



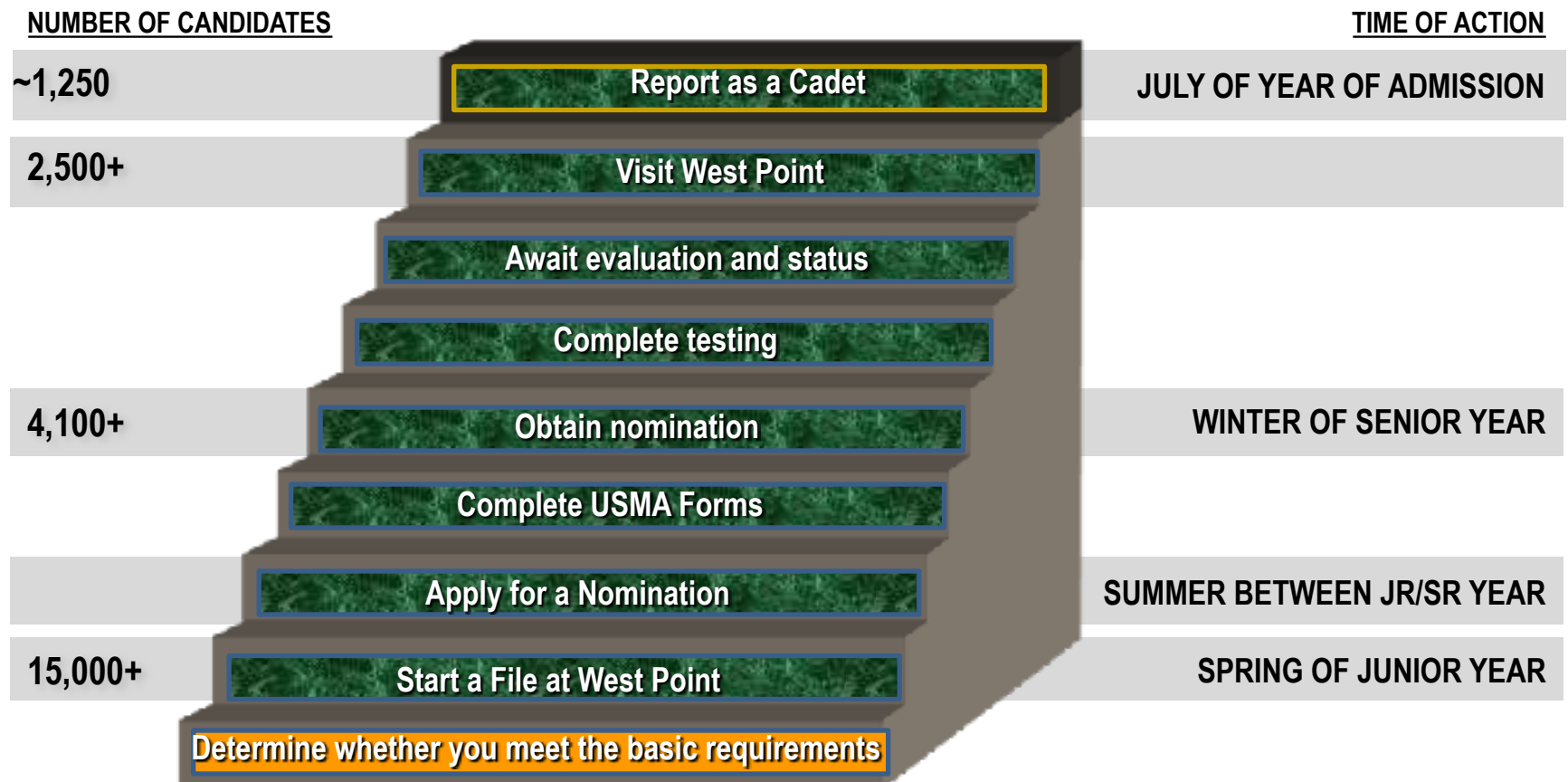
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT.

Directorate of Admissions

Field Force Training:

The Steps







Basic Requirements

Legal Requirements:

- ☐ Be at least 17 but not older than 22 the day you report to West Point
- ☐ Be a United States Citizen
- ☐ Not be married
- ☐ Not be pregnant or legally responsible for any children



Basic Requirements (con't)

☐ Leadership

- Demonstrated leadership in school, community, church, scouts, etc.

☐ Academic Qualifications:

- Above average High School or College academic record
- Strong performance on ACT/SAT (with Writing portion)

☐ Medical Qualifications:

