



# Congressman Tom Graves

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## A Quick Guide to Applying for Admission to a United States Service Academy

Nomination to a service academy is a highly competitive process that must be reserved for those individuals with the will and desire to serve their country before self. You should complete your academy admissions packet as soon as possible. Applications for the class of 2021 will be accepted starting **July 25, 2016**. All applications are due to my office by **5:00 PM on Friday, October 14, 2016**.

### No Applications received after the deadline can be accepted.

There are five service academies that offer service appointments to highly qualified individuals. Those who meet eligibility requirements and are the most competitive in academic performance, physical fitness, medical standards, extracurricular involvement, leadership traits, motivation and aptitude for military service, will be most considered. You are encouraged to visit the academy websites to determine their minimum requirements. You must have an open file with the academy, to be eligible for a nomination.

United States Military Academy ([www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)) United States Merchant Marine Academy ([www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu))

United States Naval Academy ([www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)) United States Air Force Academy ([www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu))

\*United States Coast Guard Academy ([www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)) \*does not require a nomination

### Actions needed your Junior Year

It is important for you to start EARLY. Schedule and take the SAT and ACT in the fall. It is to your benefit to take both. The Academies will accept your highest individual section scores, so it's to your advantage to take the tests as often as possible. For example, if you take the SAT in May and in June and receive the following scores:

**May: Verbal 630 Math 600**

**June: Verbal 600 Math 660**

The Academies will use 630 Verbal and 660 Math to arrive at 1290, the total score used to consider you for admission.

### December-February

All candidates should inquire or sign up for a Summer Seminar at their desired academy.

### March- April

Submit the pre-candidate questionnaire on-line at the academy website

### April-June

Take SAT and ACT again if possible. Contact the Service Academy's admissions office to request an application package. You may apply to more than one academy.

### June-July

Prepare for Candidate Fitness Assessment. Take your medical exam as soon as you are notified by DoDMERB

(Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board)

### Actions needed your Senior Year

#### July-September

Complete the nomination applications to all nominating sources. Application due dates can vary year to year. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure you meet the deadlines. If chosen for an interview by our Academy Selection Board know that you will be competing against other applicants for a full scholarship. Our office will normally notify candidates of their nomination before December 1st.

#### Spring

Continue to update your files with the Academies. It is critical you complete the process as soon as possible. If nominated, you will receive a letter from the Academy notifying you of your offer of appointment.

To begin the application process please visit:

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