



Military Service Academy Nominations

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What is a Nomination?

Members of Congress may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. A candidate may seek a nomination from the following:

- A Member of the U.S. House of Representatives who represents the Congressional district in which the candidate resides
- Both U.S. Senators from his or her state
- Apply directly to the Vice-President of the United States

Service Academies

- U.S. Military Academy at West Point, NY
- U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD
- U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, CT (*nomination not required*)

Academy Eligibility Requirements

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents
- Must reside within the boundaries of CA-20
- Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the applicable Academy/ies

Criteria Used in Selecting Candidates

Nominations are based on a "whole person" evaluation. Factors such as academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character and motivation are considered and compared with other applicants.

Nomination Process

- 1) Submission of completed nomination application file
- 2) Primary review of all submitted nomination files
- 3) Interview of selected applicants by service academy panel
- 4) Panel deliberation and decision
- 5) Notification of nomination awards

Completed Nomination File:

- ✓ Current photo
- ✓ High school transcript
- ✓ American College Testing Program (ACT code: 7259) results and/or College Board Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT code: 4639) results
- ✓ Resume of extracurricular activities
- ✓ An essay stating why you wish to attend a service academy (500 words or less)
- ✓ *Minimum* of three letters of recommendation
- ✓ Application Form: panetta.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations

Deadline: November 16, 2020

All items should be submitted to the Salinas District Office:

**142 W. Alisal Street, E116
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****For more information, please visit:**

<https://panetta.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations/military-academy-nominations-faq>