



The mission of the U.S. Public Service Academy is to build a corps of civilian leaders who have the moral character, academic training, and leadership experience necessary to serve the American people honorably and effectively, and who are committed to devoting their lives to public service.

The Academy will fulfill this mission by:

Recruiting top students and faculty from across the nation and the world

Offering an intensive undergraduate education focused on leadership development and public service

Placing graduates in public service jobs to address critical national needs

“The Public Service Academy has enormous appeal and is a terrific initiative.”

-Lt. Gen. Daniel W. Christman, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Former Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy



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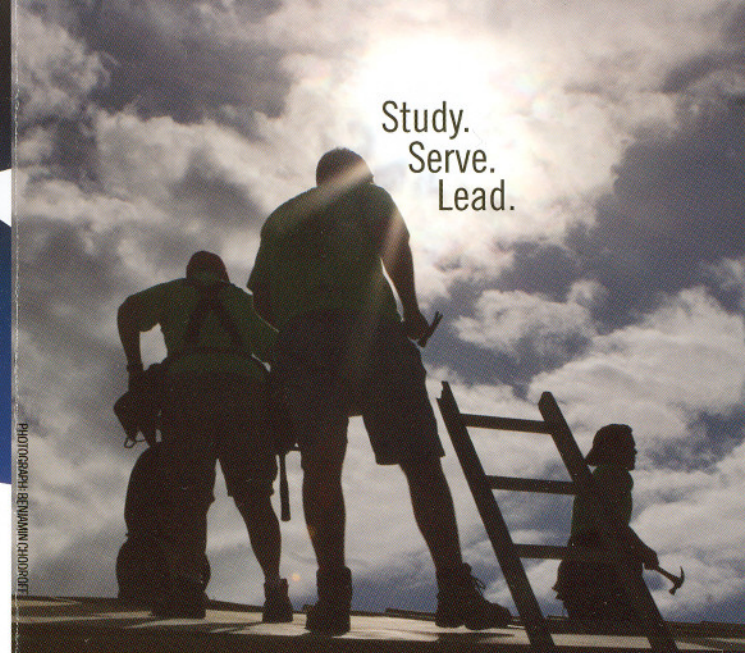
“Everyone can be great because everyone can serve.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Serve.
Lead.

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U.S. Public Service Academy



America Deserves Our Best



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the U.S. Public Service Academy?

The U.S. Public Service Academy will be America's first national public college devoted to developing civilian leaders. Modeled on the military academies, the Academy will offer four years of tuition-free education in exchange for five years of civilian service following graduation.

How many students will attend the academy?

After a rigorous admission process that includes a congressional nomination, 1275 high-achieving students will be appointed to attend the Academy, for a four-year population of roughly 5100.

How will the Academy differ from other colleges?

Like the military academies, the Academy will offer an academically rigorous, year-round leadership development program that emphasizes public service. The intensive program will foster a campus culture of service that will unify graduates with a shared sense of mission. It will foster stronger bonds, provide more practical experience, and require a longer service commitment than any other civilian college.

How much money will it cost?

About 60 cents per American per year. The Academy will be a public-private partnership, with Congress funding 80% of the \$205 million annual budget as an investment in our nation's future leadership.

How can I help build the Academy?

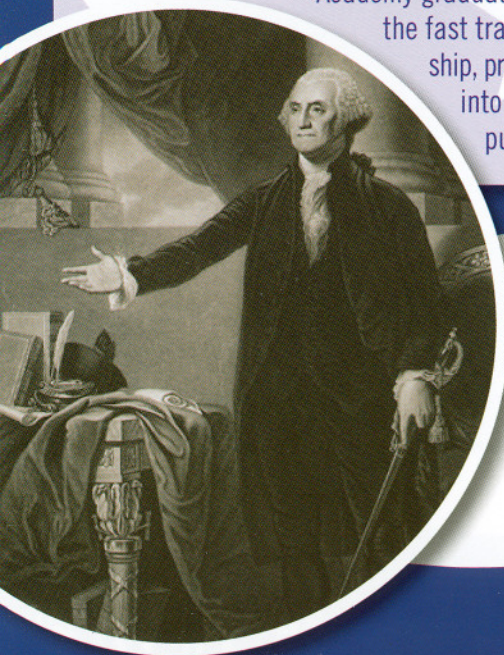
Americans are a can-do people, and together we will build the U.S. Public Service Academy. Help us by volunteering your time and expertise, writing your representatives in Congress, or contributing financially. Find out more on our web site (www.uspublicserviceacademy.org).

AN EDUCATION IN SERVICE

The U.S. Public Service Academy will realize George Washington's dream of a national public university. As the civilian counterpart to the military service academies, the Academy will provide a service-oriented, leadership-focused education to roughly 5100 undergraduate students.

Spots for incoming freshmen will be allocated by state, following a congressional nomination process that will insure geographic diversity. The structured, academically rigorous program will combine a traditional liberal arts curriculum with stringent requirements for service learning, study abroad, and summer leadership development.

Academy graduates will spend five years serving their nation by working as teachers, police officers, emergency responders, and other critical public service jobs at the local, state, and national levels. During their five-year commitment, Academy graduates will be on the fast track to leadership, propelling them into a lifetime of public service.



A NEED FULFILLED

The U.S. Public Service Academy will promote the nation's security by addressing critical needs in American society.

Our national security depends on having strong civilian leadership, but America faces a growing shortage of public servants and civic leaders at all levels of society. Despite this need, we do not have a national undergraduate institution dedicated to developing civilian leaders.

The Academy will tap into the younger generation's desire to serve our country. Thousands of American youth want to serve their nation in a civilian capacity, but they often are priced out of public service careers because they are saddled with college debts.

"The initiative to create a Public Service Academy could not be more timely."

~Wendy Kopp
Founder and President,
Teach for America

A UNIQUE INSTITUTION

The U.S. Public Service Academy will be unlike any other college in the country.

- 1) Like the military academies, the Academy will create a campus culture of service that will foster strong bonds among undergraduates committed to the same patriotic goals.
- 2) The Academy's tough, five-year post-graduation service requirement has no civilian parallel.
- 3) With unmatched regional diversity, the Academy will be a truly national university that is economically accessible to all Americans.
- 4) The Academy will be an inspiring symbol of the federal government's commitment to public service as essential to America's economic and social vitality.

"Public service is a noble calling and we need men and women of character to believe in their communities, in their states, and in their country."

~George H.W. Bush





**“Ask not what your country can do for you,
ask what you can do for your country.”**

~John F. Kennedy



A WINNING IDEA

The U.S. Public Service Academy will be the defining institution of our generation, a college that captures the patriotic spirit of our young people and channels it into public service.

The Academy also will be a unifying national institution that brings students from all across America to one campus to live, learn, and serve together.

Most importantly, the Academy will be the flagship institution for public leadership, a place where committed students and faculty work together to confront the challenges of the twenty-first century.

