



2026 Service Academy Nomination Packet

Please return to 10 Charles Street, Suite 200 Providence, RI 02904

Dear Service Academy Nomination Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in obtaining a nomination to a United States Service Academy from my office. Each year, Members of Congress have the unique opportunity to nominate outstanding young men and women in their Congressional Districts to the prestigious United States Service Academies.

The Academies have a longstanding tradition of training patriotic leaders and high-level military professionals. I wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of this legacy of duty and honor.

If you have any questions about the nomination process or this packet, please contact Olivia Teixeira in my district office at 401-729-5600 or email her at Olivia.teixeira@mail.house.gov.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gabe Amo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gabe Amo
Member of Congress

The Nomination and Appointment Process

To be considered for an appointment to a United States Service Academy, each applicant must have obtained a nomination from an authorized nominating source. The Vice President of the United States, as well as Members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. Because of the very strong competition for nominations, applicants are encouraged to apply for nominations from each of these sources. In addition to seeking a nomination from Congressman Amo, you must contact the Admissions Office at each academy to which you are applying to open an admissions file. **It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy.** Congressman Amo urges you to research the opportunities offered by each of the academies to serve the United States as a career officer in the Armed Forces. Final decisions on appointments and admission are at the discretion of the service academies.

US Air Force Academy Admissions

HQ USAFA/RRS

2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200

USAF Academy, CO 80840-9901

(800) 443-9266

www.usafa.af.mil

US Military Academy Admissions

Building 606

West Point, NY 10996-9902

(845) 938-4041

www.usma.edu

US Merchant Marine Academy Admissions

300 Steamboat Road

Kings Point, NY 11024-1699

(800) 732-6267

www.usmma.edu

US Naval Academy Admissions

117 Decatur Road

Annapolis, MD 21402-9977

(410) 293-4361

www.usna.edu

Eligibility Requirements

Age: Applicant must be at least 17 years old but must not have passed their 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year of entry into the Academy.

Citizenship: Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.

Marital Status: Applicant must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent.

Residency: Applicant must be a legal resident of the 1st Congressional District of Rhode Island. If an applicant is under 18 years of age, the voting residence of his/her parent(s) or guardian will be considered the applicant's legal residence.

Medical Fitness: A candidate who meets the minimum scholastic standards must pass a qualifying medical examination with the Department of Defense Medical Review Board.

Application Schedule

October 15, 2026 - All requested information, constituting a complete application packet, must be received. Pending a serious, unpreventable circumstance (death in the family, illness, etc.), no exceptions will be made to this deadline.

November 2026 - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15-minute interview with Congressman Gabe Amo's Academy Nomination Advisory Committee.

December 2026 - January 2027 - Each candidate who has received an interview will be notified of their nomination status.

February 2027 - Nomination Awards Ceremony for all nominees.

January 2027 - May 2027 - Service Academies will make many of their appointment offers.

Months and dates are subject to change. You will be notified of any changes are made to this schedule

Nomination Requirements

1. **Application Form** - Complete the Application Form and attach a recent photograph. A wallet sized photo is preferred
2. **Standardized Test Scores** - SAT and ACT scores must be sent to my office and included in your packet.
3. **Transcripts** - Official transcripts, including your current Grade Point Average (G.P.A.), numerical class rank and complete course listing, must be mailed in a sealed envelope to our Providence office to verify the GPA you report on this form. If you have completed any college coursework, please provide a transcript for this as well.
4. **Letters of Recommendation** - Three letters of recommendation must be submitted for each applicant. Letters may be from anyone with knowledge of your academic achievements, work ethic and character, or volunteer and extracurricular activities. It is common for applicants to submit letters of recommendations from teachers, clergy, employers, coaches, scoutmasters, guidance counselors, etc.
5. **Résumé** – Please submit a résumé which includes extracurricular activities (community service, volunteer work, organizations/clubs to which you belong, athletic participation, etc.) and employment history. If you wish, a list of awards, honors, or distinctions that you have earned may be included in your résumé.
6. **Essay** - Please answer the question: Why do you want to attend a service academy? Submit a typed, double-spaced essay of no more than two pages. Typed essays should be in Times New Roman 12-point font.
6. **Interview** - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10–15-minute interview with Congressman Amo's Academy Nomination Advisory Board.

Checklist

Signify the materials you have submitted by putting an “X” on the corresponding line

1. Complete Application Form _____
2. Resume _____
3. Essay _____
4. Test Scores (Sent from testing center) _____
5. Official Transcript(s) _____
6. Letters of Recommendation (3) _____
7. Privacy Act Release Form _____

Application Form



Please type or print neatly.

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No

If not a U.S. Citizen, what is your status? _____

Parent/guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Are you in good health? _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Do you have 20/20 vision? _____ If not, is your vision correctable? _____

Please list all the Academies to which you are applying:

Of the Academies to which you are applying, please indicate your preference by ranking them 1 – 4 (1 being your first choice).

___ U.S. Naval Academy ___ U.S. Military Academy

___ U.S. Air Force Academy ___ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Counselor Name: _____ Email: _____

Parent/guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Ranking: _____ Class Size: _____

ACT Cumulative: _____ Math: _____ Science: _____ Reading: _____ English: _____ Test Date: _____

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SAT Cumulative: _____ Math : _____ Writing: _____ Reading: _____ Test Date: _____

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you have any post-secondary education, please list it below:

Name of Post-Secondary School: _____

Semesters Completed: _____ Major/Area of Study: _____

If you are currently or were previously enlisted in the Armed Forces, please identify your branch of service, service rank, and entry date:

Please list the names of the persons who will be writing your letters of recommendation and their phone number:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Have you filed an application for a nomination from any other source(s)? Y or N

If yes, who:

Signature of Applicant

Date

*My signature certifies that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge

Essay

Please answer the question: Why do you want to attend a service academy?

Submit a typed, double-spaced essay of no more than two pages. Typed essays should be in Times New Roman 12-point font. Please submit your essay as a PDF file.

Privacy Act Release Form

In the event that the Office of Congressman Gabe Amo finds it necessary to make inquiries on your behalf concerning your nomination, it is crucial that you have given permission for such inquiries to be made.

Please PRINT your name: _____

I hereby authorize the Office of Congressman Gabe Amo to make an inquiry on my behalf to obtain all necessary information related to a United States Service Academy Nomination.

Signature of Applicant Date