



MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION PACKET

To qualify for a nomination, you will need to submit a completed packet and return it to my Birmingham office in addition to your separate applications to the service academies. Packets must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, November 18, 2026. The following materials are required as part of a completed packet:

1. Questionnaire (attached)
2. SAT and/or ACT scores
3. THREE (3) Letters of Recommendation. A Letter of Recommendation is written on your behalf by a trusted source that knows you personally and can vouch for your ability and character. Examples of trusted sources are a teacher, school principal, church leader, employer, etc.
4. High School Transcript
5. Official College Transcript (if applicable)

Once you have completed your packet, please mail it to the Birmingham District office at:

**OFFICE OF U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI A. SEWELL
ATTN: ACADEMY NOMINATIONS
TWO 20TH ST N STE 1130
BIRMINGHAM, AL, 35203-4014
205-254-1960**

After your packet is submitted, a selection committee comprised of community leaders will review your completed packet, conduct candidate interviews, and make nominee recommendations. Interviews will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2026. Our office will keep you informed as the selection process moves forward. It is important to keep in mind that this process is highly competitive. Please include all awards and honors earned from the start of high school through the first semester of your senior year in your completed packet.

If you choose to retake the SAT or ACT tests and your score improves, it is your responsibility to report your new scores to my office. I wish you success with your application! Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions at any point in the process.



United States Military Academy Nominations

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Service Academies. As your 7th Congressional District Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives, each year I have the privilege of nominating a limited number of people to four of the five service academies. The honor of attending a service academy comes with an obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation. Best wishes to you as you pursue your goal of attending one of the U.S. Service Academies and serving our country.

The Nomination Process

To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements established by law and be nominated from an authorized person including a Member of the United States Senate or the House of Representatives. I may nominate applicants who are legally domiciled within the boundaries of Alabama's 7th Congressional District.

Who Is Eligible?

An applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to a service academy. The applicant must be at least 17 years old, but not have passed their 23rd birthday, must be a United States citizen, must be unmarried, must not be pregnant, and cannot have a legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

Eligible Service Academies

There are five Service Academies: The United States Air Force (USAFA), Naval (USNA), Military (USMA), Merchant Marine (USMMA), and Coast Guard (USCGA) Academies. Nominations are required for all but the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, to which appointments are made based on an annual nationwide competition.

Academy Application and Nomination Packet

Please note that you must apply each academy you are interested in attending in addition to submitting a completed nomination packet to my office to be eligible for admission.



Military Academy Nominations Questionnaire

Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Social Security #:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Phone Number:

Gender:

U.S. Citizen? (Yes or No):

If not U.S., list your citizenship:

Parents/Guardians:

Education Information

Name of High School:

High School Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Most Recent School

Graduation Date:

Class Size:

Rank:

GPA:

SAT

Critical Reading:

Writing:

Math:

Composite:

ACT

Science:

Reading:

Math:

English:

Composite:

High School Awards and Honors



Service Academy Information

Please rank 1-4 in order from most preferred being rank 1 to least preferred being rank 4, and please indicate your current application status with that academy as "Not Started", "In Progress", or "Complete"

U.S. Air Force Academy:

Application Status:

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy:

Application Status:

U.S. Military Academy:

Application Status:

U.S. Naval Academy:

Application Status:

An appointment to the Service Academies is based on a desire by the candidate to devote a lifetime of military service and implies recognition by the appointee of an obligation to the government to devote themselves to a military career.

Additional Information

Name of Hometown Newspaper:

May we use your name and a photo you submit in a press release after receiving a nomination or appointment? (Yes or No):

Packet Agreement

Please read the following paragraphs before signing the packet, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements. If you do not include your signature, your packet will not be considered for nomination:

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I am a U.S. citizen or will be by July 1 of the year I will attend the Academy. I will be at least 17 years, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1 of the year I attend the Academy. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident of the 7th Congressional District of Alabama.



I certify that the information I have provided in the nomination packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not postmarked by Wednesday, November 18, 2026.

Signature:

Date:

Print, and then mail your complete nomination packet to:

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