

## **VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PROCESS**

The Vice President is authorized to nominate individuals to the United States Military, Naval, and Air Force Academies but can not nominate to either the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and does not nominate to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

The Vice President is the only authorized nominating authority who can nominate U.S. citizens without geographical restrictions. He may have a maximum number of five nominees in attendance at each authorized academy at any one time. Normally, he has one or two vacancies each year. In order to be entered into competition for a Vice Presidential nomination, applicants must write personally to the Vice President during the application period of **March 1 to October 31** preceding the year of entrance to the academies. **Applications postmarked before March 1 or after October 31 will not be considered.**

Due to a large volume of applicants (usually several thousand per academy), the Vice President has authorized the academies to evaluate all applications and rank them according to qualifications. In screening candidates, the academies evaluate an individual's high school or college academic record, results of the ACT and SAT tests, recommendations from individuals who are in a position to judge the applicant's character and academic potential, and physical and medical qualifications. In view of this screening by the academies, it is important that all correspondence subsequent to actual application (e.g., letters of recommendation, high school and college transcripts and ACT/SAT examination results) be forwarded directly to the academy when requested. Do not send this information directly to the Vice President.

Notification of those selected for a nomination is normally made during February or March of the year in which the class convenes.

Any additional information regarding Vice Presidential nominations should be forwarded to the appropriate academy. The addresses are:

### **ARMY**

The Director of Admissions  
ATTN: MAAR  
United States Military Academy  
West Point, New York 10996

### **AIR FORCE**

The Director of Admissions  
ATTN: RRSB  
United States Air Force Academy  
Colorado Springs, CO 80840

### **NAVY**

Dean of Admissions (Code A)  
United States Naval Academy  
Annapolis, Maryland 21042

## **STEPS FOR THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMIES APPLICATION PROCESS**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the U.S. service academies is to provide instruction and experience to all cadets so that they graduate with the knowledge and character essential to leadership and the motivation to become career officers in the U.S. military.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible to enter an Academy, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- Of good moral character
- Unmarried with no dependents
- At least 17, but less than 23 years of age by July 1 of the year you would enter.

**SELECTIONS:** It takes a well-rounded program of leadership, academic, and athletic preparation to be one of the few who can meet the Service Academies high admission standards and the fierce competitions for appointment. Carefully consider the characteristics of dedication, desire to serve others, ability to accept

discipline, sense of duty, and morality, and the enjoyment of challenge in deciding if you want to pursue an Academy education.

**ACADEMIC PREPARATION:** It is recommended that young persons who aspire to go to one of the service academies take a college preparatory curriculum in high school that stresses English and Math. Also, they should plan on taking the ACT and SAT test as early as possible and more than once.

**PHYSICAL PREPARATION:** During the admissions process prospective cadets will be given the Candidate Fitness Assessment. All three academies have the same physical fitness events: the basketball throw; pull-ups (men & women) or flexed-arm hang (women); shuttle run; modified sit-ups; push-ups; and the one-mile run. The purpose of these tests is to evaluate a candidate's upper body strength and endurance. Please check with each academy on their specific requirements for the Candidate Fitness Assessment.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** The minimum SAT scores for the academies are 500 verbal and 500 math. The average SAT scores at the academies are 540-620 verbal and 630-710 math. The minimum ACT scores for the academies are 21 English, 19 Social Studies, 24 Mathematics, and 24 Natural Science. The average ACT scores are 23-27 English; 24-29 Social Studies; 27-32 Mathematics; 28-32 Natural Science (minimum and average scores are slightly higher for the Naval Academy). Virtually all cadets are from the top 25% of their high school class.

## **PROCEDURES FOR THE MILITARY ACADEMY PROCESS**

1. **OPEN APPLICANT FILE** - Request Pre-Candidate Questionnaire from the Admissions Office of the applicable Academy.

United States Military Academy - (845) 938-4041

United States Air Force Academy - (719) 333-2520

United States Naval Academy - (410) 293-4361

2. **REQUEST NOMINATIONS** - Write to Congressional Representatives, (i.e. Vice President, Congressmen/women, Senators) for a nomination.

3. **COMPLETE TESTING** - Take ACT or SAT tests, schedule Physical Aptitude Exam & Medical Exam.

4. **COMPLETE FILE** - Complete all forms and return to academy or academies by their deadline.

5. **VISIT MILITARY ACADEMIES** - Call Admissions Office to set up a tour of academies.

### **HELPFUL TIPS WHEN REQUESTING A VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION:**

- 1) Check your application/letter to ensure you are using the correct year of entry.
- 2) Type application/letter or ensure hand-writing is legible.
- 3) Mailing address should include street, city, state, and zip code. E-mail addresses are not an authorized substitute for a mailing address.
- 4) If you wait till October to mail your application, please ensure your post office actually postmarks the letter. Close to a hundred applications each year are not processed due to no postmark, postmark that is not readable, or no month/day stamped on postmark. Mail is delayed up to 2 weeks on average due to screening process. Postmarks are used to verify if candidate makes the deadline even if our office does not receive it until November/December.

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Vice President  
Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
Attn: Military Academy Nominations  
Washington DC 20501**

**Dear Mr. Vice President:**

**It is my desire to compete for one of your nominations to a United States Service Academy. It is requested that I be considered as one of your nominees for the class that enters in July 2010.**

**My choice for a service academy nomination is indicated in numerical order in the appropriate boxes below. I have used a 0 to indicate an academy(s) I do not desire to attend.**

- United States Air Force Academy**
- United States Military Academy**
- United States Naval Academy**

**NOTE: The Vice President does not nominate to either the U.S. Coast Guard Academy or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.**

**The following personal data is submitted:**

**Name:** Mr. Miss \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date/Place of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Street/City/State/Zip Code)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Father:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Mother:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Point Average:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class standing (approx):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular Activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional comments (if desired):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Applicant's Statement:**

**I understand that the Vice President has authorized the academies to evaluate all applications and rank them according to qualifications to include high school or college academic records, results of the ACT and SAT tests, recommendations from individuals who are in a position to judge an applicant's character and academic potential, and physical and medical qualifications. In view of this screening by the academies, it is important that I send any additional correspondence (e.g., letters of recommendation, high school and college transcripts, and ACT/SAT examination results) directly to the academy.**

**I have forwarded or will forward my transcripts, grade reports, SAT/ACT scores, recommendations, etc., directly to the respective academy.**

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**(Signature)**

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