarships are available for high school students.



CHS hopes this case study has been insightful in your decision to enlist in the military and use their educational benefits for a free education.

If you would like to know more about Citizens High School, please review the below information about CHS and then click on the link to sign up for a free, no obligation consultation with one of our counselors.

We're Not Your Typical High School

Yes! We offer a Traditional High School Diploma

But We Also

Go Beyond What is Possible at Your Local High School

We Provide Solutions to Your Challenges

100% Online

- How to Fast Track Your High School Diploma
- How to Work Part-Time or Full Time and Finish High School
- How to Use the Military to Go to College for Free
- How to Earn an AA Degree While Completing High School
- Am I Better Off Working for Four Years Right After High School or Joining the Military for Four Years
- How to Start Your Own High School

From Our CEO

I can't cure lack of desire to graduate from high school, but I can provide a high school diploma that can tailor your high school education to fit your after high school dreams.

Dr. Jim Etter is a retired Marine Corps Officer, Top Gun Graduate, Founder of American Military University and American Public University and CEO/Principal of Citizens High School.

If you want CHS to help you create a high school pathway that works for you. [Send us](#) a copy of your high school transcript and sign up for a free, no obligation counseling session to lay out a high school completion pathway for you.

