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**Application Packet
Service Academy Nominations
Class of 2029**

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding nominations to our nation's Service Academies. I am honored to be involved in the nomination process and I applaud you for your desire to serve in the Armed Services.

The U.S. Service Academies include the United States Air Force Academy, United States Military Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy, and United States Naval Academy. A nomination to one of the Service Academies is a prestigious honor which requires dedication, a desire to serve others, and a sense of duty and morality.

While appointments to the Service Academies are extremely competitive, priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate strong leadership in their community and a commitment to serving the public. As applicants are reviewed, we highly encourage individuals to return a completed, competitive package on or before October 31, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachell Nord-Roseau with our district office at (314) 955-9980 or via email at bushacademynominations@mail.house.gov I look forward to receiving your application for nomination. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cori Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive.

CORI BUSH
Member of Congress

NOMINATION CHECKLIST

All required items must be sent to bushacademynominations@mail.house.gov by October 31, 2024. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered for nomination. Applications will open August 29, 2024.

(Please check off the items you have attached to your application email)

I HAVE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS PART OF MY APPLICATION:

APPLICATION FORM AND RESUME completed and signed by applicant

PERSONAL ESSAY (300 words / 1 page maximum answering prompt of why you want to attend the Academy)

THREE (3) PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION LETTERS One letter of recommendation must be completed by either your Guidance Counselor or Principal. Additional acceptable recommendation letter authors include teachers, religious leaders (i.e. priests, rabbis and ministers), coaches, employers and/or community leaders. You are required to return a *minimum* of three (3) personal recommendation letters by the application deadline. ****NOTE: Recommendation letters are the chief cause of delays in completing an application packet. Start this process early to ensure you can receive them by the deadline.****

OFFICIAL COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, including courses currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank. If you would like to provide your transcript from your senior year, you may send it as an update as long as your application is complete by November 1, 2023.

(if applicable) OFFICIAL COPY OF COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT including courses currently in progress and GPA.

COPY OF OFFICIAL SAT/ACT SCORES if they are not already being sent directly from the college boards. ****NOTE: test scores must be postmarked by November 1, 2023. Carefully consider the dates that you are taking tests; if you wait until October, your scores may not arrive on time.****

CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH (wallet-sized)

(optional) AWARD, CERTIFICATES, etc.

Check one and complete:

I have taken the following tests on the dates indicated: SAT _____ ACT _____

I have not taken the required tests, but plan to take the SAT/ACT on _____

Deadline for all application items is October 31, 2024.

Once nominees are selected, nominations will be submitted to the Service Academies, which will determine which nominees will receive offers of appointment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SAT and ACT Test Scores

Standardized test scores are important elements of your application. In order for your application to be considered complete, you must either send an official copy of your scores or have the testing centers send your scores to our office. To meet this deadline, we suggest taking one or both as soon as possible and we highly suggest taking the tests multiple times to improve your scores. The dates can be found on these websites:

<http://sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-dates>

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

*Note: All test scores must be sent by November 1, 2023. However, your test scores can be updated between the time of your application and the time of the Academy Board meeting if you score higher on a later test; this will only be permitted for students who submit their score(s) on or before the official deadline to complete their files.

Service Academy Contact Information

If you have not already done so, you should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies that you desire to attend. And we encourage you to apply to all of the Service Academies that you are interested in. Failure to contact the Service Academies and becoming an official candidate will automatically disqualify you for an official interview with my office. Applying to the Service Academy and applying for a nomination are processes that need to be accomplished at the same time. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, please contact them directly.

ARMY

The Director of Admissions
ATTN: MAAR
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York 10996
Apply online here: westpoint.edu/admissions

AIR FORCE

Director of Admissions
HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2300
USAF Academy, CO 80840
Apply online here: academyadmissions.com

NAVY

Dean of Admissions (Code A)
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland 21402
Apply online here: usna.edu/admissions

U.S. Merchant Marine

Academy Admissions
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
Apply online here: www.usmma.edu

SERVICE ACADEMY FACT SHEET

The following requirements apply to entrance to all four academies to which Members of Congress make nominations: Air Force, Military Academy (West Point), Navy, and Merchant Marine. The academy process is very competitive; therefore, all candidates are urged to apply to every nomination authority they qualify for. The academy generally seeks a well-rounded individual who demonstrates leadership and is involved in their school and community.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be at least 17 years of age, but not past 23 years of age as of July 1 of the year of admission to an academy; must be a citizen of the United States by birth or naturalization as of July 1 of the year of admission; and must be men and women of good moral character who are trustworthy, emotionally stable, and motivated.

