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MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS



What is a Service Academy?

These schools are the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. They provide a world-class college education while preparing young Americans to be officers in the United States military. Each academy provides education, room, and board free of charge. The acceptance of an appointment to a United States service academy commits a candidate to five years of active duty service after graduation.

Service Nominations

Applicants must obtain a nomination from either their U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator, ROTC commander, or U.S. President or Vice President to be admitted to a United State Service Academy. Young adults who meet the requirements listed below and who have a desire to lead and serve their country are encouraged to apply.

Eligibility Requirements

All candidates applying for a congressional nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to a service academy:

- Must be at least 17 years of age, and must not past your 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year you enter the academy.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and legal resident of the State of Indiana.
- Must be unmarried and have no dependents.



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Application Materials

- An academy nomination application form accessible online at carson.house.gov
- Current yearbook photo
- Official high school transcript
- Official ACT/SAT scores
- Resumé
- Personal statement (500 words max)
- Three (3) letters of recommendation

The letters of recommendation should be written from your principal, teachers, counselor, coaches, or employers. Please do not submit letters written by family members. In addition, it is your responsibility to directly contact your academy of choice to request a pre-candidate questionnaire and complete a candidate file.

Please send all application materials to:

Office of Congressman André Carson
Attn: Heather Harvey
300 E. Fall Creek Parkway N. Drive
Suite 300
Indianapolis IN, 46205
heather.harvey@mail.house.gov

Selection Process

The selection process includes a review of your application materials as well as a personal interview. The final decision will be made by the academy itself following a "whole person" evaluation that considers a candidate's character, attitude, fitness, goals, and motivation. Please note that a congressional nomination is not a guarantee of admission.

Deadline

Applications and all accompanying submissions must be received by my district office in Indianapolis no later than **OCTOBER 15TH**. You will receive notice when your application for our office is complete. My office will contact you if you are chosen by my selection committee for an interview.

One of my favorite duties as a Member of Congress is nominating Indiana's best and brightest young men and women to our nation's service academies. The opportunity to attend a service academy and prepare for a career in the U.S. Armed Forces is an exceptional educational path for young people to explore. I'm impressed by the outstanding group of applicants I meet each year during this process and I am very proud of Hoosiers who aspire to be America's future military leaders.

Regards,
André