



UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMIES

U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)
U.S. Military (Army) Academy (West Point, NY)
U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO)
United States Merchant Marine (Kings Point, New York)
Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT)

The mission of the service academies is to provide the instruction and experience necessary to produce graduates with the knowledge, character, and leadership abilities to become career military officers. Attending one of the academies requires significant commitment, with a **five-year military obligation** as an officer in the respective service upon graduation.

To be eligible to attend an academy a student must:

- be 17 but not yet 23 years of age by July 1 of year admitted
- be a U.S. citizen at time of enrollment
- be single with no dependents
- Have an **above average** high school record, both in terms of GPA & the type of classes taken (college prep & **4 years of English, math and science**).
- Have strong scores on the SAT or ACT (actual scores requirements vary with the different academies).
- Meet high leadership, physical, and medical standards
- Be of high moral character.

Competitive candidates are usually in the **top 10%** of their class; **on average** will have **SAT** scores around **669 Math, 642 Verbal**, and/or an **ACT composite of 30**. In general, **admissions are based 60% on academics and 40% on leadership and physical aptitude**.

Service Academy Admissions Process

1. To begin the application process, request a "Pre-candidate Questionnaire" from the academies during the **spring of your junior year**. Your candidacy begins with this form **so fill it out as completely as possible**. The academy will open a file for you upon receipt of the completed questionnaire. **Notify the College Counselor when you have completed the pre-candidate questionnaire.**
2. Admission to any of the academies is gained through a unique system of nomination, evaluation, qualification and selection. A nomination is the legal authority for the academy to consider a candidate for admission. **APPLY for a nomination AFTER you have completed the pre-candidate questionnaire.** The nomination process will include an application, recommendations, and, if you are minimally qualified, an interview. Visit the websites of our representatives **ASAP** to begin the nomination process. Two of our representatives require students to complete an online process and one requires students to request a nomination packet. There are **detailed instructions** and it is important that you follow them to the letter! Apply for a nomination from **ALL** of the following and return the completed forms **well before** the deadlines:
 - **the Vice-President: submit online between March 1st and January 31 at:**
www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-biden/academy-nominations
 - **BOTH U.S. Senators— Cory Gardner: submitted online by October 6, 2017**
Michael Bennet: submitted online by October 2, 2017
 - **Congressional Representative Doug Lamborn: received by September 29, 2017**

NOMINATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY.

3. Study the criteria for other nominating categories and apply if you are eligible. **Children of career members** of the U.S. military who are active, retired, or deceased may qualify for an appointment from the President; **children of Deceased/Disabled Veterans & children of POWs/MIAs and children of Medal of Honor Recipients** may apply for a nomination directly from the Director of Admissions of the academy.
4. Take the SAT and the ACT in the **spring of your junior year**. If needed, retake the tests during the senior year. The U.S.A.F.A. will use your **best composite score** while Westpoint will use your “highest scores” and the Naval Academy will use your best subscores from multiple test dates. **Be sure to either take the optional ACT Writing test or the SAT Writing test. Have your scores sent directly to the academies and our congressmen---**check the test booklets for their specific codes.
5. Identify the people you plan to use for references and ask them well in advance. Coordinate the completion of your **nomination packet with the College Counselor so that all materials are submitted together well in advance of the various deadlines.**
6. If an evaluation of your Pre-candidate Questionnaire indicates that you meet the minimum qualifications for admission, a medical examination will be authorized. You will be scheduled for a medical exam by the DODMERB (Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board). If possible, **schedule your appointment for late summer or early fall before you get busy with other senior demands.**
7. You will also receive a kit of **additional admissions forms and information and be scheduled for the candidate fitness test**, beginning in the early fall. You can work on your physical fitness level over the summer to help you achieve the highest results possible. Check with the academies to learn about their individual achievement standards. **You should request your medical exam and physical fitness test results be forwarded to ALL the academies. You will be given authorization cards to have the results sent to the officials that you have asked to nominate you.**
8. **Complete all application forms as soon as possible; coordinate submitting any application documents that aren't completed online with the College Counselor so that any remaining “pieces” are submitted along with your transcript.**
9. Notification of an appointment may arrive as early as November for outstanding candidates. If you are informed of **any deficiencies** in your candidacy, you will have until **March 1** to improve upon your original application. Candidates are usually informed in early May if they will not be selected for an appointment.

Important Names/Addresses/Web Sites

USAFA

Director of Admissions
 HQ USAFA/RRS
 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
 USAF Academy, CO 80840
 719-333-2520
<http://academyadmissions.com>

ANNAPOLIS

Director/Candidate Guidance
 U.S. Naval Academy
 117 Decatur Road
 Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
 410-293-4361
www.usna.edu/Admissions/

WESTPOINT

Director of Admissions
 U. S. Military Academy
 646 Swift Road
 West Point, N.Y. 10996-1905
 845-938-4041
www.westpoint.edu/admissions

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
 300 Steamboat Road
 Kings Point, N.Y. 11024
 1-800-732-6267
www.usmma.edu/admissions/

United States Coast Guard Academy

Director of Admissions
 31 Mohegan Ave.
 New London, Ct. 06320-8103
 1-860-444-8444
www.cga.edu/admissions

	Senator Gardner	Senator Bennet	Congressman Lamborn
Nomination Coordinator		Alisha Andrews	Elizabeth Tapia elizabeth.tapia@mail.house.gov
Office Phone; Fax	719-632-6706 Fax 202-228-7176	303-455-7600 or 866-544-9866	719-355-7565 (E. Tapia) 719-520-0055 Fax 520-0840
Local Address	102 S. Tejon St., Suite 930 gardner_academy@gardner.senate.gov	1127 Sherman St., Suite 150, Denver 80203 academy_nominations@bennet.senate.gov	Suite 330 1125 Kelly Johnson Blvd. Colorado Springs 80920
Website	www.gardner.senate.gov	www.bennet.senate.gov	www.lamborn.house.gov/
To Access a Nomination Packet	Go online and click on <i>Helping You</i> then <i>Academy Nominations</i>	Go online and click on <i>Serving You</i> then <i>Academy Nominations</i>	Go online to <i>Service Academy Nominations</i> and download the application
Deadline-- Completed Application	Submit online by: October 6th, 2017	Submitted online by: October 2, 2017	Hard copy due in office by: September 29, 2017
Interview	October & November	November	October
ACT/SAT Requirements	Either accepted. Updates accepted until December 8th	Either accepted. Updates accepted until application deadline.	Either accepted. Updates accepted past the application deadline.
Recommendation Requirements	2 recommendation letters required; may be from counselor, teachers, employer, or church/community leader. gardner_academy@gardner.senate.gov	3 Recommendation Letters required; 1 from either principal, teacher, counselor or community leader	3 recommendation letters required; 1 from the principal or counselor; 2 from a teacher, employer, church/community leader
Additional Nomination Requirements	Extracurricular Activity form; Responses to 2 essay questions + a recent photo	Personal letter describing why candidate wishes to attend a Service Academy + photograph	500 word essay describing why candidate wishes to attend a Service Academy + photograph
Nominations Announced	January	December	December