- Good physical and mental health
- Pass a Qualifying Medical Exam

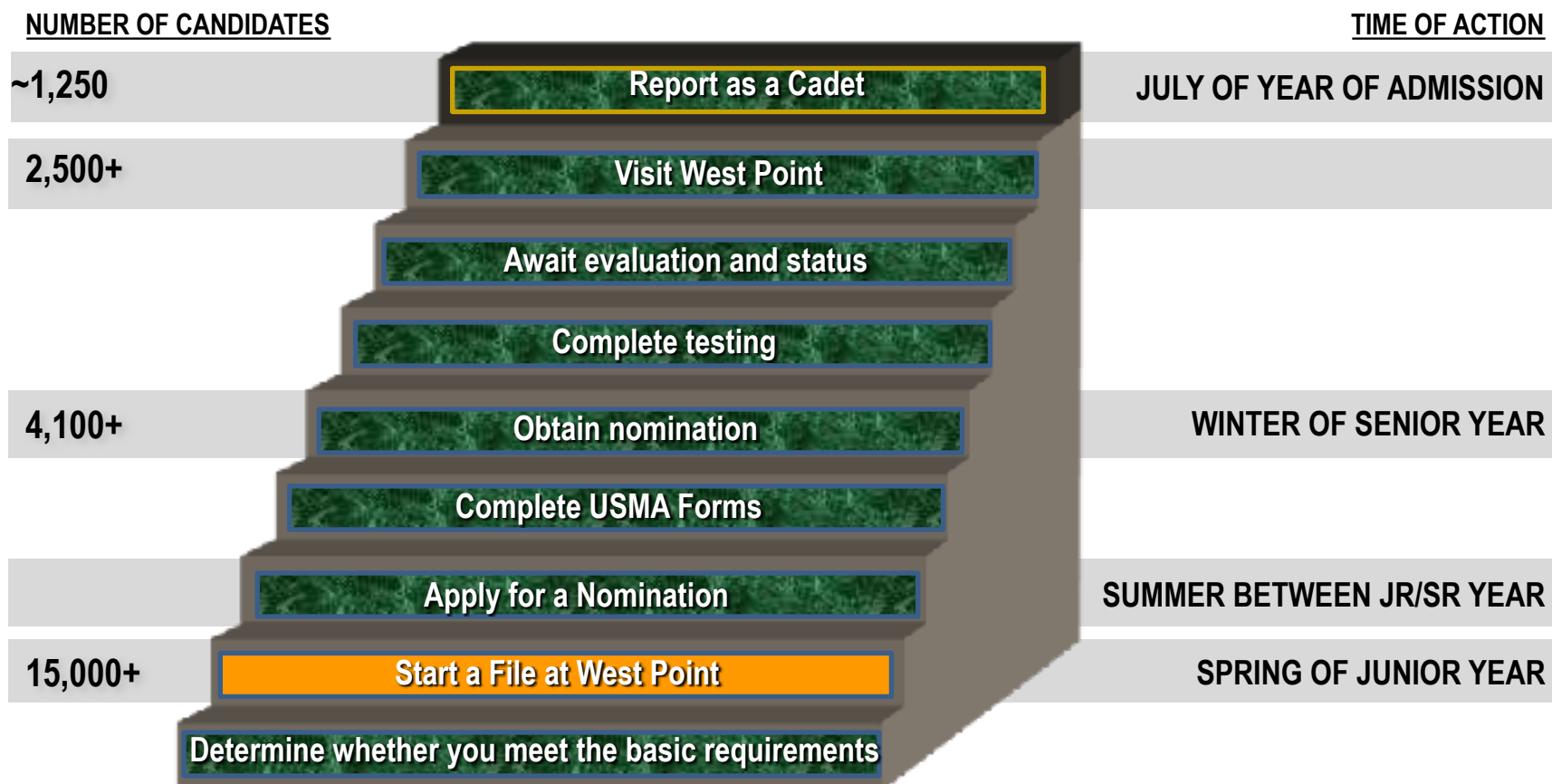
☐ Physical Qualifications:

- Above average strength, endurance, and agility
- Good performance on Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)



Academic Preparation

Recommended	
English	4 Years
Mathematics (including Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus)	4 Years
Laboratory Science (Physics or Chemistry)	2 Years
Foreign Language	2 Years
United States History	1 Year
Computer Technology	1 Year



