

**United States Congressman
Jodey C. Arrington
19th District of Texas**



SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATION PACKET

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

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2020-2021 Application for Nomination to a U.S. Service Academy

CHECK LIST

Send the items below to my Abilene Office by October 31, 2020. All items must be **received** by the deadline to consider an application complete. If you would like verification of delivery, please request a return receipt from the US Post Office or other mail vendor.

- Application form must be completed and signed by applicant. Must be legible or typed. **Please read this application carefully and double check. Before mailing, be sure to compare your application to the check list provided.**
- Personal Questionnaire and Essay should be completed and thoroughly answered. This questionnaire, along with the information provided on the application, is your best opportunity to illustrate your strengths and character.
- Personal Recommendation Forms (3) completed by counselors, principals, teachers, coaches, or religious leaders (i.e. priests, rabbis, and ministers). **You are required to return three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms or Letters but no more than three.** Recommendation forms are attached in this packet.
- Official copy of your high school transcript including courses currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank. If you would like to provide your transcript from your senior year, you may send it as an update as long as your application is complete by **October 31, 2020**.
- Official copy of your college transcript (if applicable) including courses currently in progress.
- Current photograph (wallet size) with your name and hometown written on the back.
- Copy of your official SAT or ACT scores/report, if they are not sent directly from the college boards. **NOTE: Test scores must be received by October 31, 2020.** Carefully consider the dates that you are taking the tests; if you wait until September or October, your scores may not arrive on time. My test codes are:

SAT: 6079 ACT: 7000

Deadline for receiving application – documents is October 31, 2020.

Plan for mail delays and send your documents in EARLY to:

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Application Form

Please attach
a wallet sized
photo of
yourself

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETE ALL FIELDS

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle Name you go by

Current Mailing Address: _____
Street/P.O. Box

City Zip code (with four-digit code) State County

Legal Residence: _____
Street/P.O. Box

City Zip code (with four-digit code) State County

Home Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Are you a dependent of an active or retired member of the United States Military? Yes ___ No ___
Check one

Name of Parent(s) or legal guardian(s):

Name Phone

Name Phone

High School: _____
Name of School Phone

Street/P.O. Box City Zip Code

Expected Date of Graduation: _____ Counselor: _____

GPA: _____ Class Standing: _____ Out of: _____

SAT Score: _____
Math Writing/Reading Composite

ACT Score: _____
Math Writing Reading Composite

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

<input type="checkbox"/>	Boy's/Girl's State or Nation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jr. ROTC Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eagle Scout/Gold Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	Debate Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	Boy Scout/Girl Scout	<input type="checkbox"/>	Church Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	Key/Interact Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	School Publication
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Honor Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	Language or Science Club
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	4-H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Academic Honors Club	<input type="checkbox"/>	FFA
<input type="checkbox"/>	School Band/Chorus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Drama

Other(s): _____

Sport	Grade	Varsity	Position	Letter	Captain	Honors
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<input type="checkbox"/>	9 10 11 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Employment: _____

Description	Hours/Week
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I am also seeking nomination from:

_____ Vice President Pence _____ U.S. Senator John Cornyn _____ U.S. Senator Ted Cruz

Please **rank your Academy preference** and indicate if you have opened a file with each Academy:

Academy	Rank	Open File
U.S. Air Force	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th NA	Yes No
U.S. Merchant Marine	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th NA	Yes No
U.S. Military	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th NA	Yes No
U.S. Naval	1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th NA	Yes No

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I fully intend to vigorously pursue an academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years military service following graduation. I am a U.S. Citizen or will be by July 1, 2020 and I will be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years old on July 1, 2020. I am not married; I am not pregnant; I have no child support obligation; I am a legal resident of the 19th Congressional District of Texas.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Essay Questions

PLEASE TYPE YOUR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ATTACH IN A SINGLE DOCUMENT:

