

UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS 2008



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Each Congressional office uses a selection process for academy nominations designed to meet its own needs and standards. The different procedures are often confusing to applicants who apply to more than one source. **Misunderstandings can be avoided by carefully studying and following the instructions of each office.** **PLEASE NOTE: By signing the application, you will have indicated an understanding and acceptance of nomination requirements as set forth by my office.**

Because of the extreme competition for nominations, you are urged to apply to every nominating authority available to you (both U.S. Senators, your local Congressman, and the Vice President). Should your eligibility allow, you may also apply to the President. Ideally, students seeking a nomination should begin the Congressional and academy process in April of their junior year in high school.

For classes entering in the summer of 2008, I will have one vacancy each at the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Contact with the admissions office of the academy of your preference is imperative. The academy will establish a file and forward general information and detailed admissions requirements, including a Prospective Candidate Questionnaire.

Selections are made competitively on the basis of academic performance, leadership potential, extra-curricular activities, physical fitness, and letters of recommendation. Ten names for each vacancy will be recommended by me for nomination. The final ranking and subsequent appointments will be at the discretion of the academies.

As outlined on page two, certain information **must be provided** for you to be considered an applicant. **It is YOUR responsibility to submit the required information. All information must be received in my office by Monday, December 10, 2007.**

In order that more Mississippi applicants have an opportunity to be reviewed by the academies, please let me know immediately if you are nominated by another authority. Additionally, should you change your career goals, please notify me. This will offer the opportunity to another student.

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REQUIREMENTS

Residency: Applicant must be a legal resident of Mississippi.

Application Form: The enclosed application should be completed and returned **promptly**, along with a photograph. **It is not necessary for you to send all required information at one time.**

Three Recommendation Letters: Choose a math or science teacher, coach, guidance counselor, principal, employer, etc., to write **THREE** recommendation letters. Please do not submit additional letters.

Transcript: Ask your counselor or principal for an official transcript that includes your course listings and grades, current G.P.A., and SAT/ACT scores. Your **FINAL** junior grades must be listed on the official transcript (report card copy is an ineligible substitute). If you are a college student, final high school and college scores are required.

Standardized Test Results: You can have scores forwarded to my office directly from the testing center by using the following codes: S.A.T. – 1110, A.C.T. – 7147. If your scores are reflected on your high school transcript, no other decimation will be necessary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jo Ann Clark in my Jackson, Mississippi, office at 601-965-4459.

Deadline: Send the above information to my Jackson office at 188 East Capitol, Suite 614, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. All information must be received in the office by **Monday, December 10, 2007.**

NOTE: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM THAT THE MATERIALS NEEDED TO COMPLETE YOUR FILE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY MY OFFICE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL MY OFFICE AT ANY TIME TO CHECK ON THE STATUS OF YOUR FILE.

FACT SHEET

The academies provide guidelines for applicants who may be eligible to be considered for an appointment. A candidate must be an American citizen and of good moral character.

U.S. Air Force, Military and Naval Academies require you be at least 17, but not have passed your 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of admission. A candidate must be unmarried with no dependents. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy requires you be at least 17, but not have passed your 25th birthday by July 1 of the year of induction.

For more information, you may contact the Academies at the addresses below:

U.S. Air Force Academy
Director of Admissions
2304 Cadet Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840
800/443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Military Academy
Director of Admissions
West Point, New York 10996-9902
845/938-4041
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy
Director of Candidate Guidance
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5018
410/293-4361
www.usna.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, New York 11024
866/546-4778
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

There are no Congressional nominations to this academy. You may call 800/883-8724 or write the Director of Admissions, USCG Academy, 31 Mohegan Avenue, New London, Connecticut 06320-8103, to obtain information or application forms. Their website is www.cga.edu.

All academies require you pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). The academy to which you have applied will initiate the scheduling of an examination with the Department of Defense. Once taken, the examination may be used for all service academies.

NOTE: Graduation from a United States Service Academy obligates you to serve five years of Active Duty Service.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO SERVICE ACADEMIES

Name _____

Home Address _____

City and State _____ County _____

Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

Temporary Address _____

Best number to be reached _____ County _____

SS Number _____ Birth Date _____

Place of Birth _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes or No

Name of parents _____

Parents' occupation _____

High Schools you attended & phone numbers _____

Year of graduation _____ College attended _____

Present Military status _____

What is your career interest? (i.e., business, sports, medicine, etc.) _____

Also seeking a nomination from _____

In the event I do not have enough vacancies in the academy of your choice, please indicate academy preference and second and third choices. If you do not have a second or third preference, you should not list them.

Air Force _____ Merchant Marine _____ Military _____ Naval _____

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:

I have read the information sheet explaining Senator Cochran's nominating procedures, and I understand the Senator's requirements. I certify that I am a legal resident of Mississippi, and there is no known reason why I should not be medically qualified to receive an appointment to a service academy, if nominated.

Date: _____ Candidate's signature: _____

2007 SCHEDULE
U. S. SENATOR THAD COCHRAN
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April 1	Application process opens
December 10	Deadline for information to be received

CHECK LIST FOR CANDIDATES:

	Application form completed (two pages)
	Photograph
	Three recommendation letters
	High school transcript, including final junior or senior year grades (College transcript is applicable.)
	SAT/ACT scores (Scores reflected on high school transcript will be accepted.)

ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE SERVICE ACADEMIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Senator Thad Cochran
 188 East Capitol, Suite 614
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 Attention: Jo Ann Clark
 Telephone: 601-965-4459

DEADLINE FOR FILE COMPLETION IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007.