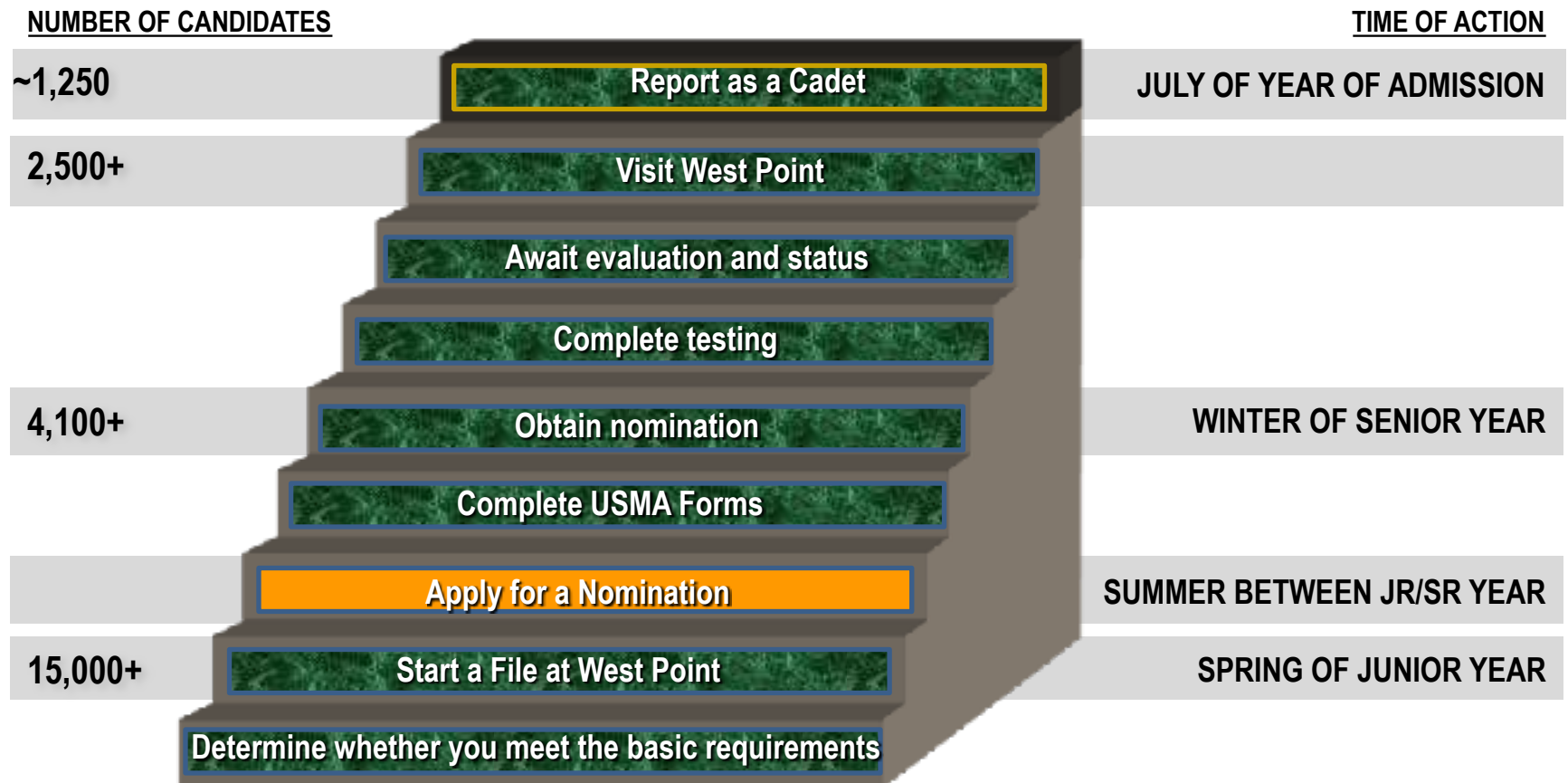


Open a File

- ❑ Start a Candidate Questionnaire online from the admissions webpage:

<http://www.usma.edu/admissions/SitePages/Home.aspx>

- ❑ Usually opens in January to facilitate Summer Leaders Experience application (apply Jan 15 - 31 Mar)





Apply for a Nomination

Congressional Nomination:

Determined by nominating source

Service-Connected Nomination:

RC will determine applicants
eligibility



Apply for a Nomination

Congressional

- ◆ Each Member of Congress is authorized five (5) Cadet Appointments at West Point at any one time.
- ◆ Each Member may nominate up to ten (10) young people to fill each vacancy.
- ◆ The Vice President has five (5) Cadet Appointments for applicants from the United States at large.

Contact Congressional offices EARLY; each member has his/her own time schedule & process

