

U.S. Coast Guard Academy Commencement 2026

Guest Screening & Entry Procedures

To help ensure the safety and security of all guests attending Commencement 2026, all attendees will be required to pass through a security screening checkpoint prior to entering the secured event area.

Before You Arrive

Please arrive early to allow adequate time for screening and ticket scanning.

All guests should:

- Have their commencement ticket ready (printed or displayed on a mobile device)
- Travel light and limit personal belongings
- Be prepared for bag inspections and security screening
- Follow directions provided by Coast Guard Academy staff and security personnel

Screening & Entry Process

Security screening for all general admission guests will take place in **Billard Hall**, adjacent to Cadet Memorial Field. For guests arriving on the shuttle bus from Crystal Mall, CGA personnel will be on hand to direct you to Billard Hall. For those arriving on foot at the Main Gate, groups will be escorted to Billard Hall every 15 minutes. You will not be allowed to walk around campus until after the ceremony has concluded.

1. Security Screening

- Bags and personal items are subject to inspection
- Guests may be required to remove items for inspection
- Individuals and belongings may be screened by security personnel

2. Ticket Scanning

- After screening, guests will proceed to ticket scanning tables
- Tickets must be valid and accessible for entry
- Guests experiencing ticket issues will be directed to a designated assistance table

Accessible screening and entry accommodations will be available for guests requiring mobility assistance.

Important Security Notice

You will not be allowed to leave the secured commencement area during the ceremony. Please plan accordingly before entering the secured area.

Thank You

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we work to ensure a safe and secure Commencement ceremony for all graduates, families, and guests.

Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited at Coast Guard Academy Commencement 2026:

- Aerosols
- Air horns
- Ammunition (real or simulated)
- Animals other than service/guide animals
- Backpacks and bags exceeding 18" x 13" x 7"
- Balloons
- Bicycles
- Coolers
- Drones or unmanned aircraft systems
- Explosives or fireworks
- Firearms
- Flammable liquids
- Fruit (whole)
- Glass, thermal, or metal containers
- Knives, blades, or sharp objects
- Laser pointers
- Liquids larger than 3.4 oz / 100 ml
- Mace or pepper spray
- Packages
- Pocket or hand tools (including multi-tools)
- Portable chairs (except medically necessary mobility accommodations)
- Range finders
- Recreational motorized mobility devices
- Selfie sticks
- Signs or posters
- Strollers
- Structures or large display items
- Supports for signs or placards
- Toy guns
- Umbrellas
- Water bottles or beverage containers (either empty or full)
- Weapons of any kind
- Any item determined to present a potential safety or security hazard

Guests arriving with prohibited items may be denied entry.