



Dear Student,

Every year, I have the honor of nominating a select group of students from the Northern Mariana Islands to our nation's service academies. These institutions offer a top-tier education, fully paid for, with a direct path to becoming officers in the U.S. Armed Forces.

If you're interested in this opportunity, a congressional nomination is the first step in applying to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

The number of students I may nominate is determined by federal statute and regulation and may vary. Currently, I may nominate up to 30 students from the Marianas to the Military Academy, 15 each to the Naval and Air Force Academies, and 10 to the Merchant Marine Academy.

To be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen, unmarried with no dependents, and possess strong moral character. You must also meet the age requirements: 17 to 23 years old for the Military, Naval, and Air Force Academies, and up to 25 years old for the Merchant Marine Academy. In addition to academic achievement, applicants should demonstrate leadership, physical readiness, and commitment to service.

If this is a path you are ready to pursue, I encourage you to apply for my nomination. It would be an honor to help you fulfill your desire to learn and serve.

Sincerely,

Kimberlyn King-Hinds  
Member of Congress

**U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION  
APPLICATION**

**FALL 2027**



**DUE DECEMBER 4, 2026  
EMAIL OR DELIVER TO SAIPAN DISTRICT OFFICE  
BY 5:00 P.M.**

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## U.S. Service Academy Guidelines

The U.S. Service Academies are among the most prestigious educational institutions in the country. Admission is highly competitive and requires applicants to meet strict academic, physical, and medical standards set by federal law. If accepted, you'll receive a fully funded four-year college education while training to become a leader in military service. Upon graduation, you'll be commissioned as an officer in the active or reserve components of the military or merchant marine for a minimum of five years.

### **I. General Guidelines**

To be eligible for a U.S. Service Academy Nomination, you must meet the following basic requirements:

- Be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 (25 for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy);
- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents; and
- Be a legal resident of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

In addition to these legal requirements, each academy looks for candidates who are academically prepared, physically fit, and demonstrate strong leadership potential. You'll need to:

- Have a solid academic record with a competitive GPA and challenging coursework, especially in math and science;
- Show leadership experience in school, sports, community service, or other extracurriculars;
- Take the SAT or ACT and earn strong scores;
- Be in good physical and mental health;
- Pass a medical exam through the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB); and
- Complete and pass a Candidate Fitness Assessment, which includes running, push-ups, sit-ups, and other physical tasks.

### **II. Communication with the Academies**

To begin your official application with a service academy, you'll need to complete the Pre-Candidate Questionnaire, which is available on each academy's website. It's recommended that you do this by the spring of your junior year in high school.

Once you submit the questionnaire, the academy will open a candidate file for you and send you additional forms to complete by mail.

Each academy also has a nationwide network of Academy Liaison Officers who can help guide you through the admissions process. After making initial contact with your academy of choice, you'll likely be connected with a liaison officer who can answer questions and support you along the way.

### **III. Academy Admissions Office Addresses**

#### **U.S. Military Academy**

606 Thayer Rd  
West Point, NY 10996  
Phone: (845) 938-4041  
Website: [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

#### **U.S. Air Force Academy**

2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200  
Colorado Springs, CO 80840  
Phone: (800) 443-9266  
Website: [www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu)

#### **U.S. Naval Academy**

117 Decatur Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-5019  
Phone: (410) 293-4361  
Website: [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

#### **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**

300 Steamboat Road  
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699  
Phone: (516) 733-5391  
Website: [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

#### **U.S. Coast Guard Academy**

31 Mohegan Avenue  
New London, CT 06320  
Website: [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)

**Note:** U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a congressional nomination. Admissions are based solely on a national competition.

### **IV. Academic Qualifications**

Your congressional office follows the academic standards set by each service academy when reviewing applicants for nomination. While some requirements are established by federal law, the academies take a “whole person” approach when making admissions decisions. That means they consider not just academics, but also character, leadership, physical fitness, medical readiness, personal goals, and motivation.

The recommended high school coursework includes:

Four Years: English, Mathematics (e.g, Algebra, Trigonometry, and Geometry)  
Three Years: Social Sciences (e.g, History, Economics, and Government)  
Two Years: Laboratory Sciences (e.g, Biology, Physics, and Chemistry);  
Two Years: Foreign Language.

Nominees should rank in the top 40% of their class at a minimum. However, the most competitive applicants typically fall within the top 10 to 20%.

While the academies don't set specific minimum scores for the SAT or ACT, strong, competitive test scores are expected.

