

Dear Service Academy Candidate,

I'm privileged to nominate outstanding young residents of Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District to the United States Service Academies. Most importantly at the outset, thank you for your courage and fortitude in considering this process; you're embarking upon an honorable adventure, and should be proud of the desire to serve our Nation.

Each of the Service Academies, except the Coast Guard, requires a Congressional Nomination for admission. If you'd like to be considered for a Nomination, please complete this application packet. Due to the large number of applicants, **all application materials must be submitted to our Dauphin County Office by close of business (5:00 p.m.), Friday, September 30, 2022.**

I charge our 10th District Service Academy Nomination Board with helping me objectively interview and select the top candidates. The Academy Board is comprised of active and retired Service Members from all branches of the military; they feel as strongly as I do about this process.

Please know that the application for *Nomination* and application for *Appointment* are two different processes required for admission to a Service Academy. You must visit each Academy's website to start your Appointment application.

The application process to a Service Academy is lengthy and detailed: **DO NOT DELAY.**

Please remember that a Congressional Nomination does not guarantee your appointment to an Academy. The final decision for Appointments is made solely by the individual Service Academy.

If you have questions throughout this process, please contact our Service Academy Project Officer, Mrs. Jodi Marsico (717-603-4980 / [PerryServiceAcademy@mail.house.gov](mailto:PerryServiceAcademy@mail.house.gov)), for assistance. We're happy to help you. Again, thank you for your interest in serving our Country. I truly wish you well in this honorable endeavor.

Very Respectfully,



SCOTT PERRY  
Member of Congress  
10th District, Pennsylvania

# TIPS FOR SUCCESS

## Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)

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**1. Contact Each Academy Early** to complete its pre-candidate questionnaire. Before your interview, you **must** have applied to each Academy for which you wish to be considered. If you qualify initially, the Academy (ies) will send you application materials. Academies begin to evaluate applications in early September of the senior year of high school.

**2. Know the Academies:** Spend some time familiarizing yourself with the histories; i.e., purpose, lifestyles, opportunities and Honor Codes. If possible, set up a personal tour by contacting the admissions office or by taking a virtual tour. Academy summer programs are great opportunities for high school students.

**3. SAT/ACT:** We strongly encourage you to take these *as early as possible*, which gives you time to retake them as necessary to raise your scores. These scores are a primary method for Academies to evaluate candidates. For more information:

SAT: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

[www.March2Success.com](http://www.March2Success.com) is a free ACT/SAT prep tool provided by the Army and available to all students regardless of their interest in the military.

**4. Meet All Application Deadlines:** Due to the large number of applicants, ***your applications must be completed by the due dates***. Deadlines for Nomination applications, Academy applications and ROTC applications are earlier than most other college admission programs, so start the process early.

**5. Seek Nominations from More Than One Source:** Every candidate who meets the general eligibility requirements for an appointment is eligible to apply to four nominating authorities - US Representative, both US Senators, and the Vice-President. Presidential and ROTC Nominations are other sources of appointments, but each has special eligibility criteria and application requirements so visit each Academy's website for details. Due to the competitive nature of the Nomination and Appointment process, seek as many Nominations for which you may be eligible.

### **Hon. Kamala Harris**

Vice President of the United States

*Note: Application must be completed online:*

<https://whitehouse.gov/service-academy-nominations/service-academies-application/>

### **U.S. Senator Patrick Toomey**

1150 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. / Suite 101

Allentown, PA 18103

(610) 434-1444

### **U.S. Senator Robert Casey**

22 S. Third Street, Suite 6A

Harrisburg, PA 17101

(717) 231-7540

**6. Practice Your Interview Skills:** Take some time with a parent, teacher, employer or mentor; have them ask you questions and evaluate your demeanor during some practice interviews. A few practices go a long way in helping you feel more at ease, confident, and able to communicate more clearly to the members of the Academy Nomination Board(s).

**7. Letters of Recommendation:** A good letter of recommendation is from someone who's able to comment on your leadership abilities/potential, adaptability to pressure, and your ability to work in a team environment, as well as your present activities, athleticism, extracurricular activity, etc. Much more important than WHOM you choose is what that person is able to write ABOUT you, rather than someone based solely upon their social standing, position and/or title. Bottom line: pick someone familiar with you who can attest to your character, experiences, and potential.

