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AIM 2026 Highlights

The Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) is our premier Admissions program, offering rising high school seniors a chance to experience life as a cadet prior to applying to the Academy. As the most realistic service academy summer program, AIM provides military training similar to Swab Summer, an overview of the CGA application process and Coast Guard missions, and fun and challenging STEM-focused activities. Each July, we offer three sessions as well as a two-day Virtual AIM program.

The 2026 program was highly successful, with almost 550 students attending representing 45 states, and over 140 students participating in our Virtual AIM program. Students noted the realistic nature of the program, the mentorship and information cadets and faculty provided, and the challenging but meaningful experience.

Applications for the 2027 AIM program will open
February 1st.

To learn more about AIM, check out our
[AIM Summer Program](#) student blogs page.

CGA at a Glance



1,100 cadets



600-680 MATH SAT
Middle 50%



3.75 AVG HS
GPA (UWV)



65% graduate
with STEM degrees



21 Varsity Sports



Visitor Information

We welcome you to join us for an in-person program or Virtual Spotlight to learn more about us!

If you'd like to schedule a school visit experience for you or your students, please contact Campus Programs Manager LT Brad Nelson at Bradley.J.Nelson@uscga.edu.

Please note that if you visit the Academy, you will need REAL ID-compliant identification. For more information, please visit our [Educators page](#).

Key Deadlines

Early Action Deadline:
October 15th

Regular Admission:
January 15th

**Medical Requirements
Deadline:** April 1st

**Enrollment Decision
Deadline:** May 1st

Day One:
June 28th

Admissions Programs

- **Admissions Brief & Tour**
Designed as an introduction to CGA for 9th-12th graders
- **Bears Day**
A day program for 11th graders to learn more about our admissions process
- **Cadet for a Day**
An overnight program for 12th grade applicants
- **Academy Experience Program**
An overnight program for students with conditional or full appointments
- **CGA Virtual Spotlights**
Monthly virtual meetings focused on application help, CG missions, cadet life, and AIM