

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 20, 2009
The Class of 2014 will begin July 2010





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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 20, 2009.

Each senator may have five Midshipmen or Cadets at each academy at any one time. For the 2010 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 20, 2009. 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 5, 2009**, 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 5, 2009).**

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 20, 2009 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 20, 2009**. **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 20, 2009.**

IV. Personal Interview Location

Personal interviews will be conducted on Thursday, November 5, 2009. 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** (Alachua, Brevard, Flagler, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia Counties)
- **Tallahassee** (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)

V. Are you currently a student outside of the State of Florida? ____ No ____ Yes

Applicant Name (Print): _____ Academy: _____

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Please type or print the required information on both pages.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE ONLY

Full Legal Name: _____	Social Security No: _____
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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

Below, list your school and community activities. Complete form or attach your own typed information.

Activity	Office Held / Letter / Award	Year(s)

Check here if you are adding supporting documents and will leave above section blank.

PLEASE COMPLETE INFORMATION IN ITS ENTIRETY AS THIS IS CONSIDERED AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS.

I have read and fully understand the requirements and procedures for obtaining a nomination to the service academies by Senator Nelson, and do hereby apply for a nomination. I also understand the Academy Selection Board reserves the right to reject any application which contains inaccurate information.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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 2009 SCHEDULE

Friday, March 20, 2009	Application process opens.
Sunday, September 20, 2009	Postmark deadline for file completion and submission of information.
Friday, October 2, 2009	Interview notices mailed.
Thursday, November 5, 2009	Personal interview.
Thursday, December 10, 2009	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.***



Helpful Hints For Completing Your Application



- ❑ Follow directions carefully. All applications materials must be submitted at the same time.
- ❑ When approaching individuals who will provide information for your application, let them know you need the information back in a signed, sealed envelope. Additionally, let them know your application must be submitted with all supporting documents.
- ❑ All staples, binders, jackets, plastic sleeves, report covers or other materials used to assemble applications are removed prior to presenting them to board members for review. It not necessary to use any presentation materials when assembling your application. Again, all items will be removed and discarded.
- ❑ Remember to return the Academy checklist with your application materials. It must be completed and is a part of the application.
- ❑ Applications received without all supporting documents are considered incomplete.
- ❑ Once your application is received and processed, a notification letter with the status of your application will be mailed. Based on the volume of applications received, this process can take several weeks.
- ❑ Official SAT or ACT test scores are accepted directly from the testing facility or as listed on your high school transcripts. Student copies are not accepted as official test scores.
- ❑ The application listed on the website (<http://billnelson.senate.gov/services/nominations.cfm>) is a fill-in form. This means that you may type directly into the application, print and sign it to prepare for mailing.
- ❑ Applications received at office locations other than the Orlando, Florida office may be delayed. The U. S. Senate's mail security policy for all Washington, D. C. offices remains in effect. This policy requires that all mail must go through an irradiation process before it can be received and opened. Consequently, mail sent directly to the Washington, D. C. office may not be received for four to six weeks.
- ❑ Applications sent to other office locations will be forwarded to the Orlando office. However, there is no guarantee the application will arrive prior to the postmark deadline. If your application is sent to a location other than the Orlando, is forwarded and arrives in Orlando after the postmark deadline, it may be considered late and possibly will not be accepted.

Good Luck!