

US CONGRESSMAN
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CALIFORNIA'S 21ST DISTRICT

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS



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How Nominations are Completed

Congressman TJ Cox is committed to having a fair and open nomination process. Nominees are chosen strictly on the caliber of their qualifications, academic record, standardized test scores, resume and essay. No other information will be used when selecting candidates for nomination.

In order to ensure the utmost level of fairness and quality in the fiercely competitive nomination process, Congressman TJ Cox has asked several qualified and seasoned individuals to serve on a Service Academy Nomination Board. This board will review all applications, interview prospective nominees, and then choose who they feel are the most qualified candidates for Service Academy Nominations.

There are undoubtedly many young people in the 21st Congressional District suitable for a nomination to a military academy, and Congressman TJ Cox believes this process is the most fair and efficient way to select candidates for nomination. Note: applicants must also have an open file with the Academy to be nominated. Please open a file with the Academy of your choice as soon as possible.

Qualifications:

- Be a citizen of the United States by the time you enter into a military academy
- Be a legal resident of California's 21st Congressional District. To confirm your residence of CA-21 visit www.house.gov and enter your zip code.
- Be 17-23 years of age. Applicants must not be older than 23 by July 1st of the year entering a military academy
- Be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents
- An above average academic record
- Competitive standardized test scores (ACT/SAT)
- Be medically qualified as determined by the Department of Defense Medical Evaluation and Review Board (DoDMERB)
- Have unquestionable moral character and display uncompromising integrity

2020 Service Academy Nominations Timeline

- Summer 2020- Service Academy Night
- November 17, 2020- All applications must be submitted by this date
- January 2021- Interviews with the committee held in January
- January 31, 2021 Final nominations submitted to Academies

Required Material Checklist

All materials MUST be returned by November 17, 2020

- ✓ Complete application for nomination (last page of this packet)
- ✓ Unofficial Academic Transcripts from high school and college if applicable
- ✓ Unofficial Standardized Test Scores (ACT/SAT)
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Essay of 500 words or less.
 - Prompt: Why do you want to attend a military academy?
- ✓ One-page explanation of a felony charge and/or conviction, if applicable

Please mail completed, signed, and dated application package to Congressman TJ Cox's Selma District Office, attention to, Virginia Peñaloza.

Congressman TJ Cox
ATTN: Virginia Peñaloza
Constituent Services Director
2117 Selma Street
Selma, CA 93662

You may also reach out via e-mail to:

ServiceAcademy@mail.house.gov

Phone: (559) 460-6070

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a nomination?

Members of Congress may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. A candidate may seek a nomination from a member of the U.S. House of Representatives who represents the congressional districts in which the candidate resides, U.S. Senators from their state, or apply directly to the Vice-President or President of the United States.

What are the basic eligibility requirements?

For a nomination, each applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

Age: Must be at least 17 years of age, but no more than 23

Citizenship: Must be a U.S. Citizen

Residence: Must reside within the boundaries of the 21st Congressional District of California.

Marital Status: Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and with no legal obligation to support children or other dependents

Skill/Fitness: Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy.

Who do I contact to request an application?

Please contact my Selma District Office at (559) 460-6070 or ServiceAcademy@mail.house.gov

When do I apply for a nomination?

My nomination application period opens in the Spring of each year for those candidates who are high school juniors and will be seniors the following school year, or who have already graduated.

What is the deadline for completing a nomination file?

November 17, 2020, 11:59pm PST

What must be included in my nomination file?

Please refer to page 3

What happens after I have completed my nomination file?

Applicants who submit a complete nomination packet to Congressman TJ Cox's office by the deadline will be scheduled for an interview in late December or early January. Note: applicants must also have an open file with the Academy, or we cannot nominate you. Make sure to open a file with the Academy first.

What criteria is used in electing candidates?

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

How many academies are there?

There are five Service Academies.

Three reside within the Department of Defense:

- U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York – <https://www.westpoint.edu/>
- U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland – <https://www.usna.edu/homepage.php>
- U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado – <https://www.usafa.af.mil/>

Two reside within the Department of Transportation:

- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York – <https://www.usmma.edu/>
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut – <https://www.uscga.edu/>

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 admission guidelines. Visit the academy of your choice via the websites noted for each academy’s admissions qualifications. It is not necessary to seek a nomination through Congressman TJ Cox’s office to the Coast Guard Academy, as the U.S.C.G.A. accepts candidates based on their own testing criteria.

Will I automatically be selected by the academy after I receive a nomination?

No. You will be placed among a select group of nominees, and the academy of your choice will make the final decision. If selected, you will receive an offer of admission (an appointment) directly from the academy.

What if I choose more than one Academy? Will I be limited to a single nomination?

No. You can be nominated to multiple academies depending on how well you have competed among this year’s pool of candidates. It is also possible to win multiple appointments.

When will I know if I have been offered an appointment by an academy?

Academies will begin to notify candidates of their admission status beginning February. All offers of appointment are generally sent out by May.



Service Academy Nomination Application

Full Name:

Phone Number:

Current Address:

E-mail:

Please attach photo above. It should be a recent picture no larger than wallet size.

Date of Birth & Place of Birth (City, State):

Social Security Number:

Parent/Legal Guardian Names:

Parent 1

Parent 2

Current School or Last School Attended: _____

Enrollment Date

Graduation Date

GPA

Class Rank

SAT Scores:

Total

Math

Reading and Writing

ACT Scores:

Total

Math

Reading

Science

Applied Through Other Sources? *Please check all that apply*

Senator Dianne Feinstein

Senator Kamala Harris

Vice President Pence

President Trump

Please rank those academies below with #1 being your first choice for nomination. Please rank only those to which you have applied

_____ U.S. Airforce Academy

_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

_____ U.S. Naval Academy

_____ U.S. Military Academy

I hereby declare that I am a United States Citizen and a legal resident of California's 21st Congressional District. In signing this application, I request Congressman TJ Cox consider my application for a Congressional nomination to one or more of the United States Service Academies.

Signature

Date