Marines

General Information
The Marines are a branch of the military that is within the Navy. They are the ground force for the Navy. The Marines operate their own aircraft (which are the same as Naval aircraft) to support their ground troops. They operate their aircraft off of Navy vessels and ground bases. They utilize Navy aircraft a few of their own. For more information, refer to www.marines.com.

Aircraft
The Marines operate a variety of aircraft. The missions range from first strike to ground support. They have a few aircraft of their own and also operate a couple of other aircraft from other branches

- F/A-18 Hornet: Multi-role Strike Fighter, Ground Support
- AV-8B Harrier II: Vertical Takeoff/Landing Ground Support
- EA-6B Prowler: Electronic Warfare
- Ch-53 Super Stallion: Utility/Troop/Cargo Transport
- MV-22 Osprey: Tactical Insertion/Transport Helicopter Hybrid
- KC-130J Super Hercules: Tanker/Transport
- AH-1Z Super Cobra/Viper: Close Air Support
- UH-1Y Huey/Venom: Utility/Close Air Support/Recon/Assault Support

Requirements / Training Process:
- OCS/ROTC/Naval Academy: Flight Training: (Through the Navy)
- ASTB Testing: Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API)
- Application Process: Primary
- TBS (6 Month Platoon Training): Advanced
- Job Specific Aircraft

How to Prepare
There are several things you can do to help prepare yourself and increase your chances of being accepted.
- Physical Training
- Remain Drug Free
- No Drinking Problems
- Be in good legal standing
- Do well in School
- Extra-curricular activities
- Study for the Testing
- Previous Flight Hours Helpful