

U. S. Senator Bill Nelson

Academy Opportunities



U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY
Annapolis, Maryland



U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY
West Point, New York



U. S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY
Kings Point, Long Island, New York



U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The deadline for file completion is September 30, 2008
The Class of 2013 will begin July 2009





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Those individuals wishing to apply for nomination to one of the service academies must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Florida, and must never have been married. The U.S. Military Academy, Naval Academy, and Air Force Academy require that applicants must not have reached their 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of admission. Candidates applying to the Merchant Marine Academy must be at least 17 and have not passed their 25th birthday on July 1 of the year of admission.

Due to the large number of applicants you will be interviewed for **only** one academy. Therefore, careful consideration should be given to your choice of an academy. Academy designation may be changed any time prior to September 30, 2008.

Each senator may have five Midshipmen or Cadets at each academy at any one time. For the 2009 admission year, Senator Nelson will be able to nominate 10 individuals for one vacancy per service academy. All applicants should be advised that acceptance of any appointment commits them to at least a five year active duty obligation to the military upon graduation.

The deadline for submission of information to the senator's office is September 30, 2008. Submissions postmarked after this date **will not** be accepted. Those individuals meeting eligibility requirements will be notified of the date, time, and place to report for a personal interview by the regional board (Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa). Approximately nine board members are selected by Senator Nelson for each of the four regions. Members consist of business and community leaders, service academy graduates, active and retired military personnel and academia.

The review board will conduct a personal interview with each applicant who meets all requirements. Selections are made competitively on the basis of academic performances, leadership potential, personal statement, extra curricular activities, personal interviews and letters of recommendation. Ten nominees for each vacancy will be recommended to Senator Nelson by the state board. Senator Nelson will review and submit these recommendations to each service academy. Ten alternates for each vacancy also will be recommended to the senator. Alternates are not submitted unless requested by the academy. The final ranking and subsequent appointments will be at the discretion of the academies.

Officials at the academies advise individuals desiring nominations to request an application from the academy at the same time they seek nomination through Senator Nelson. **Contact with the admissions office of the academy of your preference is imperative.** Once contact is established, the academy will create a file for the candidate and transmit general information on the academy along with detailed admission requirements, including a Prospective Candidate Questionnaire.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

All applicants meeting eligibility requirements and residing in Florida will be interviewed on **November 6, 2008**, in either Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tallahassee or Tampa. This **compulsory** interview will be in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Academy Selection Board. Interviews will be conducted in person and prospective applicants should plan accordingly. The personal interview is a **mandatory** element of the application process. Special arrangements can be made with dependents of active-duty military personnel and students who reside outside Florida. **Note: Interviews are held for one day only (November 6, 2008).**

SAT / ACT SCORES

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Testing Assessment Test (ACT) are the most important academic requirements of the academies. As a general rule, no combined score below 1570 will be considered competitive. Senator Nelson's SAT code is **0220** and ACT code is **7118**. **If they are not noted on your official academic transcript, SAT and ACT scores may be forwarded directly from the testing center to Senator Nelson's office located at 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410, Orlando FL 32801.** Should you receive an invitation for an interview, please bring any updated test scores with you. **NOTE:** Minimum SAT and ACT scores must be met by the postmarked deadline of September 30, 2008 to be eligible for an interview with Senator Nelson's nominating board.

ACADEMY	SAT	ACT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY Director of Admissions Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840 Telephone: (800) 443-9266	580 Verbal 560 Math 500 Writing	24 English 25 Math 6 Writing Subscore
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY Director of Admissions 606 Thayer Road West Point, New York 10996-1797 Telephone: (845) 938-4041	560 Verbal 560 Math 500 Writing	23 English 24 Math 6 Writing Subscore
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY Admissions Office 117 Decatur Road Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5018 Telephone: (410) 293-4361	600 Verbal 600 Math 500 Writing	26 English 26 Math 6 Writing Subscore
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY Admissions Office Kings Point, New York 11024 Telephone: (866) 546-4778	510 Verbal 560 Math 500 Writing	21 English 24 Math 6 Writing Subscore

NOTE: No congressional nomination is required for entrance into the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Call (860) 444-8444 or write New London, Connecticut 06320 to obtain information or application forms.

