U.S. Service Academy Nominations
FACT SHEET

To be considered for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy (U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, or U.S. Naval Academy), an applicant must have a nomination from one of the following official nominating sources: U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, and the Vice President of the United States. Applicant can also receive a military service-connected nomination. Applicants are encouraged to seek nominations from ALL nominating sources.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:
- Applicants must be at least 17 years of age by induction day and may not have passed their 22nd birthday.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Applicants must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- Each academy has different academic standards for applicants, but will require complete scholastic transcripts, extra-curricular activity records, letters of recommendation, and test scores (ACT/SAT).
- Each applicant must complete a Department of Defense (DOD) medical examination in order to qualify for entry. Scheduling and evaluation of the medical exam is done by the DOD Medical Examination review Board (DODMERB).

Nomination Process:
- Applicants my begin the nomination process during the spring of his/her Junior year in high school.
- Applicants are required to submit an application packet to Senator Lugar's Office to include: nomination application, a list of extra-curricular activities, a HS transcript, SAT/ACT scores, 3 letters of recommendation, and an essay about why he/she would like to attend a U.S. Service Academy. **To directly submit your SAT/ACT scores to Senator Lugar's Office, please use the SAT code 0208 and the ACT code 7128.**
- In an effort to ensure the most objective and thorough review of nomination packets, Senator Lugar has appointed a Merit Selection Committee (MSC). The MSC is responsible for reviewing each packet, choosing students to interview, conducting interviews, and choosing the best qualified candidates for nomination.
- Senator Lugar chooses to nominate candidates on a "competitive" slate, meaning names are submitted to each of the Service Academies in alphabetical order and the Academies are left with the final decision on offering appointments to candidates.
- Applicants may also indicate on their nomination application interest in ROTC scholarships/opportunities if they are not selected for an interview or nomination to a U.S. Service Academy.

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