## **V. Extracurricular Activities and Leadership**

Involvement and achievement in activities like sports, student government, school clubs, scouting, ROTC, church, or other community programs help show your leadership potential. The more active and responsible your role, the more weight it carries in your academy admissions evaluation.

The academies value depth over breadth—it's better to show strong leadership or distinction in a few activities than to be lightly involved in many.

If you've held a part-time job that limited your availability for extracurriculars, don't worry. The academies recognize work experience as another meaningful way to show responsibility, discipline, and leadership potential.

## **VI. Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB)**

All service academies require applicants to pass a medical exam conducted through the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB). Once you apply to an academy, they will coordinate the scheduling of your medical exam. The good news is that one DoDMERB exam is valid for all service academies so you won't need to take separate exams for each. Keep in mind that you must pass this exam to be eligible for an official appointment.

## **VII. Service Obligation**

Service academy graduates are commissioned as officers in the active or reserve components of the military or merchant marine for a minimum of five years.

## **U.S. Service Academy Nominations**

Receiving a Congressional nomination and appointment to a U.S. Service Academy is a tremendous honor. These institutions accept only the most qualified and dedicated students, those who show exceptional promise as future leaders in our nation's military. An appointment carries significant responsibility, placing you among those who will serve and protect our freedoms around the world.

To be considered for an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, you must first secure a nomination—typically from a Member of Congress. However, a nomination does not guarantee admission. Final decisions are made by each academy based on their own standards and review process.

Please note: A Congressional nomination is not required for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Students interested in the Coast Guard Academy must apply directly through its admissions office or website.

Nominations are based on a combination of factors, including academic performance, leadership experience, extracurricular activities, physical fitness, personal statement, and letters of recommendation.

### **I. Nomination Procedures**

To be considered for a nomination from U.S. Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds, each applicant must meet the eligibility criteria listed in the “Academy Requirements” section of this packet and submit a completed nomination file by December 4, 2026.

Your nomination file must include:

- Completed Nomination Application to U.S. Delegate King-Hinds
- Official high school and/or college transcripts
- ACT or SAT scores
- Personal statement or essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume
- Any additional materials you believe will support your application

### **II. Nomination Application**

Please complete the application included in this packet and return it along with all required materials to:

U.S. Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds  
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy Nominations  
Joeten Commercial Bldg. # 4, Susupe  
P.O. Box 50487  
Saipan, MP 96950

Your full application packet must be received no later than December 4, 2026. Late or incomplete submissions may not be considered.

### **III. ACT/SAT**

You may submit scores from either the ACT or SAT, or both. You are not required to take one over the other.

If you take a test multiple times, your highest composite score will be considered. Candidates often take their chosen test more than once to improve their results.

Make sure to submit official score reports as part of your nomination file.

### **IV. Personal Statement/Essay**

Please include a typed personal statement, no longer than one page, explaining why you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy.

In your statement, you may reflect on how your background has shaped your decision. You should also address how you're prepared to meet the academic and physical challenges that come with academy life.

This essay is your opportunity to tell your story in your own words. It can take any direction you choose. Please keep in mind that your submission will be carefully reviewed, so we strongly encourage you to take the time to review, revise, and polish your statement before submitting.

### **V. Letters of Recommendation**

Please choose at least two individuals to write letters of recommendation on your behalf. These may include teachers, coaches, employers, clergy, neighbors, or community leaders, but not immediate family members (such as parents, siblings, or grandparents).

Your references should explain how they know you and in what capacity. They should highlight your strengths, provide an example of how you've demonstrated good character or sound judgment, and explain why they believe you're a strong candidate for a service academy nomination. There is no required word count or length for these letters.

You may include your letters of recommendation when you return this packet, or you may ask your references to mail their letters directly to:

U.S. Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds  
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy Nominations  
Joeten Commercial Bldg. # 4, Susupe  
P.O. Box 50487  
Saipan, MP 96950

It is your responsibility to ensure your letters arrive on time, so please give your references plenty of notice out of courtesy and to help them meet the deadline.

## **VI. Resume**

Please include a one-page resume that highlights your qualifications for a nomination. Your resume should provide a brief overview of your:

- Education
- Awards and honors
- Volunteer or community service
- Work experience
- Any other relevant achievements or leadership roles

Think of your resume as a snapshot of your accomplishments. It's your chance to show that you are a strong and well-rounded candidate for a U.S. Service Academy nomination.

