

# Path to Becoming a Cyber Officer (CY)

**Step 1:** Request **Cyber Branch Questionnaire** to complete and sign. Email: [usarmy.eisenhower.cyber-coe.mbx.occ-officers@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.eisenhower.cyber-coe.mbx.occ-officers@army.mil).

**Step 2:** Participate in scheduled telephonic or virtual interview for assessment.

**Step 3:** Receive a **“preferred”** or **“most preferred”** memorandum from Office of the Chief of Cyber.

**Step 4:** Complete an online **TXARNG Officer Branching Request**. Attach memorandum and submit to receive approval for Cyber Branch.

## **OCS SPECIAL NOTES:**

- \*FOCS/AOCS – Memo submission must be completed **BEFORE** start of course.
- \*SOCS – Memo submission must be completed **NO LATER THAN** October 31.
- \*\*Memorandum takes a **minimum of 5 weeks**. Please plan accordingly for deadline.



## Officer Candidate Application Packet Checklist



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- Completed/signed Cyber Branch Questionnaire (obtain the current version from the Officer Division, Office of the Chief of Cyber; email address provided below)
- Current résumé or curriculum vitae detailing your work experience, education, training, certifications, skills, etc.
- Current Soldier Talent Profile (or similar military personnel record from other Branches of Service) (*if applicable*)
- College or University transcript(s) showing GPA and degree completion (unofficial transcripts accepted)
- Certifications or training certificates relevant to the cyber career field (*if applicable*)
- Letters of recommendation (no more than three; specific recommendations for the Cyber Branch preferred, but OCS recommendations accepted)
- OCS class number and dates of attendance; or OCS reservation or orders; or information about your status regarding OCS attendance (e.g., applying for OCS and seeking to branch Cyber in the USAR, etc.).

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Submit all documents in the order listed above in one PDF file (or in as few files as possible) to the Officer Division, Office of the Chief of Cyber at [usarmy.eisenhower.cyber-coe.mbx.occ-officers@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.eisenhower.cyber-coe.mbx.occ-officers@army.mil). Following receipt and review of your packet, you will be contacted about the status of your application, and in most cases, scheduled for a telephonic or virtual interview. Once we complete our overall assessment, you will be notified via email of your selection/approval for Cyber branching, pending an available authorization within your Component of the Army. If selected, an approval memorandum will be provided, usually within one week following your interview. Officer Candidates attending school at Fort Moore, GA, should keep your chain of command informed about your application packet submission and branch selection/approval determination.

**NOTICE:** In-service Active Component Soldiers applying for Officer Candidate School must participate in the Army's Talent-Based Branching Process, facilitated by HQDA G-1, which includes (but is not limited to) submission of personnel data, on-demand interview (in lieu of the questionnaire), live interview (by invitation only), and provision of relevant documents (upon request).

<https://talent.army.mil/job/cyberng/>

# Example



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MEMORANDUM FOR Adjutants General for all States, Puerto Rico, The Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Office of the Chief of Cyber (Personnel Proponent) Approval for Cyber Branching – SM Name

1. The Office of the Chief of Cyber assessed and selected (Bachelors Degree, University) for the Cyber Branch during the FY 2025 Cyber Branch Assessment and Selection Process. SM NAME is rated as "Most Preferred" for the Cyber Branch.
2. If branched Cyber, SM Name is authorized AOC 17X and may be awarded AOC 17A upon completion of 17A Cyber Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Eisenhower, Georgia.
3. Cyber branching is pending appointment as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army National Guard, placement in a Cyber Officer authorization, and meeting all career field requirements outlined in the most recent version of DA Pamphlet 611-21. This approval decision is valid for 24 months from the date of the memorandum.
4. The Office of the Chief of Cyber point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at [phillip.e.williams.civ@army.mil](mailto:phillip.e.williams.civ@army.mil), [usarmy.eisenhower.cyber-coe.mbx.off-officers@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.eisenhower.cyber-coe.mbx.off-officers@army.mil), or (706) 791-5142.

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