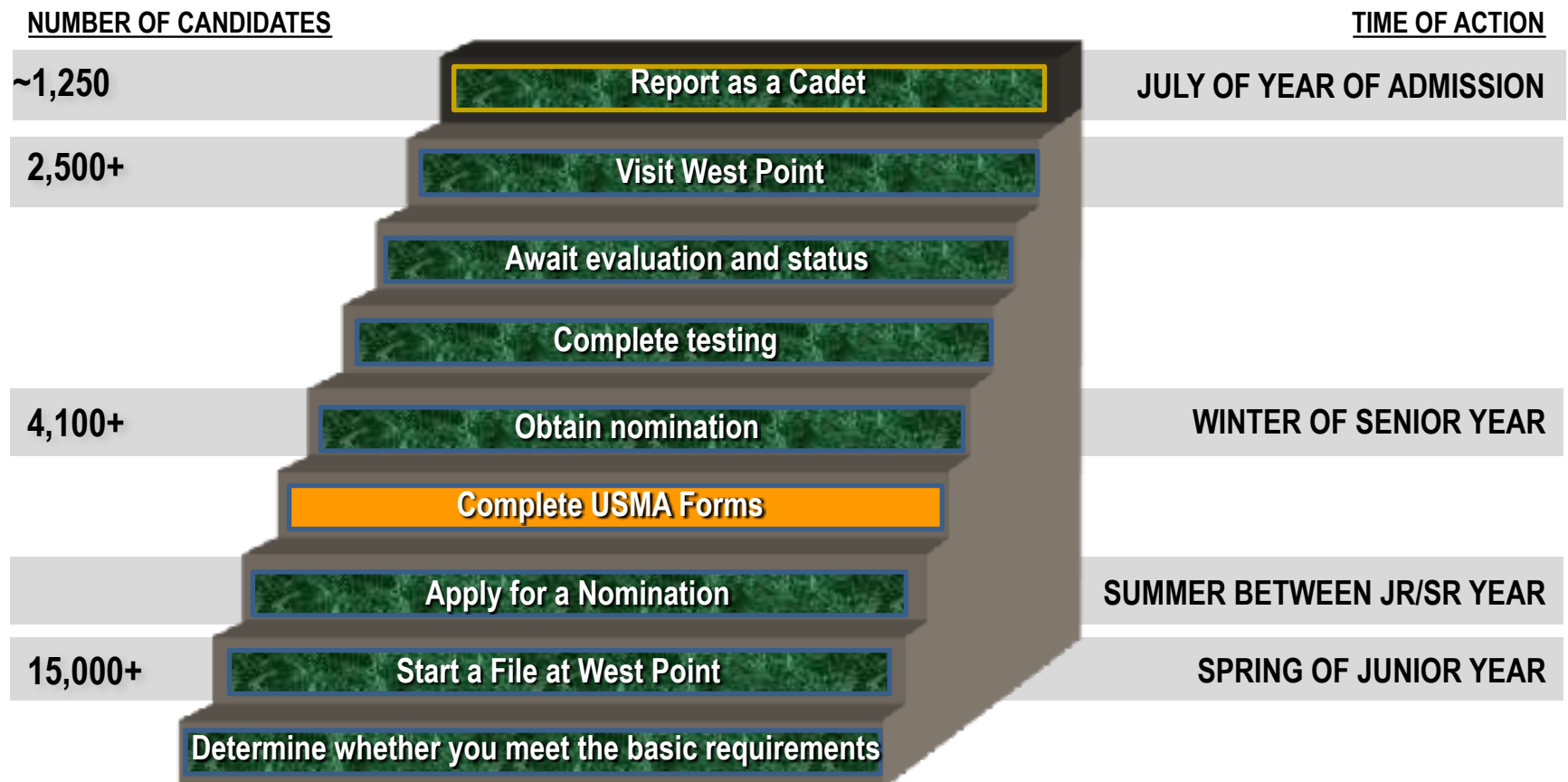
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Service-Connected	
◆ Presidential: Sons & Daughters of career military personnel	100
◆ Regular Army & Reserve Components	85, 85
◆ ROTC & JROTC Schools	
◆ Sons & Daughters of deceased & 100% disabled veterans	~15
◆ Sons & Daughters of Medal of Honor awardees	Unlimited

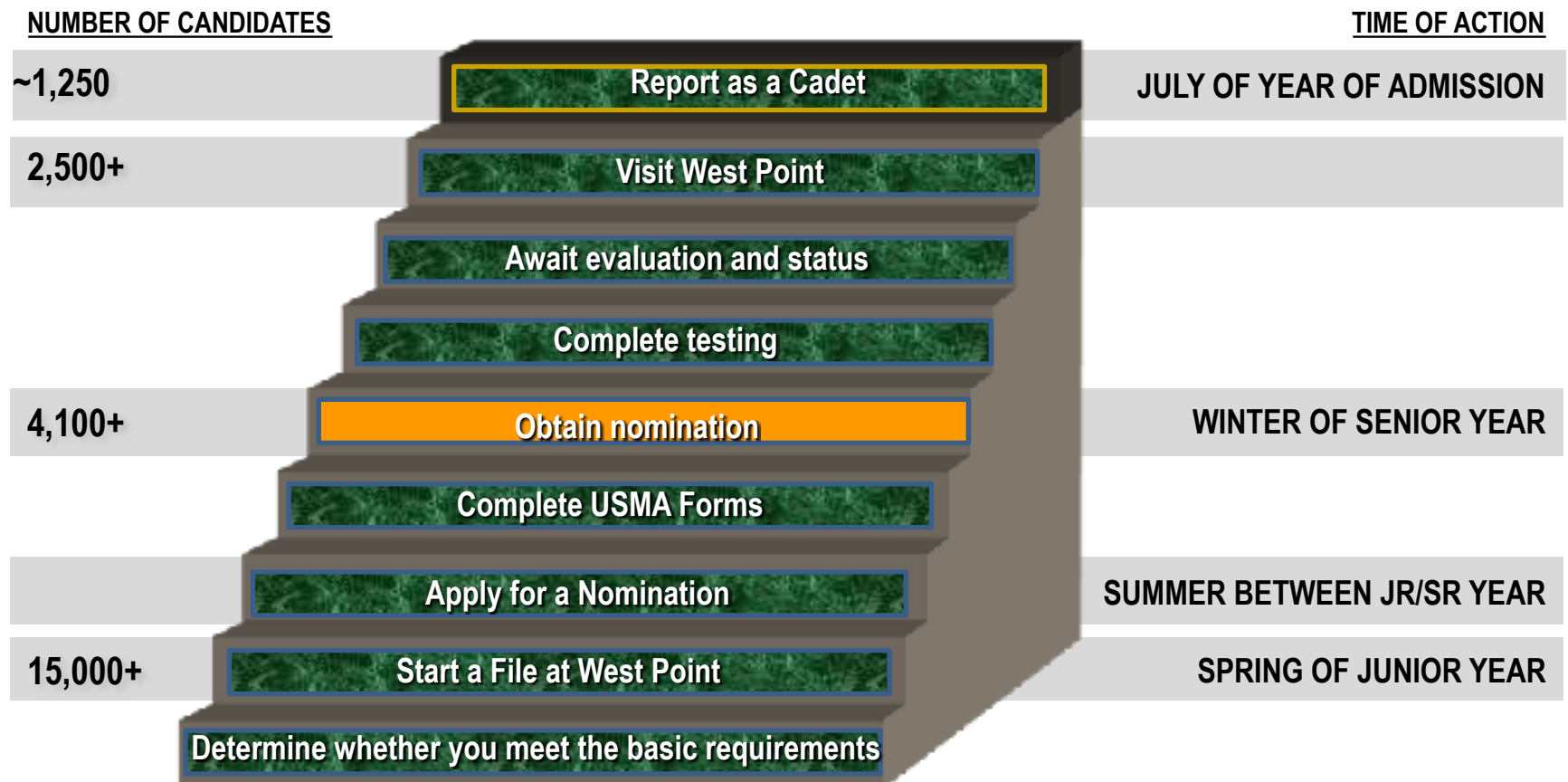
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Complete USMA Forms