## **VII. Nomination & Appointment Timeline**

Below is a general timeline for the nomination and appointment process. Please note that while these dates serve as a guide, they may shift slightly depending on circumstances.

- May 15: Application period opens
- December 4: Deadline to submit your complete application packet
- Mid to late December: Nomination decisions mailed to applicants
- February to May: Service academies begin notifying applicants of appointment decisions
- May 1: Target date for final academy notifications regarding application status

## **VIII. Questions?**

If you have any questions about the service academy nomination process through the Office of U.S. Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds, please contact:

Oliver Manglona  
District Office – Saipan  
Phone: (670) 483-2648  
Email: [Oliver.Manglona@mail.house.gov](mailto:Oliver.Manglona@mail.house.gov)

## U.S. Service Academy Nomination Application

***NOTE: If you have not already opened a pre-candidate questionnaire/file with any of the U.S. Service Academy(ies), do so as soon as you can. We cannot consider your request for a nomination if you fail to open a candidate file.***

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI):

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, in which Municipality do you reside?:

☐ Saipan & Northern Islands ☐ Tinian & Aguiguan ☐ Rota

Permanent Address in the CNMI \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_; Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment \_\_\_\_\_

If employed, how many hours per week? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now serving on military active duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, which branch? \_\_\_\_\_

**Family/Guardian Information**

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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List your high school courses for your senior year:

Semester (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>)[illegible]

Have you completed any college-level courses? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which subjects? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Academy Preference**

Please indicate your interest in each Academy by circling the appropriate number for your preference ranking:

1 = First Choice | 2 = Second | 3 = Third | 4 = Fourth | N = Not Interested

Also, circle Y (Yes) or N (No) to show whether you have opened a file with that Academy. You must open a file for any Academy for which you are requesting a nomination.

**U.S. Air Force Academy**  
**Colorado Springs, Colorado**

N 1 2 3 4  
Opened a file? Y N

**U.S. Military Academy**  
**West Point, New York**

N 1 2 3 4  
Opened a file? Y N

**U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**  
**Kings Point, New York**

N 1 2 3 4  
Opened a file? Y N

**U.S. Naval Academy**  
**Annapolis, Maryland**

N 1 2 3 4  
Opened a file? Y N

### **Awards**

Please list any academic, athletic, leadership, community service, or other notable awards you have received. Include the name of the award, the organization that presented it, and the year it was received.

Examples:

- Principal's Honor Roll – Marianas High School (2023)
- National Honor Society – Inducted Member (2023)
- Valedictorian – Rota High School (2025)

Use the space below to list your awards:

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### **Athletic Participation**

List all high school or college sports you've participated in. For each sport, include the years you were active and any position or leadership roles (e.g. captain) you held.

Examples:

- Varsity Basketball – 2022-2025 | Point Guard, Team Captain (Senior Year)
- Track & Field – 2021-2024 | 400, 800m, Relay Team
- Soccer- 2023-2025 | Midfielder, JV (Junior Year), Varsity (Senior Year).

Use the space below to provide your information:

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### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

List all school, community, or other organizations you've been involved in outside of sports. Include the name of the activity, your role or position (if any), and the years you participated in.

Examples:

- Student Council – Class Representative (2022-2024)
- Mock Trial – Student Attorney/Team Member (2023-2025)
- Church Choir – Lead Vocalist (2021-Present)

Use the space below to list your activities:

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### **Application Agreement**

**Please read the following statement carefully. Your signature indicates that you understand and agree to the terms below. Applications submitted without a signed agreement will not be considered.**

I certify that all the information provided in this application and the accompanying materials is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. It is my sincere intention to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I fully intend to accept an appointment if one is offered.

I confirm that I am:

- A U.S. citizen;
- At least 17 years old but not yet 23 years old as of July 1 of the year I would enter a service academy (25 years old for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy);
- Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support any children or dependents; and
- A legal resident of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

I have read and understand the nomination procedures outlined by the Office of U.S. Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds. I understand that my full application must be completed and received by the district office no later than the close of business on December 4, 2026, to be considered for a nomination.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Mail or deliver completed packet of materials to:

The Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds  
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy Nominations  
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P.O. Box 504879  
Saipan, MP 96950

## CHECKLIST

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Nomination Application to U.S. Delegate King-Hinds          | ACT/SAT Official Scores     |
| Transcripts                                                 | 2 Letters of Recommendation |
| Resume                                                      | Personal Statement          |
| Requirements that do not need to be submitted to my office: |                             |
| Application to Academy(ies)                                 | Medical Exam (DoDMERB)      |
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