

# Service Academy Application Process

*In order to attend most of the service academies, you need BOTH a nomination from a Senator or Congressman and an offer of admission. Once you have both, you can receive an appointment. These are two separate processes that you need to manage concurrently. The one exception is the US Coast Guard Academy. They do not require a nomination but their admissions process is highly competitive. Let's start with the nomination process since it opens first.*

*The admission process is different for each academy so you will have to stay organized and make sure you keep a file.*

*Application requirements may differ for each academy. Below is a general outline of the process. Each academy has specific admissions directions clearly listed on their website(s).*

## 1. Attend CT Service Academy workshop in April of Sophomore or Junior Year if possible

## 2. Complete the Academy Pre-Application (if applicable) during Junior Year

- Visit service academy websites

## 3. Nomination

You must obtain a nomination from your Congressperson, State Senator, or Vice President.

<https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/services/academy-nominations>

<https://www.murphy.senate.gov/services/academy>

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-pence/academy-nominations>

<https://delauero.house.gov/services/service-academy-nominations>

## 4. Send SAT Test scores to the Academy

These must be official reports requested from collegeboard.com

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If the information in your pre-application indicates your record is strong enough, you will become an official candidate for admission and will receive a candidate information letter as early as July prior to senior year.

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## 5. Candidate Academic Information

Some academies will have a form for your school counselor to complete and send with a transcript on your behalf.

## 6. Complete Physical Exam

The medical exam is administered by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB) who will contact you.

## 7. Fitness Assessment

This is a test that may require one-mile run, a shuttle run, kneeling basketball throw, crunches, push ups, pull-ups or flexed-arm hang. The test can be administered by anyone with a physical education degree, or active duty officer.

## 8. Official Interview

The academy may require an interview.

*Candidates are required to have letters of recommendations, strong transcripts, strong SAT or ACT scores, pass a Department of Defense Military Examination Review Board (DODMERB) physical examination, and pass a fitness test. Candidates are expected to be scholars, leaders, and athletes within their schools or communities. If you are in high school, ensure you are serving in a leadership position, whether it's as a sports team captain, a class or club officer, or community leader.*