**8. Academy Night:** Each year I host a 10th Congressional District "Service Academy Night." We invite representatives from each of the Academies and ROTC programs to meet with interested students/candidates from across the District. I STRONGLY ADVISE YOU AND/OR YOUR PARENT(S) ATTEND. This year's event will be held on:

**Monday, March 21, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (AHEC)**  
**950 Soldiers Drive**  
**Carlisle, PA 17013**

**9. DON'T GIVE UP!** Earning an appointment to a Service Academy is challenging. If your goal is to become an Officer in the United States Armed Forces, and you don't get there the first time, don't give up! Up to 25% of the cadets who enter each Academy class weren't accepted upon their first attempt. Improve your chances by continuing to improve your SAT / ACT scores, preparing yourself physically for the Candidate Fitness Assessment and taking advantage of any leadership opportunities/activities to broaden your resume.

Also, ensure that you take a look at the outstanding ROTC scholarship programs for each branch of the military, as well as other opportunities and avenues available to becoming a uniformed Officer. These are exceptional and very competitive programs, and provide an excellent path to becoming a military officer.

**U.S. Army ROTC**  
(888) 944-ARMY  
[www.goarmy.com/rotc/](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/)

**U.S. Navy ROTC**  
(800) NAV-ROTC  
[www.nrotc.navy.mil](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil)

**U.S. Air Force ROTC**  
(866) 4-AFROTC  
[www.afrotc.com](http://www.afrotc.com)

# Instructions for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

For your nomination application to be complete, you must send items 1 - 5 to the Dauphin County District Office (address below) **by Close of Business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, September 30, 2022:**

**1. COMPLETE Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination:** Type your answers clearly on the downloadable application. (NOTE: You won't be able to save your work unless you have Adobe Acrobat.) For the essay questions, limit your responses to 400 words.

**2. PHOTO - 2" x 3", wallet-sized, "head-on", and current/within the year.**

**3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION — Three (3):** You may select anyone to write a letter of recommendation. Choosing someone who knows you well and has observed you succeed in a leadership position, classroom setting, character building situation or work environment *is critical*. Don't ask someone based upon title or social status (when that is your only criteria, the letters sometimes arrive to us as very general and impersonal because the individual doesn't know you well), but who can attest to your character and accomplishments. Attached is a U.S. Service Academy Recommendation Letter, of which you can make copies to distribute.

**4. OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:** this **MUST** be an **OFFICIAL** copy, **not** a photocopy or email attachment. If your school has a different process for "validating" an official copy; i.e., something other than an official watermark or stamp, let us know ASAP. Your transcript **MUST** show your class rank at the end of your junior year.

**5. SAT and/or ACT SCORES:** If these aren't included on your official transcript, you **must** include an official copy with your application. If you wish to designate our office to receive your scores directly, please enter the following reporting codes on your test forms:

**SAT 2492**

**ACT 7644**

## **Application Deadline**

# **September 30, 2022**

*To be considered for nominations for the class entering in 2023, your completed application must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 30, 2022.  
(NO EXCEPTIONS)*

Congressman Scott Perry  
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy Nominations  
800 Corporate Circle, Suite 202  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

**NOTE.** Once you submit your application for Nomination, we'll send you an email confirmation, so you know we're ready to start the process. Please look for that receipt - it's important. If you submitted your application and don't receive a confirmation email within a day or two, please contact us ASAP (717-603-4980).

**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION** – give yourself a buffer! If after submitting, you realize you made a mistake or need to change something, you'll have time to do so; if you submit the night it's due, you have no window of opportunity to fix/adjust, and your application process **may be adversely affected or stopped altogether.**

**INTERVIEW:** In mid-October, candidates with fully-completed nomination applications will be scheduled a 30-minute interview with our Academy Nomination Board. REMEMBER: ***only candidates with completed nomination applications are scheduled for an interview.***

# Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

*Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)*

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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NAME: Last, First, Middle

Nickname

Phone

E-mail

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

## EDUCATION

List high school / prep school / college you have attended / are attending.