RESIDENCE: Candidate and/or his or her parents must provide proof (if requested) of residence in the 1st Congressional District of Missouri within the two years prior to prospective admission to an academy.

MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS: All physical examinations are conducted at designated Department of Defense medical examination centers. Examinations will be conducted only for candidates who have been officially scheduled by the Department of Medical Examination Review Board – a tri-service agency responsible for scheduling and evaluating examinations for all the U.S. Service Academies. Applicants will receive instructions for taking the Medical Examination directly from the Medical Review Board.

PHYSICAL APTITUDE: Applicants must demonstrate superior strength, endurance, and agility which will be measured by the Physical Aptitude Examination (PAE). Candidates are advised to prepare for this examination by engaging in vigorous activities such as running, general conditioning exercises, and competitive games. Details on the PAE can be found in the appropriate academy manual, together with the height and weight limitations.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: To be considered for a nomination to an Academy, the applicant must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or the American College Testing Program (ACT). It is strongly recommended that the SAT/ACT tests be taken to see which one measures the educational background most favorably. Applicants are advised to check carefully with their guidance counselors.

APPLICATION: All applicants are required to submit the following: completed application, transcripts, resume, three letters of recommendation, personal essay, SAT/ACT. Your completed application must be emailed no later than October 31, 2024, to bushacademynominations@mail.house.gov. Applicants must indicate their academy preference on the application form. Applicants will be reviewed for any or all service academies listed on the application form for which openings are available

INTERVIEW: Eligible applicants who have applied directly to the Service Academies will be interviewed in December by staffers from the First Congressional District of Missouri.

**2024-2025 APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE
ACADEMIES**

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Preferred First Name)

Current Mailing Address:

(Street / P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Missouri Residence: (If you listed a Post Office Box or a temporary address above. Service Academies require the listing of your street address in Missouri.)

(Street / P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone Number: (____) ____ - ____ Alternate Telephone Number: (____) ____ - ____

Email Address: _____

I am also seeking a nomination through:

____ President U.S. Senator Eric Schmitt
____ Vice President U.S. Senator Josh Hawley

Are you currently or were you formerly enlisted in the United States Military? _____

If you answered "Yes" which branch? _____

Are you the dependent of an active or retired member of the United States Military? _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? _____

Gender: Male ___ Female ___ Date of birth: ___ / ___ / ___

Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):

High School Attended:

(School Name)

(School Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

(School Phone Number) (Counselor's Name)

Expected Date of Graduation: ___ / ___ / ___ High School GPA: ___

(Please have your counselor convert this to the 4.0 scale)

Class Rank: ____ / ____

SAT: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Composite _____

ACT: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Composite _____

Have you attended an Academy Summer Seminar? _____

If you answered "Yes" which Academy Leadership Seminar(s) did you attend: _____

Are you currently an active participant of any of the following:

_____ JROTC _____ Boy Scouts/Eagle Scout/Gold Award _____ Mission Field

_____ Civil Air Patrol (CAP) _____ National Honor Society _____ Academy Preparatory School

Please indicate which academy you would like to attend; if you are interested in more than one academy, please rank them in order of your preference, first to last.

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy _____ U.S. Military Academy

_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy _____ U.S. Naval Academy

RESUME: On a separate page, briefly describe your involvement in the following activities: interscholastic athletics, school activities, community involvement (volunteer or work experience), other activities you consider important or noteworthy and all awards and honors. Include information regarding leadership positions and recognitions of achievement, as well as dates of involvement in each activity.

APPLICATION AGREEMENT: Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements. If you do not include your signature, your application will not be considered for nomination:

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I was a U.S. Citizen by July 1, 2023. I was at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2023. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any legal dependents or obligations. I am a legal resident of the State of Missouri.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not sent by November 1, 2023.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Send Completed Application Packet by October 31, 2024 to:

bushacademynominations@mail.house.gov