

Academy Nominations Each year it is my extraordinary privilege to nominate exceptional young men and women to our nation's service academies. These prestigious and highly selective institutions offer young Hoosiers an opportunity to obtain a fully funded education and upon graduation to serve the United States as commissioned officers in our Armed Forces

Students may apply for nomination to one or more of the following academies. To help your decision, each of these academies encourages you to order a catalog, visit their websites or call to speak with an academy graduate or student.

Please find listed below, the addresses, telephone numbers, and web pages of the service academies.

U.S.
606 Thayer Road
[Web Site](#)

Military Academy:
West Point

U.S.
[Web Site](#)

Naval Academy:

U.S.
[Web Site](#)

Air Force Academy:

U.S.
Admissions Office
300 Steamboat Road

Merchant Marine Academy:
Kings Point

[Web Site](#)

U.S.
[link](#)

Coast Guard Academy:

If you are interested in attending a service academy you must begin the process by requesting a congressional nomination from my office. It is highly recommended that you begin this process in your Junior year to ensure you have sufficient time to complete all application materials. Please review the information below detailing the application process and contact my office with any questions by calling (317) 283-6516.

Eligibility Requirements

All candidates applying for a congressional nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1

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of the year of admission to a service academy:

- Be a U.S citizen and legal resident of the Seventh Congressional District of Indiana.
- Be at least 17 years of age and not past their 23rd birthday (25 for the Merchant Marine Academy).
- Be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

Please note that the acceptance of an appointment to a United States service academy commits a candidate to five years of active duty and three years of reserve service after graduation. **Application Process** If you are interested in applying for a congressional nomination to a service academy, send a request for a U.S. Service Academy Nomination Application to: Congressman André Carson

Attn: Service Academy Nomination

Julia Carson Government Center

300 East Fall Creek Parkway North Drive, #300

Indianapolis, IN 46205

In your letter, please include your name, mailing address, daytime phone number, email address, and the year you plan to enter the academy.

You may also click

[here](#)

to download the U.S. Service Academy Nomination Application form or call my district office at (317) 283-6516.

Make sure to complete the application, print it, sign it, and mail or deliver it to the District Office before the deadline.

Please note that we are currently accepting applications for 2010 entry.

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Completed applications and all accompanying documents must be submitted directly to my District Office by December 1, 2009.

Please remember that it is your responsibility to directly contact your academy or academies of choice to request a pre-candidate questionnaire and complete a candidate file.

The questionnaire may also be completed online by visiting each academy's webpage.

Selection Process

Candidates will be evaluated using a competitive system recommended by the academies.

The selection process includes a personal interview, and a review of your application, essays, academic records, letters of recommendation, community involvement, character, and leadership experience.

Please note that a congressional nomination is not a guarantee of admission. The final decision will be made by the academy itself following a “whole-person” evaluation that considers a candidate’s character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, goals and motivation.