

Why?

The U.S. Service Academies are designed to educate, train, and inspire the young men and women of today to become tomorrow's military leaders. The goal of all Academies is to provide this quality education experience within the realm of the Honor Code. This Code is essential in developing the necessary characteristics and leadership. It is important for applicants to seriously consider why they are interested in a U.S. Service Academy, as well as for parents to understand their support role.

It is also important to realize, that the application process itself is a good way to prepare for Academy life. Therefore, it is highly recommended that students take the initiative to manage their own interview process.



One of the greatest honors I have as a Congressman is to nominate outstanding and deserving students from my district to our U.S. Services Academies. Your interest in a military career and desire to serve our country is commendable. To be considered, you must meet eligibility requirements established by law and receive an official nomination from your member of the House of Representatives. You may also seek a nomination from your U.S. Senators and from the Vice President of the United States. I recommend that you explore these options as well.

*Jared Polis
United States House of Representatives*

For information and our application process, please direct all questions to:

U.S. Representative Jared Polis

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United States Service Academies

The Congressional Nomination Process



Congressman Jared Polis
Second Congressional District of
Colorado

Eligibility Requirements

These basic eligibility requirements must be met as of July 1 of the year of admission to a U.S. Service Academy:

- Reside in the 2nd District to receive a nomination from Congressman Jared Polis
- Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed your 23rd birthday (25th birthday for the Merchant Marine)
- Be a legal United States Citizen
- Be unmarried, not pregnant, and should have no legal obligations to support children or other dependents

See our website for our application:

www.polis.house.gov

Student Benefits Include:

Top Tier Education • Scholarships Plus Stipend • No Student Loans • Academically Challenging • Leadership Opportunities • Guaranteed Employment Upon Graduation



Congressional Nominations

Based on the recommendations from a Congressional Panel, each Representative will nominate up to 10 applicants for each U.S. Service Academy vacancy. This panel, along with staff, will review application packets and conduct interviews. Once this process is complete, Congressmen Jared Polis will review the recommendations and confirm the final applicants. At all times, the U.S. Service Academy has the ultimate responsibility to appoint based on several “whole person” factors such as: academic record, extracurricular activities, community service, athletic activities, critical skills, physical aptitude, ACT and/or SAT scores, leadership potential, medical qualifications, and diversity in perspective. Our job is to conduct a process where we can nominate qualified and diverse candidates to our U.S. Service Academies.



2012 Candidate Deadlines

October 1: Candidate applications due

Late October-Early November: Candidate interviews—dates are tentative and based on the number of applicants

December 31, 2012: Candidate selections submitted to the U.S. Service Academies

U.S. Service Academies

Please remember to also begin the application process with the Academy/Academies of your choice, in addition to your U.S. Senators and/or the Vice President of the United States.

United States Air Force Academy

719.333.8807 • www.academyadmissions.com

United States Military Academy

845.446.2096 • www.usma.edu

United States Merchant Marine Academy

516.773.5000 • www.usmma.edu

United States Naval Academy

410.293.6250 • www.usna.edu/admissions

If you are interested in the United States Coast Guard Academy or the Reserves Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), you do not need a Congressional nomination. However, I would be honored to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf once you have completed our process.

United States Coast Guard Academy

800.883.8724 • www.cga.edu

Reserve Officers' Training Corps

303.492.3549 • www.colorado.edu/arotc