- ☐ Candidate Personal Data Record
- ☐ Request for Academic Information
- ☐ School Official Evaluations
 - ☐ Math
 - ☐ English
 - ☐ Chemistry or Physics
 - ☐ Physical Education
- ☐ Candidate Activities Record
- ☐ Essay / Candidate Statement
- ☐ Candidate Fitness Assessment

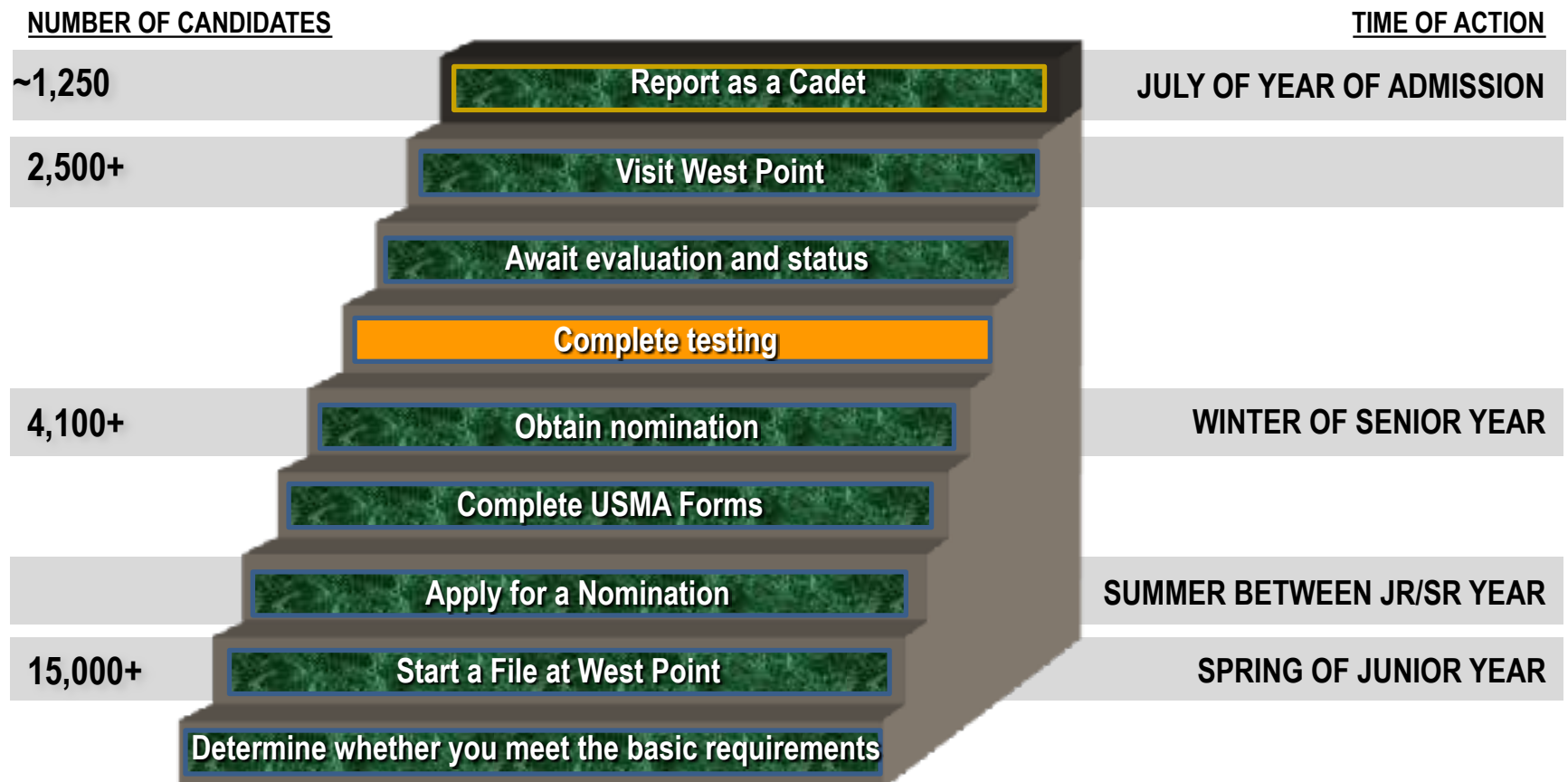




Obtain a Nomination

- Nominations are due to West Point no later than 31 January
- Congressional offices set their own deadlines for applications
- A Nomination is NOT an Appointment
- Advice for Candidates:
 - Make the best impression possible; be prepared for your interview
 - Be aggressive in pursuing nominations!

