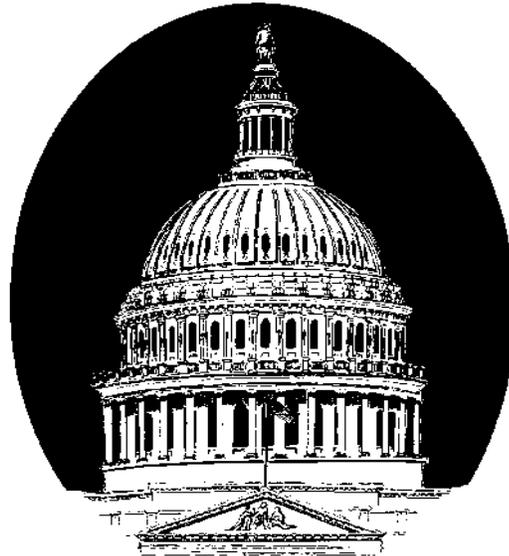


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2020 Service Academy **Nomination Packet**

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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 Adams in my district office at 630-585-7672 or email him at Chris.Adams@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 academies.**

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

November 30, 2020 - 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 2020 – December 2020 - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congressman Bill Foster's Academy Nomination Advisory Committee.

December 2020 – January 2021 - Each candidate who has received an interview will be notified as to their nomination status.

February 2021 - Nomination Awards Ceremony for all applicants.

January 2021 - May 2021 - The U.S. Service Academies will make the majority of their appointments during this time.

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

Nomination Requirements

1. **Application Form** - Complete the Application Form as a fillable PDF and attach a recent photograph. A wallet sized photo is preferred. The form is to be emailed to Chris.Adams@mail.house.gov.
2. **Standardized Test Scores** - Scores from your SAT or ACT must be sent to my office directly from the testing center to verify the scores you report on 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. If your institution is able to send transcripts electronically, please instruct them to send the documents to Chris.Adams@mail.house.gov.
4. **Letters of Recommendation** - Three letters of recommendation must be submitted by 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 recommendations from teachers, clergy, employers, coaches, scoutmasters, guidance counselors, etc. Each letter must be submitted via a mailed envelope and include the signature of the person making the recommendation. Alternatively, the person writing the letter can email the letter directly to Chris.Adams@mail.house.gov (preferred). Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.
5. **Résumé** – Please submit a **résumé** of your extracurricular activities (community service, volunteer work, organizations/clubs to which you belong, athletic participation, etc...) and employment history. If you wish, a list of awards, honors, or distinctions that you have earned may be included on your **résumé**. Please include this as an attachment with your application form.
6. **Interview** - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congressman Foster's Academy Nomination Advisory Board.

As a recap, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all application materials should be submitted electronically (preferred) or in some cases (such as letters of rec and transcripts) mailed to our office. You do not need to come to our office to drop off the application and doing so is discouraged until conditions improve.

Submitting Nomination Materials

- Via Email:
 - Please email your completed application packet and résumé to Chris.Adams@mail.house.gov.
 - Have those writing your letters of recommendation email scans of their letters to Chris.Adams@mail.house.gov (preferred). If emailing scans is not possible they can mail their letter directly to ATTN: Chris Adams, 2711 E New York St, Suite 204, Aurora, IL 60502.
- Via Mail:
 - Standardized test scores and school transcripts in their original sealed envelopes can be mailed to our Aurora office via the codes provided or at ATTN: Chris Adams, 2711 E New York St, Suite 204, Aurora, IL 60502. It might be possible to send standardized test scores and transcripts to our office digitally. If so, please do so and if an email is necessary send them to Chris.Adams@mail.house.gov.

Please contact Chris Adams at Chris.Adams@mail.house.gov or 630-585-7672 if you have any questions about submitting your materials. We are requesting submittal through email to cut down on paper documents and to make the nomination process safer and simpler for all involved.

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: _____

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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: _____

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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

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 _____