

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Greetings Student:

One of my favorite duties as a Member of Congress is nominating the Northern Mariana Islands' best and brightest young men and women to our nation's service academies. These academies offer students a first-rate, entirely free college education, and the opportunity to receive an officer's commission in the armed forces upon graduation.

Obtaining a congressional nomination is the usual first step for students who seek an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY. Appointments to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT, are made on the basis of an annual nationwide competition.

Once congressional nominations are received, the admissions boards at these academies make the final selection of students who will be offered an appointment.

Applicants for a congressional nomination should have a broad academic background, the ability to pass a physical aptitude test, and strong leadership potential. An applicant must also be a U.S. citizen, a high school graduate between the ages of 17 and 23, unmarried, have no dependents, and be of high moral character.

The number of nominations I may make to the service academies is set by statute and regulation. Presently, I will be able to nominate 10 NMI students to both the Naval Academy and the Marine Merchant Academy, and 20 to the Military Academy for those who would like to apply for the Class of 2023.

Submission deadline for a 2017 Nomination is December 08, 2017. Your packet should include the following:

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| ___ The completed Application. | ___ Your SAT or ACT exam scores. |
| ___ A short essay from you telling us why you would like to attend a service academy. | ___ At least two letters of recommendations from teachers, friends, clergy, or other adults who know you well. |
| ___ Official high school and/or college transcripts. | ___ Additional information you feel would be helpful. |

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Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

Application for Nomination

Indicate order of preference by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
(1 being your first choice):

Have you opened a pre-candidate file with the
academy (academies)? (Y/N)

- _____ Air Force Academy
- _____ Merchant Marine Academy
- _____ Military Academy (U.S. Army)
- _____ Naval Academy
- _____ Coast Guard Academy

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*If you have not already opened a file with the academy (academies), do so online as soon as you can.
We cannot consider your request for a nomination if you fail to open a candidate file.

Full Name (Last,First,Middle): _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____

Address: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

High School Attended(Name,Address): _____

Name of High School Counselor: _____

Class Rank: _____ out of _____ GPA _____ Graduation Year: _____

Test Scores: ACT: _____ SAT: _____

List your high school courses for your senior year:

Course Title	Semester (1 st or 2 nd)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to take the ASVAB to apply for the service academies?

- No, academy applicants do not have to take the ASVAB to apply to the academies.

Can the ASVAB substitute for ACT/SAT scores?

- No, the ASVAB cannot be used to substitute for the required SAT or ACT test.

Why can't I be married or have dependents to be eligible to apply?

- Regulations prohibit students from being married, having dependents, or having dependent responsibilities. This means your marital status must be single, and you must have no children. Dependents include a spouse by marriage, having a birth child, step child, or adopted child whether or not you provide support to said dependent. Also, if admitted to an academy, you may not acquire any dependents while a midshipman or cadet. There are several reasons why. First, most of your time, energy, and attention will be taken up just getting through the program. Second, all cadets and midshipmen live at the respective academies, no exceptions. There is no housing for families at the academies. Third, student stipend pay is much too low to support a family.

Are there any fees at the academies that I would be responsible for?

- No, there is no tuition, fees, or financial aid at the service academies. The services pays 100% of the tuition, room and board, medical and dental care costs of all cadets or midshipmen. This means ALL students who attend the academies do so on a full scholarship in return for 5 years of active duty service upon graduation.

Do I have to pay for lodging fees?

- No, there are no lodging fees. Students also enjoy regular active-duty benefits including access to military commissaries and exchanges, and discounts at various commercial establishments.

Are there summer programs for high school students?

- Yes, all the academies have a one week summer program for rising seniors normally held in June. The highly competitive programs give high school students a week to experience life as a cadet/midshipman to inform their college selection decision. They are fast-paced programs of academic classes, military training, physical fitness training, and intramural athletics. Students who attend summer programs are responsible for transportation to and from the academies.

Can outside scholarships be applied at the service academies?

- The service academies are federally-funded military institutions. All students are on Active Duty Status as members of the United States Army and receive an annual salary. All student expenses, including tuition, room & board, and supplies are paid for by the federal government. In exchange, all graduates from the academies are required to serve no fewer than 5 years in the United States Armed Forces. Since all tuition and fees are covered by the academies, and midshipmen and cadets receive monthly stipends, federal financial aid programs do not apply.
 - (Except at the Merchant Marine Academy. There is also no tuition or room/board charged to USMMA students. The government covers the cost of their uniforms and books. However, other normal expenses (purchase of laptop at the outset of their first year, activity and service fees, etc.) are the responsibility of the students. Midshipmen at the USMMA are not paid a monthly stipend as cadets/midshipmen are at the DoD and DHS academies. To help financially-needy or economically-disadvantaged students meet their other normal expenses, the USMMA participates in several federal financial aid programs sponsored by the U.S.

