



Applying for a United States Service Academy Nomination

From U.S. Senator Peter Welch

1. Contact the U.S. Service Academies that interest you either through their websites or by calling the admissions office to find out more about their specific eligibility requirements. **You MUST contact an Academy directly to initiate the admissions process.** This is **IN ADDITION** to the Congressional nomination process.

Academy	Website	Local Admissions Liaison Officer	Local Liaison Phone	Local Liaison Email
U.S. Air Force Academy	USAFA Admissions	Team Blue	719-333-3801	Team_Blue@afacademy.af.edu
U.S. Military Academy	USMA Admissions	Major Richard Simpson	845-938-5721	admissionsne@westpoint.edu
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	USMMA Admissions	LCDR Joe Becker, USMS	516-726-5647	BeckerJ@usmma.edu
U.S. Naval Academy	USNA Admissions	<i>Assigned based on High School</i>		Region1B@usna.edu

(Note: The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not use the congressional nomination system. See their website for information on how to apply: <https://uscga.edu>)

2. Complete the questionnaire before submitting any further items.
3. Submit a cover letter explaining your desire to attend the chosen Academy and a resume or list of extracurricular activities. **Applications for Academy classes beginning in August 2025 must be submitted by November 15th.**
4. Obtain **three letters of recommendation** from individuals familiar with your achievements in school, extracurriculars, and/or community activities. These individuals should not be related to you. They should send their letter directly to the email listed below. Make sure all three are listed on your application.
5. The SAT/ACT requirement for a Vermont nomination has been waived this year by Senator Welch. However, make sure to check the specific requirements of your chosen academy as the congressional nomination is only one aspect considered for appointment offers. **You must still independently meet the testing requirements set by the Academy.**
6. Request your school to send your transcript (including class rank or a statement if your school does not rank) via file request or to the email listed below.
7. It is your responsibility to submit all required application materials and address any issues or questions with Senator Welch's office. **The office will not entertain inquiries about the status of service academy nomination applications from parents or family members unless it is an emergency situation.**

DEADLINE: November 15, 2024

Office phone: 802-863-2525

Email: Academy_Nominations@welch.senate.gov

Please reach out by phone or email with any questions.