



Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
New Jersey's 11th District
U.S. Service Academy Nominations 2018
<https://frelinghuysen.house.gov/academy-nominations/>

FAQ's:

What is the difference between a nomination and an appointment?

Admission to an Academy is a competitive two-step process. The first step is to obtain a nomination from an authorized source. The second step is to receive an appointment from the Academy. The nomination allows you to compete for the appointment but does not guarantee an appointment.

Who can give me a nomination?

- Because of the extreme competition for nominations, you are urged to apply to every nominating authority available to you.
- Nominations can be given by a Member of Congress, Senator, and Vice President. In some cases, the President may give a nomination. Eligibility information may be found at each Academy's website.
- Applicants to the Merchant Marine Academy may only receive a Congressional nomination. More information may be found at: <https://www.usmma.edu/admissions/application/nominations>
- The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require nominations.

What are the requirements for a nomination?

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

- Age: Be at least 17 years old, but not older than 23 years of age
- Citizenship: Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Marital Status: Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- Residence: Must reside within the boundaries of the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey.
- Skill / Fitness: Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy.

When is my nomination application due?

The deadline for submitting a nomination packet is **October 15 by 5:00 p.m.** Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Office of Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
30 Schuyler Place, Second Floor
Morristown, NJ 07960

What must be included in my nomination file?

A complete nomination file consists of the following items:

- Current photo with name on back
- High school transcript
- American College Testing (ACT) and/or Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) results
- Resume of extracurricular activities
- An essay stating why you want to attend a Service Academy (500 words or less)
- Maximum of 3 letters of recommendation

What happens after I have submitted my application?

Applicants who submit a **completed** application will receive a letter providing a time and date of your scheduled interview in November.

When will I know if I received a nomination?

Nominations will be announced by the end of the 2018 calendar year.

What criteria are used in selecting candidates?

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

How many Academies are there?

There are five Service Academies.

- U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York
- U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland
- U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York

Are the requirements the same for all of the Service Academies?

No. Although many of the qualifications are similar, each Academy operates under its own admissions guidelines. Visit the Academy of your choice via their website for each Academy's admissions qualifications and expectations of a candidate.

Who should I ask to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf?

The following is a list of the most common references:

- Teachers
- Counselors
- Employers
- Coaches
- Clergy
- Scout Leaders

Should I apply for an ROTC scholarship?

Because the nomination and appointment process is competitive, not all candidates will receive a nomination or an appointment, so it is also a good idea to apply for an ROTC scholarship. ROTC Scholarships are three and four-year merit-based scholarships. Similarly to the Academies, there is a service requirement upon completion of undergraduate study.