



**United States Service Academy
Congressional Nomination Application**

**Congresswoman Diana DeGette
First District of Colorado**

**Return to:
Service Academy Nominations**

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SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION

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Application Information for Nominations to the United States Service Academies

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 27, 2013

Each year members of congress nominate young men and women to become eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. The academies are seeking future cadets and midshipmen who possess “whole person” qualifications: good moral character, a commendable academic record, evidence of strong leadership potential, physical aptitude, medical fitness, motivation to achieve academically, and eventually to serve as an officer in the Armed Forces.

Later this year I will make ten nominations for each House of Representative vacancy at:

- The United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- The United States Military academy, West Point, New York
- The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
- The United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York

Nominations will be based entirely on the recommendations of my Merit Selection Committee which consists of community representatives from Colorado. The Nominating process begins with the accompanying application packet. All required forms and documents **must** be on file in my office by the deadline which is the last Friday in September: September 27, 2013. If your file is complete at that time and you are eligible, you will be scheduled for a personal interview with my Merit Selection Committee. I will announce my nominations before the end of the year.

After my nominations have been submitted to the academies, the Admissions Office of each academy will offer the actual appointments to successful nominees. The announcement of appointments can begin as early as January and will continue for several months until the ranks of the next entering classes are full.

Because the nomination process is **extremely competitive**, be sure to apply to all nominating sources available to you. Also, you should indicate your alternative choices in case you don't receive a nomination to your first academy choice. Give yourself the benefit of every opportunity! Please read this application packet thoroughly and follow instructions carefully. Don't hesitate to call my staff with any questions or concerns: (303) 844-4988

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for an appointment to any service academy, an applicant must meet the following statutory criteria:

- American citizenship
- At least 17 years of age and not yet 23 years old on July 1st of the year the applicant would enter an academy (25 years old for the USMMA);
- Unmarried;
- Not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

In addition to statutory requirements, each academy has established academic, physical and leadership requirements for admission. Candidates for appointment to each academy must:

- Demonstrate comprehensive academic preparation;
- Demonstrate leadership, athletics and/or other extracurricular activities;
- Take the SAT, or the ACT Assessment;
- Be in good physical and mental health;
- Pass a comprehensive medical examination; and
- Pass a physical aptitude examination.

Specific requirements in each of the academic, physical, and leadership categories vary by academy and are revised regularly. In preparation for making appointments, a congressional office might review each academy's most recent class profile for specific information on scores and class rankings and activities of recently admitted students. Some of this information is available on the academies' websites.

In addition to requesting a nomination from a Member of Congress or another nomination official, an individual seeking appointment to a service academy must separately apply to the service academies to which he or she seeks to be appointed. Each academy requires the submission of a preliminary application to initiate the admission process. Preliminary application materials are available from the academies' website listed below. Acceptance of a service academy nomination requires at least a nine-year service obligation, including four years at an academy and five years of active duty service.

United States Naval Academy
USNA Candidate Guidance Office
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
<http://www.usna.edu/Admissions>

United States Air Force Academy
Admissions Office
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
<http://academyadmissions.com>

United States Military Academy
Admissions Office
600 Thayer Road West Point, NY 10996-9902
<http://admissions.usma.edu>

United States Merchant Marine Academy
Office of Admissions
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
<http://www.usmma.edu/admissions/default.shtml>

United States Coast Guard Academy
Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320
<http://admissions.uscga.edu/i2e/admissions>

You must submit the following to my office by Friday, September 27, 2013

- An official application with photo attached. (Resumes cannot be substituted for an official application).
- Concise (one page only) answers to the essay questions.
- Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, principal, guidance counselor, employer, coach, extracurricular faculty advisor, community leaders, church leaders, scout/CAP/JROTC leaders or other adults you know well. These two letters are in addition to the counselor/principles information on the School Recommendation Form in the application packet.

You are responsible for directing the following documents to arrive at my District office before the deadline.

- The School Recommendation Form (found in this packet) which must include your official high school transcript bearing the official of your school or the signature and title of a school official.
- Official ACT or SAT scores. To apply for a nomination, one of the two test scores must be submitted. A **certified copy of the High School record** of these scores will be accepted.
- To be eligible for a Congressional nomination and eventually to be eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy, you **MUST** follow two procedures at the same time.

Your completed original application with all components MUST be received by my District Office on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 5:00PM. Faxed or scanned copies will not be accepted. Ensure that you include a wallet sized picture along with your application.

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DIANA DEGETTE
STATE OF COLORADO

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Denver, Colorado 80203
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Attach a wallet size photo

Full Name:

(Last) (First) (Middle)

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Place of Birth: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Temporary Address: (if different from above)

(Address) (City) (State) (ZIP)

Social Security Number: _____

Mother's/Father's/Legal Guardian's Name (s): _____

(Address if different from above): _____

HEIGHT _____

WEIGHT _____

UNCORRECTED VISION: _____

CONTACTS: YES/NO

School Principle or Academic Dean: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Name and Addressed of all High Schools and/or Colleges Attended:

School Name: _____

Address: _____

Month and Year of Graduation: _____

Month and Year you are requesting nomination: _____

Are you a United States citizen? (Please circle) Yes No

Are you a Colorado First Congressional District Resident? (Please circle) Yes No

Which of the academies are you interested in attending? Please number according to your preference. You will be considered only for those academies for which you have indicated an interest and in the order in which you have ranked them below.

