

Service Academy Nomination & Application Guide

**What are the
Service
Academies?**



To begin the nomination process, you should first apply directly to the service academy/academies you wish to attend in the *spring* of your junior year.

Coast Guard Academy Application:

<https://www.uscga.edu/admissions/>

West Point Academy Application:

<https://westpoint.edu/admissions/steps-to-admission>

Merchant Marine Academy Application:

<https://www.usmma.edu/admissions>

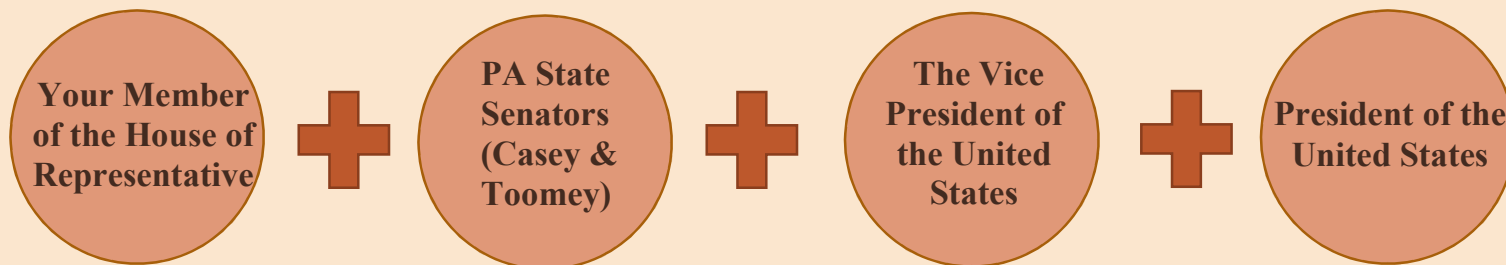
Air Force Academy Application:

<https://www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/the-application-process/application-steps/>

Naval Academy Application:

<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/index.php>

You should then concurrently apply for all of the nominations for which you may be eligible...



While you only need one nomination to get into a service academy, **the more you apply for, the better your chances.**
**** Coast Guard Academy does not require any nominations ****

So, I Know Who I Can Get a Nomination From...Now What??

In order to be considered for a congressional nomination, you must complete a nomination application. Each House Member and Senator have different versions of the application, and those differ from the Vice President's and President's applications. **Please go to the proper website to find out what you must complete for each member.**

Generally, most applications include:

1. An online or paper application that gives the Representative and Review Board a sense of who you are that typically includes:
 - a. 2 pages on extra-curricular activities
 - b. Employment information, SAT/ACT scores, your Candidate Fitness Assessment, and Criminal Information
 - c. Medical Information
2. A two-page essay with proper citation(s)
3. A recent photograph of yourself (professional – think driver's license or passport photo!)
4. An official high school transcript including your GPA, class size, class rank
5. An official copy of you SAT or ACT scores (scores will be super-scored)
6. 3 letters of recommendation – typically one from a math/science teacher, one from English and one from a coach/supervisor
7. A resume

After review of your nomination application, interviews will take place with the Review Board from the respective Representative's office. Interviews are about 45 minutes, and gives the Board the opportunity to compare the candidate to their written file.

If you receive a nomination and are accepted by the academy you applied to, you're on your way to becoming an officer!

Your Commitment to Serve

Upon graduation from a Service Academy, you must serve at least 5 years as an officer in the respective branch.

It's a minimum of a 9-year total commitment!!

Helpful Links

Member of the House Websites for Service Academy Nomination Application

Matt Cartwright (8th District) : <https://cartwright.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>

Dan Meuser (9th District) : <https://meuser.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>

Senator Websites for Service Academy Nomination Application

Bob Casey : <https://www.casey.senate.gov/request/academy-nominations>

Pat Toomey : https://toomey.senate.gov/?p=service_academies

Vice President Website for Service Academy Nomination Application

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-trump-administration/academy-nominations/>

United States President Website for Service Academy Nomination Application

Is a paper application, to be filled out and mailed. More information is here:

<https://www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/the-application-process/nominations/>

****A nomination does NOT guarantee admission; the application for a nomination and admission to the academy are DIFFERENT. While separate applications, they should be completed concurrently****