



## THE ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

Your decision to enter college, technical or vocational school, military service or the civilian world of work is an important one. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is designed to help you, *no matter what future educational and career plans you may be considering.*



### What is the ASVAB?



The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multi-aptitude test battery that is designed to measure your aptitudes (abilities) at this time in your life. It consists of eight short individual tests covering verbal skills, math skills, science and technical skills. Hundreds of thousands of high school students participate annually. It is offered at **no cost** and **no obligation** to high school juniors and seniors as a public service and recruiting tool.



### How can the ASVAB be used to explore careers?



You can use your ASVAB results with *Exploring Careers: The ASVAB Career Exploration Guide*. Every student who takes the ASVAB receives a copy of the Guide. It has a series of activities that will enable you to match your interests, abilities, and personal preferences to over 450 civilian and military occupations.



### Should you take the ASVAB if you plan to go to college?



**Absolutely.** The *ASVAB Career Exploration Program* provides you with Math, Verbal, and Science and Technical career exploration scores which can help you gauge your readiness for college. These scores can help you better understand your academic strengths and vulnerabilities. The *Interest-Finder* results tell you about your career-related interests which can help you choose potentially satisfying courses of study and a major that will hold your interest. The bottom line is that the *ASVAB Career Exploration Program* can help you confirm your current college plans and identify other college options that you may not have considered. Investing a few hours in your future now could save you lots of time later.



### What is the relationship between the ASVAB and the military?



If you are a junior or a senior, you can use scores from your ASVAB to enlist in the military after graduation. However, you are under **no** obligation to join the military as a result of taking the ASVAB. Most students take the ASVAB for career exploration and have no interest in the Armed Services. Others wish to explore military career possibilities. If you have high scores, recruiters may contact you to discuss current career opportunities and available scholarship monies. If you are interested, you may talk with them. If not, just say "Thank you, sorry, not interested." Furthermore, there is no relationship between the ASVAB and Selective Service Registration.