Department of Education. Loans available to USMMA midshipmen include student Stafford loans and parent PLUS loans. Grants available include, PELL. In addition, those students eligible to receive "outside" scholarships are encouraged to apply for them, as those can be used to satisfy their billed expenses.)

Are there any specific courses that I need to take in high school to be considered for the academies?

- Academic preparation and performance are very important. The academies do not require a specific number of courses or units of study as a prerequisite for admission. Competitive candidates typically average five college preparatory courses per semester and will complete four years of English, four years of mathematics through pre-calculus or higher, four years of science (to include chemistry with a laboratory), three years of social studies and two years of a foreign language. Many appointees have taken Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual enrollment courses. Overall, a strong college preparatory program taken in high school is highly recommended.

Is there a minimum SAT/ACT score at any of the academies?

- The academy admissions process uses the "whole candidate" concept which seeks well-rounded candidates who demonstrate excellent academic ability, leadership potential, and overall fitness. There is no minimum SAT or ACT score but low scores are likely to disqualify candidates. Approximately 75 percent of the entering class comes from the top 20 percent of their high school class. Mean SAT test scores for a recent class are Math-654, English-627. Mean ACT scores are Math-29, Verbal-29, Reading-30, Science Reasoning-28.
- Candidates will normally enhance their competitiveness by taking the SAT and/or the ACT more than once.

Can I enlist in the military and still apply for a service academy before my contractual obligation is up?

- Yes, enlisted members may apply for the academies. The Secretary of the appropriate service may nominate enlisted members of the regular and the reserve components. The member's command would nominate interested individuals and agree to let them leave their units prior to an appointment.

Are there any health conditions that would make me ineligible for the service academy? For example, is asthma a disqualifier?

- The academy program are physically challenging. All candidates are required to undergo a thorough medical examination because academy graduates are commissioned in a wide variety of career fields with strict medical standards. There are many disqualifying medical conditions, including asthma. Medical waivers may be granted in limited circumstances. For more information, students may go to <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/files/documents/MedicalAppendix1.pdf>.

Is there "boot camp" or physical training in the service academies?

- All appointees begin their first year with a rigorous, seven-week orientation program that introduces them to military life. Upper-class students instruct in military topics ranging from customs and courtesies, the Honor Code, military heritage to marching and room inspections. Students demonstrate proficiency through knowledge tests, drill, rifle-manual competitions, parades and inspections. Daily physical conditioning training includes strenuous exercises, running and competitive sports. All activities condition students to meet the physical and mental demands of the academic school year.

Do the service academies pay for medical evaluations and transportation to and from Guam?

- Nominees are responsible for transportation costs to and from Guam for the required medical examination by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board.

If appointed, do the service academies pay for transportation to get there?

- Yes, transportation costs to the academy are fully covered for those who receive appointments.

What are the physical requirements for the academies?

- In order to qualify for admission to the Service Academies, you must take the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA). The CFA consists of six physical and motor fitness events that are designed to measure muscular strength and endurance, cardio-respiratory endurance, power, balance, and agility. When administered together as a single battery, these six events will help the Admissions Board determine if a candidate possesses the stamina and movement skills required to successfully complete the physical program and perform the duties required of commissioned officers in the uniformed services. You should remember that your score is a combination of your best efforts on each of the six events. Strive for excellence and the highest possible score. Although the CFA is Pass-Fail, it is imperative that you perform to the best of your ability on each of these events:
 - Basketball Throw
 - Pull-Ups/Flexed Arm Hang
 - Shuttle Run
 - Modified Sit-Ups (Crunches)
 - Push-Ups
 - One Mile run
- For more information, go to <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Candidate-Fitness-Assessment.php> or <http://www.academyadmissions.com/admissions/the-application-process/fitness-assessment/>.

Is there a GPA requirement?

- There is no specific GPA minimum. However, you should strive to be among the top (20 percent) of your high school class.

If I apply for a nomination this year, will I have to apply again next year?

- Yes, all service academy nomination applicants must apply. Students who wish to reapply in a subsequent year must submit a new application.

If I get into prep school, will I need to apply again later?

- Prep school students seeking a nomination would need to submit an additional application. Previously submitted materials need not be resubmitted.

Can I apply for multiple nominations? Do I need more than one application?

- Students may apply for nominations to multiple academies each year. Only one nomination application is necessary. If students receive multiple appointments, they would then have to choose which academy to attend.