



Military Service Academy Nomination Process

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To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an applicant must have a nomination from an authorized nominating source. Title 10, US Code Annotated establishes two nomination categories. The first, usually referred to as “congressional nominations,” includes the nominations of the Vice President and Members of the United States House of Representatives and Senate. The second, referred to as “service connected” or “military-affiliated” nominations, includes the selections of the President and nominations of the appropriate service. Appointment to an academy includes a four year scholarship with a service obligation. Each academy’s freshmen class convenes in late June/early July. Therefore, high school students will be submitting their applications during the fall of their senior year and will enter the academy right after high school graduation. Students will be notified of their acceptance by April of the year they enter the academy.

Important Dates for 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
September 1 st	2016 Application Period Begins
November 15 th	Application Submission Deadline
Early/Mid December	Academy Candidate Board Interviews
January 31 st	Nomination Result Notification Sent Out
April	Academies Acceptance Notifications Sent
June/July	Freshmen Academy Classes Begin

Congressman Newhouse’s Nomination Application Process

1. Contact Congressman Dan Newhouse’s office or visit the newhouse.house.gov website to receive the “Service Academy Nomination Application.”
2. Contact your academies of choice as soon as possible and begin the academy application process by submitting a “pre-candidate” questionnaire. Once your file is opened, the academies will begin to make a “whole-process” evaluation; taking into consideration: Character, Leadership, Physical Aptitude, Medical Fitness and Motivation. Listed below are the four service academies along with their phone numbers and websites.

Academies that Require a Congressional Nomination:

U.S. Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado
(719) 333-3070
<http://www.academyadmissions.com>

U.S. Military Academy
West Point, New York
(845) 938-4041
<http://www.usma.edu>

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York
(516) 773-5391
<http://www.usmma.edu>

U.S. Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland
(410) 293-4361
<http://www.usna.edu>

***The US Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, does not require a nomination; however, my office can write a letter of recommendation upon request approval. ***

3. Complete Congressman Newhouse's "Academy Nomination Application." You will be asked to include copies of high school transcripts, letters of reference, a photo, and SAT/ACT score verification. The completed packet is due to Congressman Newhouse's office by November 15th. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
4. If qualified, an interview will be scheduled in late November or in early December with Congressman Newhouse's Academy Nomination Board.
5. Students will be notified as to whether or not a nomination is to be given by January 31st of the entering class year.

General Nomination Admission Standards and Eligibility

The following eligibility requirements must be met by each applicant as of July 1 of the year of admission to the service academy.

Age	Must be between the ages of 17 and 23 years old
Citizenship	Must be a United States citizen
Marital Status	Unmarried, not pregnant and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents

A candidate's competitive standing is determined by his or her high school academic records, rank in class, SAT-I or ACT standardized test scores, recommendations, leadership development potential, interest in the maritime industry, and the potential to develop into a competent officer. Required tests must be taken within 18 months of the application deadline. Candidates must also pass a medical exam set forth by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB).

All of the academies require applicants to pass a Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA). The purpose of this test is to evaluate your coordination, strength, speed, agility, and physical endurance. You will receive information to ensure the results are sent to the academy. It is very important that each applicant maintain a vigorous exercise program in preparation for attending the

academies. *It is highly recommended that you have all your medical requirements and CFA completed before your interview.*

Nomination Information

A competitive candidate will typically exhibit the following qualifications:

- SAT scores of at least 600 verbal, and 600 math, or ACT scores of 29 English and 28 Math.
- A 3.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and ranking in the upper 20% of his or her class.
- Notable participation and performance in extracurricular activities, including an emphasis on leadership.
- Excellent health (medical fitness) and physical aptitude.

Further questions concerning the nomination process can be directed to Congressman Newhouse's Academy Coordinator, Ryan MacDonald at (509) 713-7374 or Ryan.MacDonald@mail.house.gov.

*Please note: A congressional nomination is not a guarantee of admission. **The final decision to appoint will be made by the academy itself following the final review of your medical and academic qualifications by the Academy Admissions Board.** The majority of appointments will be offered by the academies by April of the entering class year.*

If there are extenuating circumstances which merit special attention, please contact the office for guidance. All information must be received in Richland District Office no later than November 15, 2016. Do not send any documentation to Congressman Newhouse's Washington, D.C. Office as it may not be forwarded to his District Office by the deadline.