

FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS
DESIRING A CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION
FOR UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES FROM
KAY GRANGER

Residency

Air Force Academy, Military Academy, Naval Academy

- You must be a resident of the 12th Congressional District.
- A candidate who is temporarily residing outside the 12th Congressional District because their parents are involved in government service must prove legal residence within the 12th Congressional District and show that the move outside the District is temporary.
- The legal residence of the father normally determines residency. If the parents are divorced, the residence of the parent with whom the applicant lives determines their legal residency.

Merchant Marine Academy

- A different nomination procedure is followed for the Merchant Marine Academy.
- Each Texas Member of Congress can nominate ten candidates, who then compete with all others nominated for the 15 spots Texas is allocated.
- Because of the different nomination process if you are seeking a nomination to the Merchant Marine Academy, you do NOT have to reside in the 12th Congressional District.

Coast Guard Academy

- There are no congressional nominations or geographic quotas for the Coast Guard Academy. These appointments are made by the Commandant of the Coast Guard by means of a national competitive examination.
- Applications should be received by the Director of Admission, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut, 06320, before December 1 of the year prior to entrance at the academy. Their web site is www.cga.edu.

Age and Citizenship

- The candidate for an academy nomination must be a citizen of the United States and be between the ages of 17 and 22.

- Candidates must have reached their 17th birthday, but NOT have passed their 23rd birthday on or before July 1 of the year they would enter the academy.

Merchant Marine Academy

- The Merchant Marine Academy is an exception in that you must not have attained 25 years of age as of July 1 of the year of entry.

Qualifications

- The candidate MUST not be married, not pregnant, nor have a legal requirement to provide support to a dependent.

- Academy applicants must be physically fit, have excellent vision, physical dexterity, and agility as demonstrated on the Physical Aptitude Examination administered by the academies.

- A young man or woman with these qualifications must apply to me through my district office no later than **October 13th** of the year **BEFORE** he or she desires to enter one of the academies (this is usually the senior year of high school).

Selection of Candidates

- Applicants will sit through a panel interview with members of my Service Academy Advisory Board. This interview is mandatory in order to be considered for a nomination.

- The most highly rated applicants will be nominated to the Academy of their choice.

- My part in the selection process is screening applicants and submitting lists of nominees to the academies. From these lists the academies make the actual appointments.

****Note:** My office does not appoint; we only nominate. We encourage you to also seek nominations from the Vice President and both senators to be sure to provide you with the best opportunity to be nominated and appointed to the academy.

Screening Process

- Screening and processing of the candidates will be completed in time to enable me to meet the deadline for submitting my congressional nominations to the academies.

- Should a candidate not qualify for a nomination, notification will be given early enough so the candidate may make other educational plans.

My Application Requirements

- One current application (Class of 2027)
- One current passport style photograph, no larger than 2 ½" wide by 3" tall
- One résumé that includes work experience and additional activities not listed on the application
- One essay 500 words or less about why you want to attend a United States Service Academy
- One official High School and/or College Transcript, as applicable
- At least one official SAT and/or ACT Score Record
- Three original Letters of Recommendation
- If you are presently residing outside the 12th Congressional District of Texas, you must submit documentary evidence of your 12th District residency. The only exception to this requirement is for student applying to ONLY the Merchant Marine Academy.

For the Class of 2027, the deadline for receiving these items in my office is **5:00pm on Friday, OCTOBER 15, 2022.** At that time, an applicant will be considered for an interview with my Service Academy Advisory Board. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

SAT/ACT Scores

- The academies do not give an academic examination. Instead, the academies use the results of the College Entrance Examination Board (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT).
- Applicants must make their own arrangements to take these tests and should do so AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.
- To ensure my office receives an official copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores, please be sure to use codes:
  6967 for SAT
  7693 for ACT
- Tests should be taken as many times as possible as the best combination of scores will be used by the academies.
- Updated scores will be accepted after the **OCTOBER 15th DEADLINE**, but cannot be considered if received after your interview with our Service Academy Advisory Board.

Vacancies

- Normally, our congressional district has at least one vacancy to fill in each class entering each of the three major service academies.

- The vacancy is created by the graduation of a cadet/midshipman from our district each year. However, when a cadet/midshipman leaves an academy for any reason before graduation, it creates a vacancy for the next year and changes the cycle.

- Many young people I will nominate rank sufficiently high so that the academies select them for entrance through quotas other than "congressional." These include "athletic" or "additional." Thus, more candidates now can enter an academy than in past years.

If you have not already contacted the Academy of your choice, please do so as soon as possible by using their web site. This will let the Academy know you seek admission, and they will provide you general information, a pre-candidate questionnaire plus open a pre-admission file on you. Their web sites are:

- U.S. Air Force Academy www.usafa.edu
- U.S. Military Academy (West Point) www.usma.edu
- U.S. Naval Academy www.usna.edu
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy www.usmma.edu

NOTE: You must have opened your file with each academy that you wish to attend by the day of your interview in order for our office to give you an interview and potential nomination.

In Summary

- Selection of candidates by the academies is based on academic records, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores, results of the medical examination and physical aptitude tests, leadership potential and personal interviews.

- There are always numerous applications for each vacancy, and competition is heavy. However, ANY person who meets the requirements of the academies has a chance to be nominated.

- My office will provide prospective candidates an application packet upon request. No one will receive an interview or qualify for a nomination unless a completed application and all accompanying information is on file with my district office by **OCTOBER 15, 2022.**

For further information, please contact my office at 8l7-338-0909, or write:

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