

CONGRESSMAN

RICH NUGENT



11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, FLORIDA

United States Service Academies
Congressional Nomination Application Packet



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Deadline:
Postmarked by October 1st



**Guidelines for
Congressional
Nomination to the
U.S.
Service Academies**

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Please fill out the application form. Completed applications must be postmarked to the Marion County office no later than **October 1st**.

The address to the Marion County office is:

U.S. Representative Rich Nugent
115 SE 25th Avenue
Ocala, Florida 34471
<http://nugent.house.gov>

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in obtaining a Congressional nomination to one of the United States Service Academies from my office. As a parent of two graduates from an academy I am honored to be able to nominate outstanding young men and women from the 11th Congressional District to the United States Service Academies.

In an effort to assist you, enclosed is an application with instructions. Please read carefully all instructions and return the completed application by the deadline of October 1st.

If you have not contacted the Service Academies, you should contact them to request a pre-candidate questionnaire.

- United States Air Force Academy - www.usafa.edu
- United States Merchant Marine Academy - www.usmma.edu
- United States Naval Academy - www.usna.edu
- United States Military Academy - www.usma.edu
- *United States Coast Guard Academy - www.cga.edu

Note: The U.S. Coast Guard does not require a congressional nomination. Appointments are considered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Shawna Williams in the Marion County office at 352-351-1670 or by e-mail at Shawna.Williams@mail.house.gov.

God Bless,

Rich Nugent
Member of Congress



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Note: The following information is generic in nature. For more specific information, you are advised to visit each academy's website as well as the catalogs for each academy.

The U.S. Service Academies are among the most highly respected, quality educational programs in the nation. To be admitted to an academy, you must meet stringent academic, physical, and medical requirements specified by public law. However, the academies look at the "whole person" when considering admission. Character, leadership, physical aptitude, mental fitness, and motivation are some of the key components of a favorable evaluation for admission.

The nomination process is a two-fold process. All prospective applicants must establish contact with the Admission's Office at the academy of their choice. Each member of Congress may not have more than five midshipmen or cadets at each academy at any one time. Generally speaking I will have one opening per year at each academy.

General Guidelines

- Be at least 17 years old, but have not passed their 23rd birthday (25 years for U.S. Merchant Marine)
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be unmarried, not pregnant or have any legal obligation to support children or dependents.
- Be a legal resident of the 11th Congressional District in Florida.

Academic Guidelines

Although the academy will be reviewing the "whole applicant", your academic performance is the most weighted. You are encouraged to take the SAT/ACT test multiple times in order to improve your score. The academies do not establish minimums; however, candidates who score below the following will not be interviewed by Congressman Nugent's Academy Review Board.

SAT- minimum combined score 1200 (SAT Testing Code Number 0369)

ACT- minimum combined score 26 (ACT testing Code Number 7331)



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Personal Data

Last Name _____	First Name _____	Middle Name _____
Date of Birth _____	Age _____	Social Security Number _____
Home Phone _____	E-Mail Address _____	Best Contact Number _____

Physical Information

Height _____	Weight _____
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Mailing Address

Street _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
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Parent Information

Father's Name _____	Address _____	Daytime Phone Number _____
Mother's Name _____	Address _____	Daytime Phone Number _____

Academy Preference	
Rank 1st-4th	
Air Force	_____
Merchant Marine	_____
Military	_____
Naval	_____

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes _____ No _____

Have you applied for nomination from any other source? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list: _____

School Information

School _____	Date of Graduation _____	Counselor _____	School Phone Number _____
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Attachments

On a separate page, provide a typed essay (250 words or 1-2 pages maximum) answering the following questions (the essay must be submitted with this application):

1. Why are you seeking a nomination?
2. Why do you feel you are qualified?
3. Why do you want to be commissioned?

You must also attach your two letters of recommendation and a one-page resume. Due to the fact that the academies hold to the “whole person” concept, it is important to ask individuals who have watched you develop in all aspects of your life. Some suggestions are: teachers, coaches, pastors/priests, family friends, school counselors, school administrators. Please keep in mind that we will only accept two letters of recommendation. In your resume be sure to document all of your school and community extra-curricular activities, athletics, and leadership positions. This may include, but is not limited to: band, boys/girls state, choir, church groups, drama, drill team, key club, ROTC, school newspaper, student government.

In addition, please send your sealed and official high school and college (if applicable) transcripts, SAT and/or ACT scores, and a current photograph along with your application.

Interviews

Interviews are mandatory and non-waiverable for qualifying applicants. If you are a military family living outside the state of Florida, you must call to discuss your interview options.

Sworn Statement

I have fully read and understand the requirements and procedures for appointment to the United States Service Academies by Congressman Rich Nugent and do hereby apply for nomination with the full intention of serving as a career officer upon graduation. I am also aware of the postmark deadline of November 1st. I certify that I am a legal resident of the 11th Congressional District and there is no reason why I should not be medically qualified to receive an appointment to a service academy if nominated.

Candidate’s Signature

Date



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**Schedule and Checklist
U.S. Congressman Rich Nugent
U.S. Service Academy Nominations**

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| April | Application Process Opens |
| November 1 | Postmark Deadline for File Completion |
| November 13 | Interview Notices Mailed |
| December 15 | Nominee Notification Begins |

Checklist for Candidates:

- _____ Application form completed and mailed
- _____ Current photo included with application
- _____ Essay returned
- _____ Letters of Recommendation (2)
- _____ Official high school transcript, also college transcript, if applicable
- _____ SAT/ACT scores that meet the minimum requirements. Scores reflected on transcripts will be accepted in lieu of testing center documentation.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SERVICE ACADEMIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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