

VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PROCESS

The Vice President is authorized to nominate individuals to the United States Military, Naval, and Air Force Academies but does not nominate to either the U.S. Coast Guard Academy or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The Vice President nominates individuals who are U.S. citizens without geographical restrictions. He may have a maximum number of five nominees in attendance at each authorized academy at any one time. Normally, he has one or two vacancies each year. In order to be entered into competition for a Vice Presidential nomination, applicants must write personally to the Vice President during the application period of **March 1 to October 31** preceding the year of entrance to the academies. Applications postmarked after October 31 will not be considered.

Due to a large volume of applicants (usually several thousand per academy), the Vice President has authorized the academies to evaluate all applications and rank them according to qualifications. In screening candidates, the academies evaluate an individual's high school or college academic record, results of the ACT and SAT tests, recommendations from individuals who are in a position to judge the applicant's character and academic potential, and physical and medical qualifications. In view of this screening by the academies, it is important that correspondence subsequent to actual application (e.g., letters of recommendation, high school and college transcripts and ACT/SAT examination results) be forwarded directly to the academy when requested. Do not send additional information directly to the Vice President.

Notification of those selected for a nomination is normally made during January or February of the year in which the class convenes.

Any additional information regarding Vice Presidential nominations should be forwarded to the appropriate academy. The addresses are:

ARMY

The Director of Admissions
ATTN: MAAR
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York 10996

AIR FORCE

The Director of Admissions
ATTN: RRSB
United States Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, CO 80840

NAVY

Dean of Admissions (Code A)
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland 21042

**STEPS FOR THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMIES
APPLICATION PROCESS**

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the U.S. service academies is to provide instruction and experience to all cadets so that they graduate with the knowledge and character essential to leadership and the motivation to become career officers in the U.S. military.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible to enter an Academy, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- Of good moral character
- Unmarried with no dependents
- At least 17, but less than 22 years of age by July 1 of
The year you would enter.

SELECTIONS: It takes a well-rounded program of leadership, academic, and athletic preparation to be one of the few who can meet the Service Academies high admission standards and the fierce competitions for appointment. Carefully consider the characteristics of dedication, desire to serve others, ability to accept discipline, sense of duty, and morality, and the enjoyment of challenge in deciding if you want to pursue an Academy education.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION: It is recommended that young persons who aspire to go to one of the service academies take a college preparatory curriculum in high school that stresses English and Math. Also, they should plan on taking the ACT and SAT test as early as possible and more than once.

PHYSICAL PREPARATION: During the admissions process prospective cadets will be given the Candidate Fitness Test. West Point and the Naval Academy fitness tests include pull-up, standing broad jump, basketball throw, and 300-yard shuttle run. The Air Force Academy fitness test is the pull-up, push-up, sit-up, and 300-yard shuttle run. The purpose of these tests is to evaluate a candidates upper body strength and endurance.

GENERAL INFORMATION: The minimum SAT scores for the academies are 500 verbal and 500 math. The average SAT scores at the academies are 540-620 verbal and 630-710 math. The minimum ACT scores for the academies are 21 English, 19 Social Studies, 24 Mathematics, and 24 Natural Science. The average ACT scores are 23-27 English; 24-29 Social Studies; 27-32 Mathematics; 28-32 Natural Science (minimum and average scores are slightly higher for the Naval Academy). Virtually all cadets are from the top 25% of their high school class.

PROCEDURES FOR THE MILITARY ACADEMY PROCESS

1. **OPEN APPLICANT FILE** - Request Pre-Candidate Questionnaire from the Admissions Office of the applicable Academy.

United States Military Academy - (914) 938-4041

United States Air Force Academy - (719) 333-2520

United States Naval Academy - (410) 293-4361

2. **REQUEST NOMINATIONS** - Write to Congressional Representatives, (i.e. Vice President, Congressmen, Senators) for a nomination.
3. **COMPLETE TESTING** - Take ACT or SAT tests, schedule Physical Aptitude Exam and Medical Exam.
4. **COMPLETE FILE** - Complete all forms and return to academy or academies by March 21.
5. **VISIT MILITARY ACADEMIES** - Call Admissions Office to arrange a tour of academies.

Date: _____

The Vice President
Eisenhower Executive Office Building
Room 530
Washington DC 20501

Dear Mr. Vice President:

It is my desire to compete for one of your nominations to a United States Service Academy. It is requested that I be considered as one of your nominees for the class that enters the Academy in July 2005.

My choice for a service academy nomination is indicated in numerical order in the appropriate boxes below. I have used 0 to indicate the academy(s) I do not desire to attend.

() United States Air Force Academy
() United States Military Academy
() United States Naval Academy

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The following personal data is submitted:

Name: Mr. Miss _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of Father: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Grade Point Average: _____

Class standing (approx.): _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Additional comments (if desired): _____

Applicant's Statement:

I understand that the Vice President has authorized the academies to evaluate all applications and rank them according to qualifications (i.e., high school or college academic records, results of the ACT and SAT tests, recommendations from individuals who are in a position to judge an applicant's character and academic potential, and physical and medical qualifications). In view of this screening by the academies, it is important that I send any additional correspondence (e.g., letters of recommendation, high school and college transcripts, and ACT/SAT examination results) directly to the academy when requested.

I have forwarded or will forward my transcripts, grade reports, SAT/ACT scores, recommendations, etc., directly to the respective academy(s).

(Signature)