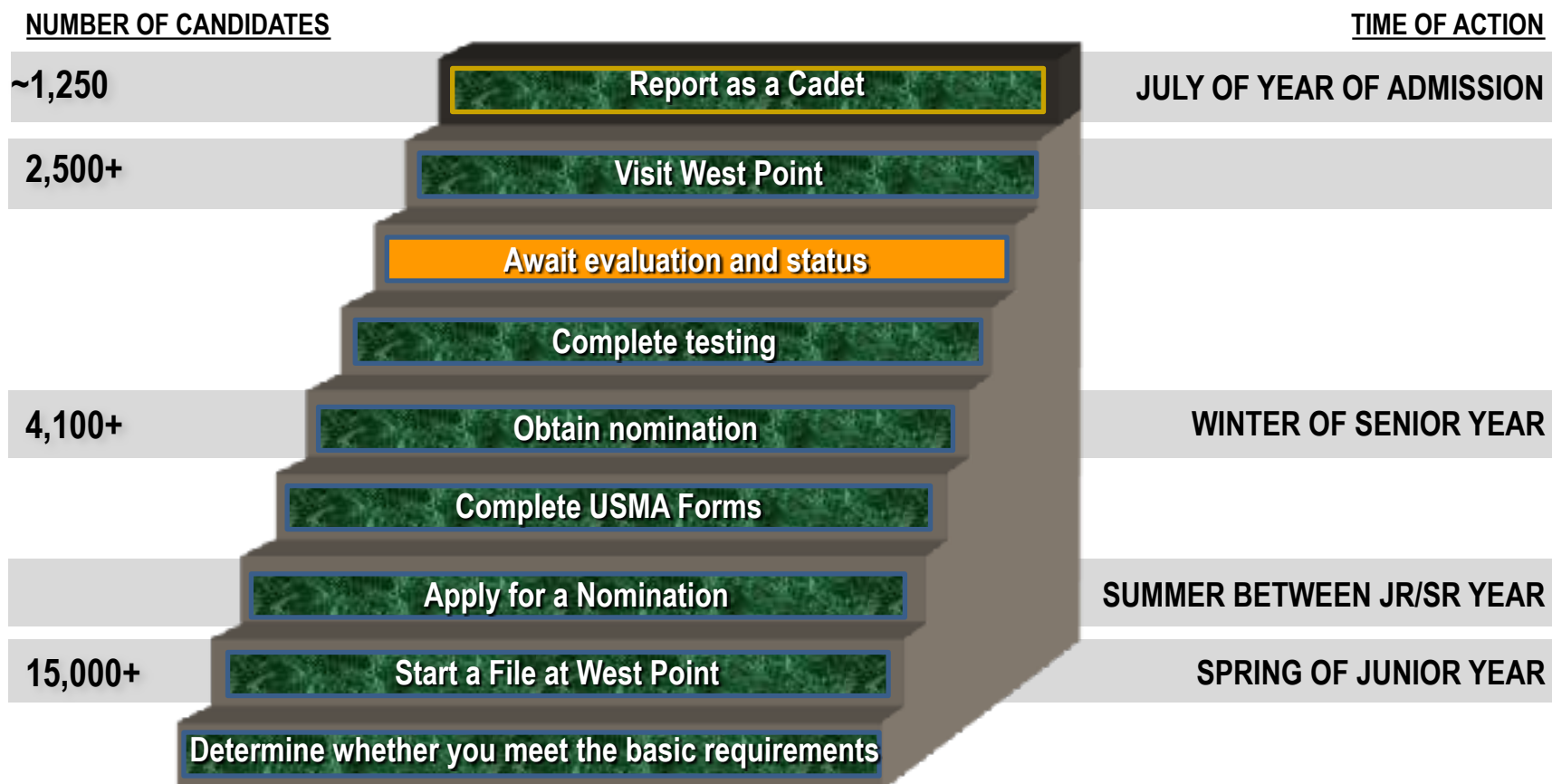






Complete Testing

- ❑ The EARLIER the BETTER
- ❑ ACT/SAT
 - West Point takes the highest component scores from either test
 - Last test dates to have scores arrive in time for consideration
 - SAT = January
 - ACT = February
 - These should not be the first time taking the test
- ❑ Qualifying Medical Exam
 - administered through DODMERB
- ❑ Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)