### Currently Attending

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

### High School (if currently attending prep/college)

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Street

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

## COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS

Provide the highest score you received in each of the individual sections of the tests.  
Individual section scores may come from multiple tests.

Highest Individual SAT Scores		
Verbal	Math	Written

Highest ACT Score
Composite

**Yes**    **No**



Are you scheduled to retake either the SAT or ACT?



Do you plan to retake the SAT or ACT?

## FAMILY MEMBER MILITARY SERVICE HISTORY

Do you have immediate Family currently serving or who previously have served in the Armed Forces? If yes, please specify relation & branch of service.

### ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Rank Order from **1 (highest) to 5 (lowest) your preference of Service Academy (only rank those to which you have applied and seek Appointment)**. Due to the competitive nature of the nomination process, you may receive a nomination to the Academy of your second, third or fourth choice

- \_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy
- \_\_\_ U.S. Naval Academy
- \_\_\_ U.S. Air Force Academy
- \_\_\_ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- \_\_\_ U.S. Coast Guard Academy\*

*\* requires no nomination; however, please include in ranking if you're interested in an appointment.*

### NOMINATION SOURCES

Please indicate the following additional nomination sources to which you have applied/are applying. You should apply to all sources for which you are eligible.

- \_\_\_ President Joseph R. Biden\*
- \_\_\_ Vice President Kamala Harris
- \_\_\_ Senator Patrick Toomey
- \_\_\_ Senator Robert Casey
- \_\_\_ JROTC\*

*\*Restrictions. Please visit the Academy's website for information concerning Presidential and JROTC nominations.*

## NOMINATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you a Citizen of the United States?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you a legal resident of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is one of your parents a legal resident of the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you previously applied for a U.S. Service Academy Nomination? When?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are any of your relatives characterized as Killed in Action, Prisoner of War, or Missing in Action?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Did someone in your family attend a Service Academy? If so, who/which Academy? _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you a Recruited Athlete at a U.S. Service Academy, and did you receive an official letter? Please provide copy.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever been cited, arrested, convicted or fined for any violation of any law/ordinance? Provide details (including date of offense) on a separate sheet of paper.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are/were you a member of JROTC or ROTC?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Did you attend a summer program at a Service Academy? If so, which one? _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Did you attend one of Congressman Perry's Academy Nights?

## ESSAY QUESTION

Please answer the following in **400 words or less**, using **Arial font size 12** (use separate sheet if necessary).

Why do you wish to attend a U.S. Service Academy?



## INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS & MARCHING BAND

If you were a team captain, indicate number of years (1, 2, etc.); may use separate sheet of paper.

Sport/Band	Participating Years				# of Varsity Letters	Captain	Awards
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.			

## RECREATIONAL SPORTS

If you were a team captain, indicate number of years (1, 2, etc.); may use separate sheet of paper.

Sport	Participating Years				Captain	Awards
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.		

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

May use separate sheet of paper.

Employer	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Hours/Week	Responsibilities

## CLUBS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Indicate whether you were officer/leader of organization/activity; may include separate sheet of paper.

Name	Participating Years				Officer	Responsibilities/Positions Held
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.		

## COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Indicate whether you were an officer / leader of the organization/activity; may include separate sheet of paper.

Organization	# of Years	Hours/Week	Responsibilities

## SPECIAL AWARDS / HONORS

Please provide quantifying information; i.e., "1 out of 20," "top 3%," etc.; may include separate sheet of paper.

Name of Award/Honor	Year(s) Received				Description
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.	

## OTHER INFORMATION

List any additional information you'd like us to know.

## APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

The information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am a U.S. Citizen or will be by July 1, 2023. I am at least 17 but not 23 years of age by July 1, 2023. I am unmarried. I am not pregnant. I have no child support obligation. I am a legal resident of the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*I acknowledge that by checking this block this is my legal/official authorization to submit this application as is, is complete, and true to the best of my knowledge.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

# CANDIDATE SNAPSHOT

*Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)*

*Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Please email your photo to  
PerryServiceAcademy@mail.house.gov or  
mail to:

Congressman Scott Perry  
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy  
Nominations 800 Corporate Circle, Suite  
202 Harrisburg, PA 17110

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HEIGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_ ft. \_\_\_\_\_ in.

**WEIGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ **RANK:** \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (If Applicable)

<b>SAT:</b> _____ out of 1600	<b>ACT:</b> _____ out of 36
<b>Reading/Writing:</b> _____	<b>English:</b> _____
<b>Math:</b> _____	<b>Math:</b> _____
	<b>Reading:</b> _____
	<b>Science:</b> _____

**College/University** (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for a Nomination in the past? If so, with whom? \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank** from 1 (highest) to 5 (lowest) your preference of Service Academy (only rank those to which you applied/are interested).

- \_\_\_\_\_ **US Military Academy**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **US Naval Academy**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **US Air Force Academy**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **US Merchant Marine Academy**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **US Coast Guard Academy**

# U.S. Service Academy Letter of Recommendation

## Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)

*\*\*Recommended for a teacher, principal, employer, minister/priest, scout leader or coach.\*\**

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Name of Applicant (Last First Middle)

The above-named person is applying for a nomination from U.S. Representative Scott Perry to one or more of the U.S. Service Academies. As a requirement of the nomination process, s/he has asked you to write a Letter of Recommendation.

The U.S. Service Academies provide a college education leading to a career as an officer in the Armed Forces of the United States. While at an Academy, the applicant will accomplish a highly demanding academic, athletic and military curriculum that provides little opportunity for free time. Cadets and Midshipmen are required to live under an Honor Code that tolerates no lying, cheating or stealing; individuals who violate the Honor Code very often are dismissed. An appointment to a U.S. Service Academy is equivalent to a 4-year scholarship valued at over a half million dollars.

We are looking for candidates of the highest moral character, who have demonstrated strong leadership ability and who readily accept and embrace challenges both academically and physically. As you write your letter, remember the purpose of the Academies is to develop future U.S. Military leaders. We have reviewed the applicant's academic and athletic achievements and are looking for specific examples of leadership and moral character.

Please describe one or two specific examples of the applicant's demonstrated leadership skills or when/how s/he faced a challenging situation that epitomized his/her character. To assist you in identifying examples of leadership and character, some attributes are listed below:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Adaptability
- Teamwork
- Competitive nature
- Initiative
- Respect for authority and difference of opinion
- Sensitivity for others
- Ability to accept criticism

Address the letter to "Congressman Perry"

- Include your name, address and phone number
- State your relationship to the applicant
- State how you know the applicant and for how long

### **DEADLINE:**

**Friday, September 30, 2022**

Your letter **must be received** by  
5:00 p.m. on this date  
**(no exceptions).**

Please send to/drop off at:  
Congressman Scott Perry  
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy Nominations  
800 Corporate Circle, Suite 202  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Your recommendation will help us select the best possible candidates from the 10th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Your help is valued and appreciated.

# Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

## Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10)

# STOP!

Complete this page with the most current information prior to your scheduled interview. **YOU MUST BRING THIS WITH YOU TO YOUR INTERVIEW** - with any additional material / supporting documentation. Other info/changes not specifically requested below may be annotated on the back of this page.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

### NOMINATION APPLICATION STATUS

Indicate: **Did Not Apply / Ineligible / Incomplete / Complete**

	STATUS
President Joseph R. Biden*	
Vice President Kamala Harris	
Senator Pat Toomey	
Senator Bob Casey	
JROTC*	

\*Application restrictions apply

### ACADEMY APPLICATION STATUS

Indicate: **Not Interested / Not Started / Incomplete / Complete**

	STATUS
U.S. Military Academy	
U.S. Naval Academy	
U.S. Air Force Academy	
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	
U.S. Coast Guard Academy	

### ROTC APPLICATION STATUS

Indicate: **Not Interested / Not Started / Incomplete / Complete**

	STATUS
U.S. Army ROTC	
U.S. Naval ROTC (Marine Opt)	
U.S. Naval ROTC	
U.S. Air Force ROTC	

### COLLEGE BOARD TEST UPDATE

SAT \_\_\_\_\_ of 1600

ACT \_\_\_\_\_ of 36

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\_\_\_\_\_ I'm not taking the SAT again

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