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# Chaplain – ED-Delay Process & Info FY 22

- To begin the process of becoming an Army Chaplain, a Cadet needs further religious education and professional work experience.
- For more info on the CH Candidacy Program: <http://www.goarmy.com/chaplain/candidate-program.html>
- For more info on the Chaplaincy: <https://army.slatevx.us> – navigate to “Branch Resources” Tab

## Educational Delay Request/Application Packet Requirements

- Accessions Management Sheet (Signed and Dated by Cadet and PMS)
- Official Transcripts with school Registrar’s Seal (NO Exceptions)
- Letter of Intent/Essay
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Letter(s) of Acceptance from Graduate School (Only if Cadet has already received one)
- Any other documents that the Cadet feels may enhance their packet (Do not go overboard)
- For help in completing your packet: POCs and suspense dates are listed in USACC Circular 601-22-1, Appendix J – Educational Delay. See VBO “Branch Resources” for a copy of this circular. Ask your CADRE for help.
- The routing sequence is as follows: Applicant  Brigade HQ  USACC HQ  DA-level Board
- To speak with an Army Chaplain Recruiter:
  - USAR Interest:
    - Text “chaplain” to “goarmy” or
    - <https://usachcstraining.army.mil/documents/10854629/12073945/CH+Recruiter+Contact+Info+ALL+Compos/e78201ea-6335-4a77-8ca7-acfd83bf20a5>
  - For ARNG Interest:
    - Send an email to: [ng.ncr.ngb-arng.mbx.arng-hrr-specialty-branch-accessions@mail.mil](mailto:ng.ncr.ngb-arng.mbx.arng-hrr-specialty-branch-accessions@mail.mil) or
    - Call 1-800-GO-GUARD

**\*\*DD Form 2088\*\***

Letter of Ecclesiastical Approval from Faith Group  
(Though **NOT** required for ED-Delay, Cadets are highly encouraged to explore this process as it is required for the Chaplain Candidate Application Packet.  
See: <https://prhome.defense.gov/M-RA/MPP/AFCB/Endorsements/>  
**Speak with a Chaplain Recruiter ASAP.**

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# Chaplain – ED-Delay: Who Needs It?

- ❑ Who needs ED-DELAY?
  - ❑ All Cadets **without** a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) and are interested in becoming a Chaplain **should apply** for ED-DELAY.
  - ❑ GRFD Cadets **cannot** apply for ED-DELAY. GRFD Cadets must contact their COMPO to request an opportunity to branch as a Chaplain Candidate (56X). (See GRFD Path to the Chaplaincy slide.)
  - ❑ Green to Gold ADO Cadets (**still** on Active Duty) are **ineligible** for ED-DELAY.
  - ❑ Green to Gold Cadets (**not** on Active Duty) **can** apply for ED-Delay.
- ❑ Cadets should reference the current USACC Circular 601-22-1, Appendix J for instructions on applying for ED-DELAY.
- ❑ Cadets who are interested in becoming a Chaplain Candidate (56X) will need to speak with a Chaplain recruiting team for assistance with their 56X packet.
- ❑ Cadets should begin working with their HRA/Cadre during their Junior year to apply for an ED-DELAY packet is due to USACC HQ early in their Senior year, usually NLT 1 SEP. Brigades will generally backdate this deadline by a month or more. It is highly recommended that the Cadet connects to a Chaplain recruiter to advise them through this process.





# Chaplain ED-Delay- GRFD Path to Chaplaincy



- ❑ As a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Cadet, you **cannot** apply for an ED-Delay with USACC.
- ❑ You **CAN** however still pursue the Chaplaincy. Below is a suggest path to the Chaplaincy:
  - ❑ Whether you are Army Reserve or National Guard GRFD Cadet, Cadet Command will assign you to that COMPO.
  - ❑ Cadet must locate a vacancy in a local unit for one of the 17 basic branches that is issued by the personnel at Army Reserve HQ via a Vacancy Hold Report that ties the vacancy/unit to the Cadet.
  - ❑ Once commissioned, the commissioned will report to the assigned unit which signals the end of their time in Cadet Command.
  - ❑ If there are plans to stay in their current unit, it is recommended the Cadets talk to their mentor and communicate their intentions before commissioning.
  - ❑ It is recommended to seek out a Chaplain recruiter that is familiar with your area (and units in your area if you're moving). They can assist with screening for the Chaplain program and can perhaps make your intentions known to the gaining unit which makes your transition easier.
  - ❑ At departure from Cadet Command as a 2LT, you will be assigned a branch and a unit.
  - ❑ Apply for the Chaplaincy through your Program Human Resource Assistant (HRA) utilizing any and all information that you can obtain from the Chaplain recruiter as it relates to open vacancies.
  - ❑ You can learn about the program and find a Chaplain recruiter here (scroll to bottom, "contact a recruiter") <https://www.goarmy.com/chaplain.html>

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# Chaplain ED-Delay- ECP Path to Chaplaincy



- ❑ Early Commissioning Program (ECP) commission into either the Army Reserve or National Guard after their two year degree as 2LTs, and then must transfer to one of our four-year host programs to finish their junior and senior year (and obtain a baccalaureate degree).
- ❑ For active duty branching, they go through the normal branching board process.
- ❑ For reserve forces, the branches are determined by the owning HQ (USARC or TAG), and then Cadet Command makes the administrative changes to the record(s).
  - ❑ At the conclusion of their four-year degree, they are then coded like a normal cadet, and continuing on the Army career path.
- ❑ ECPs are either GRFD or dedicated NG/Reserve contracts.
  - ❑ This population would not be eligible to apply for active duty or ED-delay, but could apply to CHCP once they're in their respective reserve unit similar to GRFD process.
- ❑ If they're not GRFD and are simply a Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) 2LTs, they can compete for active duty if the reserve unit commander signs a conditional release (DD Form 368).
  - ❑ This population, would also be eligible to compete for ED-delay as they are not contractually tied to the reserve forces.
- ❑ **BLUF** - If you're GRFD or Dedicated National Guard or Reserve, then we can only assist with you with becoming a reserve forces officer. You will have to apply from within your reserve unit, as only the SECARMY can revoke a GRFD status.

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