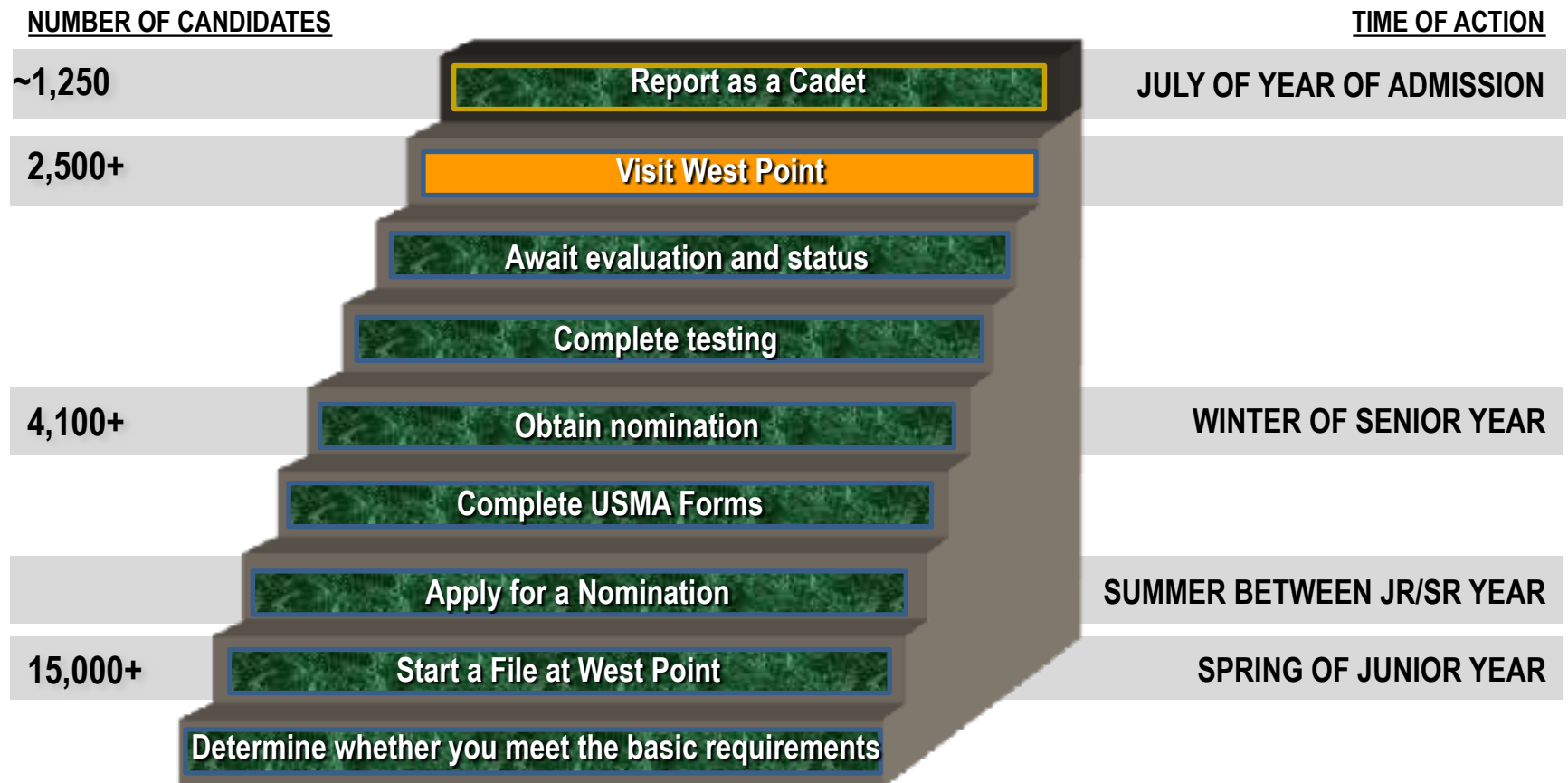
Await Evaluation

- Files must be complete by the end of February or beginning of March depending on the calendar year.
- West Point uses a deadline admissions process (**Deadline 28 FEB**); the earlier your file is complete, the earlier you will be considered for qualification and selection
- The majority of offers are made in Feb-April



Await Evaluation

- Early File Completion allows:
 - More time for the Candidate to improve based on Field Force and RC recommendations
 - Earlier consideration for a Medical Waiver if needed
 - Earlier qualification that the Candidate can take into a nominating interview
 - Greater chance to be authorized an overnight visit in the Fall/Spring (with LOA or LOE)

