

# Congress of the United States



## Service Academy Nomination Packet

**Application Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Service Academy Nomination Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in obtaining a nomination to a United States Service Academy from my office. Each year, Members of Congress have the opportunity to nominate outstanding young men and women from their congressional districts to the United States Service Academies.

These academies have a longstanding tradition of developing leaders and military professionals. I wish you the best in your pursuit of this opportunity.

If you have any questions about the nomination process or this packet, please contact **Chris Peacher** at (630) 585-7672 or [christopher.peacher@mail.house.gov](mailto:christopher.peacher@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



Member of Congress

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## The Nomination and Appointment Process

To be considered for an appointment to a United States Service Academy, each applicant must obtain a nomination from an authorized source. Authorized nominating sources include Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and the Vice President of the United States.

Due to strong competition, applicants are encouraged to apply to multiple nominating sources. Applicants should also contact the admissions office at each academy to open an admissions file. Applying to more than one academy is recommended.

Final decisions regarding appointments are made by the service academies.

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## Service Academy Contacts

- U.S. Air Force Academy  
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200  
USAF Academy, CO 80840  
(800)443-9266  
**[www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)**
- U.S. Military Academy (West Point)  
Building 606  
West Point, NY 10996  
(845)938-4041  
**[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)**
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
300 Steamboat Road  
Kings Point, NY 11024  
(800)732-6267  
**[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)**
- U.S. Naval Academy  
117 Decatur Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402  
(410)293-4361  
**[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)**

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## Eligibility Requirements

- **Age:** Must be at least 17 years old and not have passed your 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of entry.
  - **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen.
  - **Marital Status:** Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support dependents.
  - **Residency:** Must be a legal resident of Illinois's 11th Congressional District.
  - **Medical Fitness:** Must meet medical standards as determined by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB).
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## Application Schedule

- **October 30:** Application deadline (all materials must be received by due date)
- **November:** Candidate interviews (10–15 minutes)
- **December–January:** Notification of nomination status
- **February:** Nomination awards ceremony
- **January–May:** Academy appointment offers issued

*Dates are subject to change. Applicants will be notified of any updates.*

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## Nomination Requirements

**Email submission is preferred. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.**

### 1. Application Form

Complete the fillable PDF application form and submit it via email or mail. Include a recent professional photograph with your application, such as a high school senior portrait or a passport-style photo.

Submit via email or mail (must be received by October 30).

### 2. Standardized Test Scores

SAT and ACT scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies.

Codes: SAT – 1472 | ACT – 7385

### 3. Transcripts

Submit official transcripts including GPA, class rank, and course listings. College transcripts must also be included if applicable.

### 4. Letters of Recommendation

Submit three letters from individuals familiar with your academic performance, character, or extracurricular involvement.

### 5. Résumé

Include extracurricular activities, employment, and any awards or honors.

### 6. Interview

Qualified candidates will be scheduled for an interview with the Academy Nomination Advisory Board.

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## Application Form

- Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Information

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- U.S. Citizen: Yes / No
- Do you meet the medical standards as determined by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB)? Yes / No
- Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_
- Vision: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academy Applications:** List of academies you are applying to and rank preference (1 = highest):

- \_\_\_ U.S. Naval Academy
- \_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy
- \_\_\_ U.S. Air Force Academy
- \_\_\_ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

### Education

- High School: \_\_\_\_\_
- Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_

**Post-Secondary Education (if applicable)**

- Institution: \_\_\_\_\_
- Semesters Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

**Military Service (if applicable)**

- Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendations**

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Nominations:** Have you applied elsewhere? Yes / No  
If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay**

Submit a typed, double-spaced essay (**maximum two pages**) in Times New Roman, 12-point font. Save and submit the essay as a PDF.

Please respond to the following question.

**Why do you want to attend a United States Service Academy?**

**Privacy Act Release Form**

I authorize the Office of Congressman Bill Foster to make inquiries on my behalf regarding my application for a United States Service Academy nomination.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Checklist

Mark each item once completed:

- Application Form
- Résumé
- Essay
- Test Scores (official)
- Transcript(s)
- Letters of Recommendation (3)
- Privacy Act Release Form