AIR FORCE _____ **MERCHANT MARINE** _____ **NAVAL** _____ **MILITARY** _____

Have you requested that a pre-candidate file be initiated for you at any of the academies?
If so, which one(s)?

ACADEMIC HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Latest cumulative grade point average: _____ on a scale of _____

Rank in class: _____ in a class of _____ (# of students) as of _____ (date)

SAT Scores

Date (s) Taken _____ Verbal _____ Mathematics _____

ACT Scores

Date (s) Taken _____ English _____ Mathematics _____ Reading _____ Science _____
Composite _____

You do not need to take both tests, but you must provide official copies of either your SAT or ACT scores. If you have already taken either examination, you should contact the College Entrance Examination Board for SAT scores, or ACT for ACT scores, and request that a copy of your scores be sent directly to **7300 (ACT) or 4766 (SAT)**. If you have not yet taken these examinations, please list **7300 (ACT) or 4766 (SAT)** as one of the recipients of your scores at that time.

Please answer all questions completely (use another sheet of paper if necessary):

AWARDS AND HONORS (be specific):

SCHOOL RELATED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Please indicate years of participation. 1=Freshman, 2=Sophomore, 3=Junior, 4=Senior):

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (please indicate duration and hours per week):

WORK EXPERIENCE (please indicate duration and hours per week):

MILITARY EXPERIENCE (e.g. JROTC or Civil Air Patrol):

Essay Questions

Your answers to these questions combined with your application and all other official records and documentation will provide my Merit Selection Committee with the most complete information to determine your suitability for an academy nomination.

Your answers should reflect **your own beliefs** and **convictions**, not just what you think someone else might want to hear. Feel free to do research. Although the **content** of your answers is of greatest importance; grammar, spelling, punctuation and writing style will also be considered.

Please limit each answer to one (1) page, double spaced, and answer all four questions. When completed, attach your four essay pages to this cover page with a paper clip (not a staple) and return it with your application.

Please print the numbered questions, with your answers on four separate pages.

1. Are you planning on a military career? If yes, in what field or area would you want to specialize as an officer? Please explain.
2. What benefits do you expect to receive from attendance at a service academy rather than a civilian college or university?
3. Under what circumstances, if any, do you think it would be appropriate to question or disobey the orders of a superior officer?
4. If, as the commanding officer of a military unit in combat, you have taken prisoners of war, what humanitarian provisions should you know about the Geneva Convention and its applications to prisoners of war?

APPLICATION SIGNATURE PAGE

I am a legal resident of the state of Colorado.

I have read all of the information in the application packet, and I am aware of the procedure and requirements necessary for obtaining a service academy nomination from U.S. Representative Diana DeGette.

If I have not submitted all required documents to the District office of U.S. Congresswoman Diana DeGette by the deadline:

FRIDAY, September 27, 2013

I understand that I will not be given further consideration for a nomination this year.

SIGNATURE DATE.....

Note: Information submitted with your application cannot be returned. Information submitted with your application is subject to the privacy act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552(a), as amended and to the freedom of Information Act, Section 552, as amended.

SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION FORM

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DIANA DEGETTE

UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

This recommendation form must be completed by the applicant's high school principle or guidance counselor. Please send this completed form and the applicant's official transcripts directly to the address of my District Office before the deadline of Friday, September 27, 2013

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

School phone number (____) _____

Applicant's year of graduation: _____

Numerical Class Rank at End of Junior Year: _____ in class of _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) at End of Junior Year: _____

SAT Scores: Verbal _____ Mathematics _____

ACT Scores: English _____ Mathematics _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Composite _____

Please respond to the following questions. (You may use another page if needed). Thank you.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what setting?
2. What is your overall assessment of this application as a candidate for admission to a service academy?
3. Please describe any personal circumstances or characteristics that might affect the applicant's performance at an academy.
4. Please describe and evaluate the applicant's leadership abilities, talents strengths and limitations.

Name _____ TITLE _____

Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

Suggestion: maintain a “*Service Academies*” file at home. Keep this checklist in your file to help obtain documents, letters, etc., in advance of deadlines.

Required Document	Date Due	Date Completed
Application form (with photo) completed and submitted to my district office.		
Completed essay questions submitted to my office.		
Applications filed with your U.S. Representative and your U.S. Senators in Colorado using their application forms.		
Request a Pre-candidate questionnaire from each service academy to which you are considering applying (to be returned to each academy). Make Requests directly to Service Academies		
School recommendation form completed by your Principal or Guidance Counselor and Returned to my District office. Your counselor should include your official transcript and test scores with this form.		
Two personal recommendation letters from people who know you well should be sent to my District Office.		
SAT or ACT scores directed to my District Office.		

For additional information or to check on the status of your file in my office, please call my Service Academies staff at 303-844-4988.