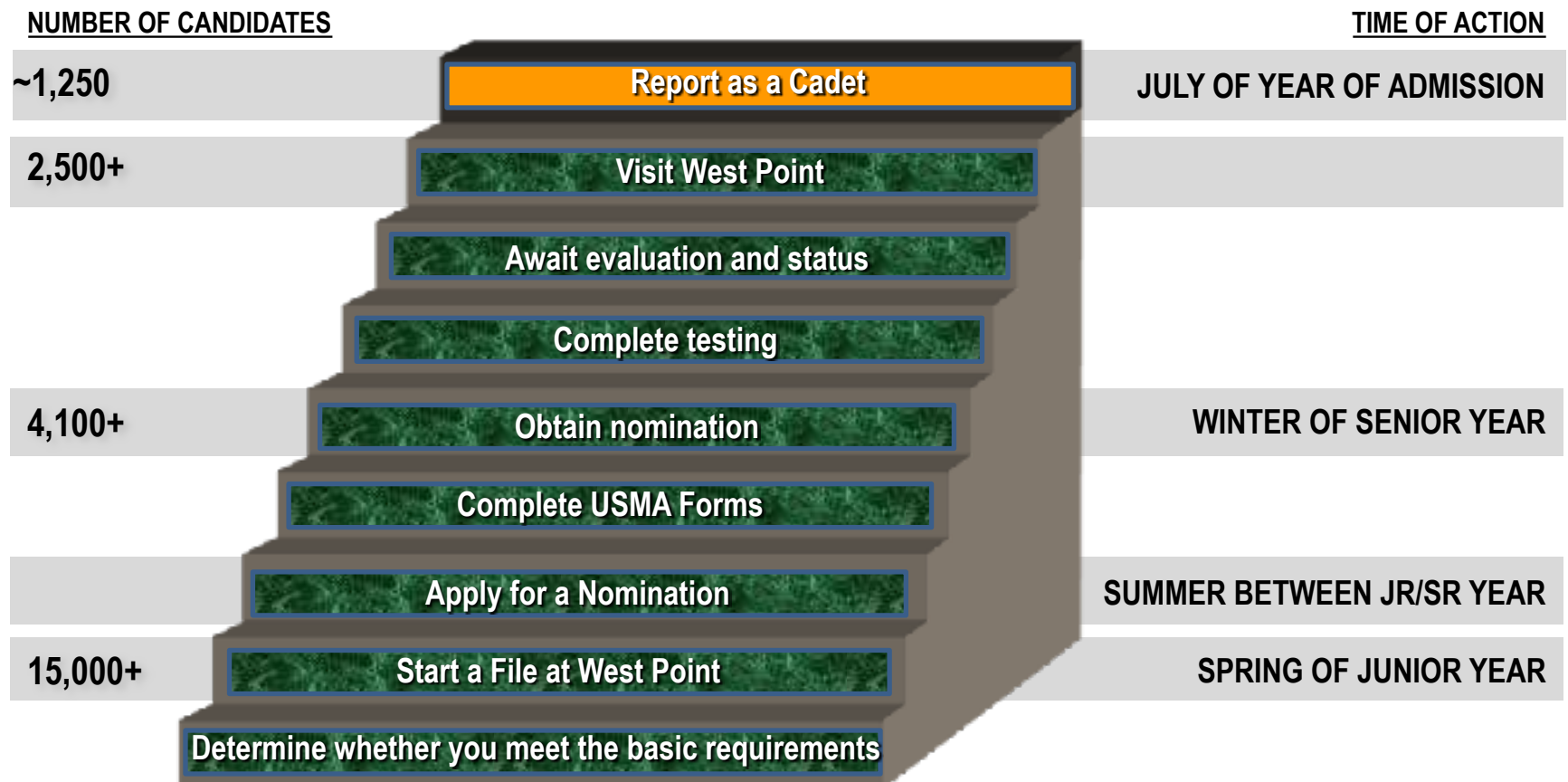




Visit West Point

- Candidate Orientation Visits
 - Available Monday through Friday during the academic year
 - Daily Visits: for students who are at least in their sophomore year of high school
 - Overnight Visits: for those who are *competitive* for an offer of admission (LOA, LOE, or Offered) ***No overnight visits on a Friday***
- Visits are cadet-escorted and offer a real “inside look” at the Academy

To set up a visit sign-up online or
call 845-938-5760





- Reception Day (“R-Day”)
- Come prepared
 - physically
 - mentally
 - emotionally
- We will provide you with lots of information
 - read it!
 - share it!





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No Surprises

Explore

www.westpoint.edu

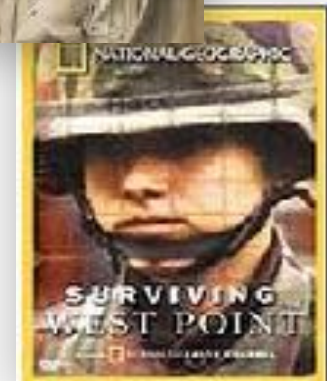
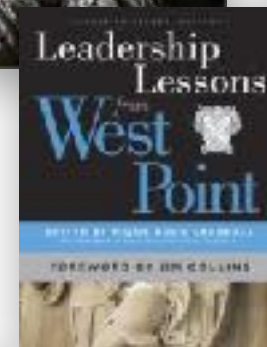
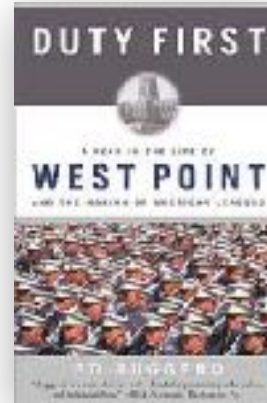
- Books, Magazines, Documentaries

Ask Questions

- Regional Commander
- Field Force members
- Local Area Cadets and Graduates

Visit West Point

~~SERVICE ACADEMY FORUM~~





Admissions Strategy

- Be **proactive** and **aggressive** through process
- Communicate with local **Field Force Representative**
- Candidate's **email** / **phone number** on file (Not Parents)
- **Emails** / **Calls** from Candidates (Not Parents)
- Apply to all available nomination sources **EARLY**
- Complete Application **EARLY**
- Schedule Medical Exam **EARLY**
- Take ACT/SAT multiple times (**Request ACT Writing**)
- **Train** for the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Consider **ROTC** in addition to West Point
- Make the Admissions Decision that is Right for **YOU!**