



2025 Service Academy **Nomination Packet**

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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 unique opportunity to nominate outstanding young men and women in their Congressional Districts to the prestigious United States Service Academies.

The Academies have a longstanding tradition of grooming patriotic leaders and high-level military professionals. I wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of this legacy of duty and honor.

If you have any questions about the nomination process or this packet, please contact Chris Peacher in my district office at 630-585-7672 or email him at christopher.peacher@mail.house.gov.

Thank You,



Bill Foster
Member of Congress

The Nomination and Appointment Process

In order to be considered for an appointment to a United States Service Academy, each applicant must have obtained a nomination from an authorized nominating source. The Vice President of the United States, as well as Members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. Because of the very strong competition for nominations, Applicants are encouraged to apply for nominations from each of these sources. In addition to seeking a nomination from Congressman Foster, you must contact the Admissions Office at each academy to which you are applying to open an admissions file. It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy. Congressman Foster urges you to research the opportunities offered by each of the academies to serve the United States as a career officer in the Armed Forces. Final decisions on appointments and admission are at the discretion of the service academy.

US Air Force Academy
Admissions HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, CO 80840-9901
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.af.mil

US Merchant Marine
Academy Admissions
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(800) 732-6267
www.usmma.edu

US Military Academy
Admissions Building
606 West Point, NY 10996-9902
(845) 938-4041
www.usma.edu

US Naval Academy
Admissions 117
Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-9977
(410) 293-4361
www.usna.edu

Eligibility Requirements

Age: Applicant must be at least 17 years old but must not have passed their 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year of entry into the Academy.

Citizenship: Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.

Marital Status: Applicant must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent.

Residency: Applicant must be a legal resident of the 11th Congressional District of Illinois. If an applicant is under 18 years of age, the voting residence of his/her parent(s) or guardian will be considered the applicant's legal residence.

Medical Fitness: A candidate who meets the minimum scholastic standards must pass a qualifying medical examination with the Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMERB).

Application Schedule

October 31, 2025: All requested information, constituting a complete application packet, must be received. Pending a serious, unpreventable circumstance (death in the family, illness, etc.), **no exceptions will be made to this deadline.**

November 2025: Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15-minute interview with Congressman Bill Foster's Academy Nomination Advisory Committee.

December 2025: January 2026: Each candidate who has received an interview will be notified of their nomination status.

February 2026: Nomination Awards Ceremony for all nominees.

January 2026: May 2026: Service Academies will make a majority of their appointment offers.

Months and dates are subject to change. You will be notified of any changes are made to this schedule

Nomination Requirements

Please be advised that email is the preferred method of submission

1. Application Form: Complete the Application Form as a fillable PDF and attach a recent photograph. A wallet-sized photo is preferred.

Forms should be emailed to christopher.peacher@mail.house.gov or mailed to 2000 W Galena Blvd., Suite 303, Aurora, IL 60506. **(Must be received by 30 October 2025)**

2. Standardized Test Scores: SAT and ACT scores must be sent to my office directly from the testing center to verify the scores you report on in this form.

Please use the following codes: SAT- 1472 and ACT- 7385.

3. Transcripts: Official transcripts, including your current Grade Point Average (G.P.A.), numerical class rank, and complete course listing, must be mailed in a sealed envelope to our Aurora office to verify the GPA you report on this form. If you have completed any college coursework, please provide a transcript for this as well.

Transcripts should be emailed to christopher.peacher@mail.house.gov or mailed to 2000 W Galena Blvd., Suite 303, Aurora, IL 60506. It is up to the nominee to follow up with the agencies sending out all transcripts. **(Must be received by 30 October 2025)**

4. Letters of Recommendation: Three letters of recommendation must be submitted for each applicant. Letters may be from anyone with knowledge of your academic achievements, work ethic and character, or volunteer and extracurricular activities. It is common for applicants to submit letters of recommendation from teachers, clergy, employers, coaches, scoutmasters, guidance counselors, etc.

Letters must include the recommending authority's signature and should be emailed to christopher.peacher@mail.house.gov or mailed to 2000 W Galena Blvd., Suite 303, Aurora, IL 60506. (Must be received by 30 October 2025)

5. Résumé: Please submit a résumé that includes your extracurricular activities (community service, volunteer work, organizations/clubs to which you belong, athletic participation, etc.) and employment history. If you wish, you may also include a list of awards, honors, or distinctions that you have earned in your résumé.

Please include this as an attachment with your application form and email to christopher.peacher@mail.house.gov or mail to 2000 W Galena Blvd., Suite 303, Aurora, IL 60506. (Must be received by 30 October 2025)

6. Interview: Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10–15-minute interview with Congressman Foster's Academy Nomination Advisory Board.

Please contact Christopher Peacher at christopher.peacher@mail.house.gov or (630) 585-7672 if you have any questions about submitting your materials.

Application Form

*Please attach
current photo
here.*

Please type or print neatly.

Full Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

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Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____ If not, what is your status? _____

Are you in Good Health? _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Do you have 20/20 vision? _____ If not, is your vision correctable? _____

Please list all the Academies to which you are applying:

Of **the Academies to which you are applying**, please indicate your preference by ranking them 1 – 4 (1 being your first choice).

___ U.S. Naval Academy

___ U.S. Military Academy

___ U.S. Air Force Academy

___ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Name of High School: _____

Date of Graduation/Expected Graduation: _____ Counselor: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Ranking: _____ Class Size: _____

ACT Cumulative: _____ Math: _____ Science: _____ Reading: _____ English: _____ Test Date: _____

ACT Cumulative: _____ Math: _____ Science: _____ Reading: _____ English: _____ Test Date: _____

ACT Cumulative: _____ Math: _____ Science: _____ Reading: _____ English: _____ Test Date: _____

SAT Cumulative: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____ Reading: _____ Test Date: _____

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If you have any post-secondary education, please list it below:

Name of Post-Secondary School: _____
Semesters Completed: _____ Major/Area of Study: _____

If you are currently or were previously enlisted in the Armed Forces, please identify your branch of service, service rank, and entry date:

Please list the names of the persons who will be writing your letters of recommendation and their phone number:

Name: _____	Phone: _____
Name: _____	Phone: _____
Name: _____	Phone: _____

Have you filed an application for a nomination from any other source(s)? Y or N If yes, who:

_____ Signature of Applicant Date _____
*My signature certifies that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Essay

Please answer the question: Why do you want to attend a service academy? So, you do not need to work within this document, you may submit a typed, double-spaced essay of no more than two pages from an outside program such as Microsoft Word. Typed essays should be in Times New Roman, 12-point font. Please save your final essay that you submit as a PDF.

Privacy Act Release Form

In the event that the Office of Congressman Bill Foster finds it necessary to make inquiries on your behalf concerning your nomination, it is crucial that you have given permission for such inquiries to be made.

Please PRINT your name: _____

I hereby authorize the Office of Congressman Bill Foster to make an inquiry on my behalf to obtain all necessary information related to a United States Service Academy Nomination.

Signature of Applicant and Date

Checklist

(Signify the materials you have submitted by putting an "X" on the corresponding line)

1. Complete Application Form _____
2. Resume _____
3. Essay _____
4. Test Scores (Sent from testing center) _____
5. Official Transcript(s) _____
6. Letters of Recommendation (3) _____
7. Privacy Act Release Form _____