- 1) In what ways have you prepared yourself for study at a service academy? **(One paragraph)**
- 2) When did you decide you wanted to attend an academy? What generated your interest? **(One paragraph)**
- 3) Why do you want to attend a military academy instead of a traditional university? **(One paragraph)**
- 4) How have your extracurricular, volunteer and athletic activities prepared you for a service academy? **(One paragraph)**
- 5) Briefly describe an experience that best demonstrates your leadership capabilities. **(One paragraph)**
- 6) Do you understand that, if selected, you must commit to a minimum of five years in military service? **(One paragraph)**
- 7) Do you think you can abide by the honor code, “we will not lie, steal, cheat, nor tolerate those among us who do?” Including the requirement to report violations you observe or learn about? **(One paragraph)**
- 8) What disappointments/obstacles have you encountered in life? How did you handle these situations? **(One paragraph)**
- 9) What makes you stand out among the other candidates? Please include any experience or statements that show you will make a good officer in the United States Military. **(One page)**

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PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

To be completed by a teacher, school counselor/principal, religious leader, community leader or employer.

Note to applicant: You must turn in three personal recommendation forms by October 31, 2020, or your application will not be considered complete. Additional forms or letters are welcome.

Name of Applicant (Last/First/Middle) _____

To the recommender: The person above is applying for nomination to a United States Service Academy. The academies provide a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following graduation. The questions below are designed to provide the information necessary to select the best qualified candidates. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Each student must submit three personal evaluation forms along with a complete application packet by October 15, 2019. Failure to return this form to the student by that date will jeopardize the student's application. **PLEASE ANSWER THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ASKED ON THIS FORM.** Use additional pages if necessary. You are welcome to submit a separate letter of recommendation, but that letter will not help the applicant complete his/her file unless it is accompanied by this form.

1. How long have you known this applicant and in what capacity?
2. Describe the applicant's talents, strengths, and leadership ability.
3. How could the applicant improve to rise to the challenges presented by a U.S. service academy?
4. Do you believe the applicant plans to pursue military service as a career? Does he/she truly understand the commitments and obligation that accompany a service academy education?
5. How does the applicant handle stressful/challenging situations? Has the applicant encountered failure and how did he/she manage the situation?
6. Do you know of any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant's performance at the academy?
7. Please select the statement that best applies to this applicant:

_____ THE BEST, students like this appear once in several years

_____ EXCELLENT, among the best I have known

_____ ABOVE AVERAGE

_____ FAIR

To the recommender: Please give this completed form, along with any additional pages or letters, sealed in an envelope and signed across the flap, to the applicant for inclusion in the application packet. Thank you.

Name (signature) _____ Date ____/____/____

Name (printed) _____ Title _____

Address _____
Work or Home Street/P.O. Box City Zip Phone

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Service Academy Information

If you haven't already done so, you should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly.

Remember you may apply for a nomination with **both** of your U.S. Senators and your U.S. Representative.



U.S. Air Force Academy
Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu



U.S. Navy Academy
USNA Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(888) 249-7707
www.usna.edu



U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(866) 546-4778
www.usmma.edu



U.S. Military Academy
Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
www.usma.edu

*Congressional nominations are no longer required or submitted for the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). If you are interested in attending the Coast Guard Academy, contact the academy directly.

United States Coast Guard Academy
Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
(203) 444-8501
www.uscga.edu

Check List for Candidates

- _____ Application form completed
- _____ Photograph attached to application form
- _____ Essay
- _____ Recommendation Letters/Forms (3)
- _____ Official high school transcript, including final junior or senior year grades, (also, college transcript if applicable).
- _____ Class rank and the approximate size of graduation class.
- _____ SAT/ACT scores (Scores reflected on high school transcript will be accepted in lieu of testing center documentation.)

BE SURE TO CHECK *AND RECHECK* YOUR APPLICATION TO MAKE SURE IT IS *SIGNED, DATED, AND ALL DOCUMENTS ARE INCLUDED.*

REMEMBER – APPLICATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 31, 2020

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact my Abilene office:

(325) 675-9779

blair.schroeder@mail.house.gov