



NOMINATIONS FOR SERVICE ACADEMIES



The Office of Senator Andy Kim

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Each year, Members of Congress nominate young individuals to become eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. The academies are seeking future cadets and midshipmen who possess “whole person” qualifications – good moral character, a commendable academic record, evidence of strong leadership potential, physical aptitude, medical fitness, motivation to achieve academically and eventually to serve as an officer in the U.S. military.

General Eligibility

Prospective applicants for any of the U.S. service academies must meet the following requirements:

- A citizen of the United States
- Unmarried with no dependents
- Not pregnant
- At least 17 and less than 23 years of age by July 1st of the year of entry
- Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the academy

U.S. Service Academies

There are five service academies in the United States, four of which require nominations from a Member of Congress, Senator, or the Vice President in order to be appointed. Each service academy has their own application and additional requirements for appointment.

- The United States Military Academy (West Point, NY)
 - <https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions>
- The United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)
 - <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>
- The United States Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO)
 - <https://www.academyadmissions.com/>
- The Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY)
 - <https://www.usmma.edu/admissions>
- The Coast Guard Academy (New London, CT)
 - <https://www.uscga.edu/admissions/>



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Applying for a Nomination

DEADLINE: October 17, 2025

Applicants must receive a nomination in order to be appointed to a U.S. service academy (with the exception of the Coast Guard). They may seek a nomination from:

- A member of the U.S. House of Representatives that represents the congressional district in which the candidate resides
- Either U.S. Senator (Senator Cory Booker and Senator Andy Kim)
- The Vice President of the United States

The nomination process is competitive. You may apply for nominations from multiple sources, and we encourage you to apply to every nominating source available to you.

Contact both U.S. Senators and any other nominating sources that you are eligible for to inform them of your interest in pursuing a nomination. Applying to other offices will not affect your chances of securing a nomination from Senator Kim.

To receive a nomination, applicants must meet the general eligibility to enter a service academy (see *General Eligibility*). In addition, applicants must submit an application and a complete nomination file (see *Nomination File Checklist*).

For the Office of Senator Kim, you must be a legal resident of New Jersey to be eligible for a nomination.

The nomination application period opens April 17th of an applicant's junior year of high school. This year, **the deadline to submit an application and complete a nomination file is October 17, 2025**. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.



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After Applying

After submitting a complete application and nomination file, candidates will be interviewed, generally in late October or early November. Nominations are based on the evaluations of a panel which is made up of community representatives from New Jersey. Factors such as academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character, motivation, and community service are taken into consideration and compared with other applicants.

After Interviewing

Applicants will be notified of nomination decisions by January 2026. After nominations have been submitted to the academies, the Admissions Office of each academy will offer the actual appointments to successful nominees. The announcement of appointments can begin as early as January and will continue for several months until the ranks of the next entering classes are full.



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Nomination File Checklist

A nomination file or packet is a set of documents that you must submit in order to apply for a nomination. It consists of:

- ☐ Current photo
- ☐ High school transcript
- ☐ College Board Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) results and/or American College Testing Program (ACT) results
- ☐ Resume of extracurricular activities
- ☐ An essay stating why you want to attend a service academy (500 words or less)
- ☐ Minimum of three letters of recommendation

When your completed application is received, our office will establish a nomination file in your name. You may send parts of your nomination file separately or all at once at any time. All nomination file documents must be submitted by the deadline.

Please mail the required documents to the Barrington Office:
Office of Senator Andy Kim ATTN: Service Academy Nominations
208 White Horse Pike, Suite 18, Barrington, NJ 08007

For questions, contact Jerome Townsend at jerome_townsend@kim.senate.gov.



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Congressional Offices Contact Information

The Office of Senator Andy Kim

Deadline: October 17, 2025

Contact: academies@kim.senate.gov.
(856) 757-5353

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The Office of U.S. Senator Cory Booker

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Website: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>



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