ACADEMY CHECKLIST

INSTRUCTIONS

Read all material carefully, then with equal care, complete the required forms and provide all requested data by **September 30, 2008**. **All required information must be submitted in a single mailing.** Your application is considered complete when the application and the following materials are received by my Orlando, Florida office:

I. In a large envelope, return the following items (I, II, III, IV):

- Completed application
- Checklist with interview location noted
- Recommendation form in sealed envelopes with signature across seal (must be completed by school official)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes with signatures across seal
- Personal statement typed, outlining why you wish to attend a service academy (1 page only)

II. Official High School, Junior College or College Transcripts

High School and College transcripts are used to measure an individual's scholastic achievements, interests and progress. **Transcripts must show your final junior year grades, GPA and approximate class rank.** An official, sealed transcript from all high schools, junior colleges or colleges you have attended should be returned to you in a sealed envelope. A report card copy will not be accepted as a substitute.

III. Applicant Test Scores

SAT or ACT scores are required as part of the nomination process. Submitted scores must meet the minimum levels indicated on page two by the postmark deadline. If you have not taken the test before the postmark deadline, you will not be eligible for nomination during this cycle. **If they are not noted on your official academic transcript, test scores may be forwarded directly from the testing center to my Orlando, Florida office by September 30, 2008.**

IV. Personal Interview Location

Personal interviews will be conducted on Thursday, November 6, 2008. Please select your county of residence. If qualified, you will be notified of the interview time.

- **Fort Lauderdale** (Broward, Collier, Hendry, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, St. Lucie Counties)
- **Orlando** (Brevard, Flager, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia Counties)
- **Tallahassee** (Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Nassau, Okaloosa, Putnam, Santa Rosa, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, Washington Counties)
- **Tampa** (Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota Counties)

Applicant Name (Print): _____ Academy: _____

Service Academy Application
Please type or print the required information on both pages.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE ONLY

Full Legal Name: _____	Social Security No: _____		
Choice of Service Academy (<i>check <u>one</u> only</i>)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> Naval	<input type="checkbox"/> Military

Personal Data

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Are you a United States Citizen? Yes No

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Legal Address In Florida

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Father's Name _____ Daytime Phone No. _____

Mother's Name _____ Daytime Phone No. _____

Academic Data					
Name of School _____	Date of Graduation _____				
Counselor _____	School Phone No. _____				
Test Scores: Qualifying scores must be met by postmark deadline					
SAT Scores					
ACT Scores					
Verbal _____	Math _____	Writing _____	English _____	Math _____	English Subscore _____
Are you taking or in (<i>check all that apply</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Classes <input type="checkbox"/> AP Classes <input type="checkbox"/> IB Program					

Service Academy Academic Recommendation Form

Please type or print the required information

Principal or Guidance Counselor

This form must be completed by either a high school principal or guidance counselor. **Please note that the completion of the recommendation form is a requirement.** Type or print and return your completed form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.

The following information must be included as it is an integral part of the service academy candidate's application. If your school does not rank students, please provide an accurate estimate of the applicant's class standing and an appropriate rank.

Name of Applicant _____
Last
First
Middle

Social Security No. _____ Year in School _____

Class Rank (mark one)

Top 5%
 Top 10%
 Top 15%
 Top 20%
 Top 25%
 Below 25%

Weighted or Un-weighted GPA (mark one)

4.5 & Higher
 3.7 - 4.4
 3.6 - 3.4
 3.3 - 3.2
 3.1 - 3.0
 Below 3.0

SAT Critical Reading _____ SAT Math _____ SAT Writing _____

ACT English _____ ACT Math _____ ACT Writing Subscore _____

Additional Academic Criteria (mark all that apply)
 Honors
 AP Classes
 IB Program

Please use the following scale to rate the applicant's abilities	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Leadership characteristics				
Personality traits				
Ability to get along with and work well with others				
Ability to work under pressure				
Ability to take criticism				
Attendance, punctuality and dependability				
Overall assessment of candidate				

General Comments: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ School: _____

Bill Nelson
Florida



UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS 2008 SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 1, 2008	Application process opens.
Tuesday, September 30, 2008	Postmark deadline for file completion and submission of information.
Thursday, October 16, 2008	Interview notices mailed.
Thursday, November 6, 2008	Personal interview.
Monday, December 15, 2008	Nominee notification of status by mail begins.

Send All Correspondence Regarding Service Academy Nominations To

U. S. Senator Bill Nelson
Attention: Service Academy Coordinator
225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410
Orlando, Florida 32801

Telephone: (407) 872-7161 or
(888) 671-4091 (*toll-free in Florida only*)
Fax: (407) 872-7165

***Applications returned to locations other than the Orlando, Florida office
may cause delays in processing.***