

FACT SHEET FOR SERVICE ACADEMY CANDIDATES
Class of 2025
Congressman Mike Gallagher (8th Congressional District – Wisconsin)

Members of Congress are asked to nominate candidates to the four U. S. service academies each year. The number of vacancies for each congressional district is determined by law. Ten candidates can be nominated for each vacancy at the U. S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, Maryland), U. S. Military Academy (West Point, New York), and the U. S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, Colorado). It is possible that more than one nominee may be accepted for each vacancy. For the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, New York), the procedure is slightly different. Members of Congress may nominate ten candidates every year to this school. You may be considered for nomination to more than one academy. We ask that you list in order of preference on the application those schools you would be interested in attending.

A Committee of distinguished residents of the 8th District chooses the applicants to be nominated. All applicants who submit a complete application will be scheduled for an interview with the Committee. The final nominees are selected based on high school record, ACT or SAT scores, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, essay responses, and interview presentation. Nominees will be announced by December.

To be considered, the general requirements are: You must be a U. S. citizen, single, have no dependents and not be pregnant, be at least seventeen (but not twenty-three) as of the date class begins, and a resident of the 8th District.

The academies require a thorough medical examination as part of the admissions process. Applicants with less than perfect vision may be ineligible or need a waiver depending on the academy. Few “eye waivers” are approved (the Merchant Marine Academy grants none), so even superior candidates may be rejected for this reason. The individual academy catalogs or websites should be consulted for each school’s requirements.

Your scores on the ACT or SAT tests are an important part of your application. If you have not already taken the test, you should arrange to take the test as early as possible. Your guidance counselor can provide registration information. You must have your scores sent directly to me by listing my code number ACT: 7761 and SAT: 5267 on the test form.

I recommend you contact the academy, or academies, of your choice to request a pre-candidate questionnaire. This is the first step in the Admissions Offices’ evaluation of your record.

Schedule for applicants applying to enter the Academies in 2021 (subject to change at office discretion):

Now	Request application from Rep. Gallagher and pre-candidate questionnaire from academy – register to take ACT or SAT
October 2, 2020	Deadline to submit your application to my office
October, 2020	Committee interviews conducted to select nominees
December, 2020	Nominees are notified
Spring, 2021	Academies complete admissions process and offer appointments
Summer, 2021	Classes begin

To apply for a Service Academy Nomination, request and complete the application for my office. Please type or print in black ink as the entire application must be copied for committee members. Be sure to include your response to the essay questions on page three. Arrange for the submission of the requested photographs, letters of recommendation, high school transcript, and ACT or SAT scores. Return your application by October 2, 2020 to the address below. Receipt of your application will be acknowledged and you will be advised when your application is complete. Please notify my office immediately of any change of address, or with any questions you may have.

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