

Congressman Jared Huffman
2026 Service Academy Nominations Packet

Important Date and Deadlines

November 1st, 2026: Completed Nomination Packet Deadline

December 2026: Nomination Interview Panel

January 2027: Nomination Results Released

As a member of Congress, Jared has the privilege of nominating candidates to the U.S. Military Service Academies—Naval Academy, Military Academy, Air Force Academy and the Merchant Marine Academy. Applicants to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy do not require a Congressional nomination and should contact USCGA directly.

Interested candidates must apply by completing, signing and returning the Nomination Packet by November 1st. Included in the application packet is a copy of these procedures, a FAQ Sheet, a student information form and a counselor appraisal form.

Students should be advised that application packets must be fully completed no later than November 1st for a student to be considered for nomination. If you are submitting your packet via email, please send all documents in PDF format. For an applicant file to be considered complete, the following documentation must be in hand:

- Signed and dated Application Agreement
- Student Information Form
- Counselor's Appraisal Form
- Certified copy of high school academic transcript
- Certified copy of college academic transcript (if applicable)
- Report of SAT and/or ACT
 - SAT Code: 0255
 - ACT Code: 7241
- Verified class rank and cumulative GPA
- Letters of recommendation (optional but highly encouraged; maximum of 3)
- Resume of extracurricular activities
- Personal essay (~500 words) explaining why the candidate wants to attend the Academy and why they feel they should be nominated
- Recent photograph

Candidates should limit their submissions to only the requested documents. Candidates may submit up to 2 pages of supplemental documentation (awards, letters of commendation, etc.).

Qualified candidates will be scheduled for an interview with Congressman Huffman's Service Academies Advisory Board in December. All candidates will be notified in advance of the time and place of their interview. Upon completion of the interviews, the Service Academies Advisory Board will notify Representative Huffman of their recommendations for nomination, and notification will be sent to each applicant.

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Final appointments are made solely by the Academies. **Congressman Huffman cannot guarantee appointments; he can only provide a nomination.**

Counselor Appraisal Form

Please provide the confidential information requested below for purposes of Congressional nomination to a U.S. Service Academy. Information should be from school records and your personal knowledge of the candidate.

Candidate's Name: _____

	<u>Low</u>				<u>High</u>
1. Appearance and Poise	1	2	3	4	5
2. Personality	1	2	3	4	5
3. Attendance Record	1	2	3	4	5
4. Military Career Motivation	1	2	3	4	5
5. Academic Standing	1	2	3	4	5
6. Operating at Academic Potential	1	2	3	4	5
7. Oral Communication Skills	1	2	3	4	5
8. Enthusiasm and Morale	1	2	3	4	5
9. Performance Under Stress	1	2	3	4	5
10. Demonstrated Leadership	1	2	3	4	5
11. Community Activities	1	2	3	4	5
12. Over-all Evaluation	1	2	3	4	5

Cumulative GPA: _____

Weighted GPA: _____

Comments:

Counselor's Name: _____

Student Information Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Preferred Pronouns (circle one or more): he/him she/her they/them

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ SSN: ____-____-____

Residence Address and mailing address if different:

Preferred Gender (circle one):

- Male
- Female
- Nonbinary
- Other

Race (circle one or more):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White

Ethnicity (circle one):

- Hispanic or Latino
- Not Hispanic or Latino

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____

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Phone: _____

High School: _____

Graduation Year: _____

College Prep School (if applicable):

School Counselor: _____

Phone: _____

Academy Preference (you don't need to rank all four, just your preference):

(Air Force/Naval/Military/Merchant Marine) *

1st: _____ 2nd: _____

3rd: _____ 4th: _____

Intended Major: _____

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APPLICATION AGREEMENT

Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements. If you do not include your signature, your application will not be considered for a nomination:

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I am a U.S. citizen or will be by July 1 of the year I will attend the Academy. I will be at least 17 years, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1 of the year I attend the Academy. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident of the 2nd Congressional District of California.

I certify that the information I have provided in the application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not postmarked by the date specified of the current year.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Military Academy Nominations - FAQ

What is a nomination?

Members of Congress may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. A candidate may seek a nomination from the following:

- A member of the U.S. House of Representatives who represents the congressional district in which the candidate resides
- Both U.S. Senators from his or her state
- Apply directly to the Vice-President of the United States

What are the basic eligibility requirements?

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- Age: Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday
- Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen
- Marital Status: Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents
- Residence: Must reside within the boundaries of the 2nd Congressional District of California.
- Skill / Fitness: Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy.

Who do I contact to request an application?

Contact my San Rafael Office at 415-258-9657 to request a nomination packet. You can also email Andrew Cairns, Field Representative at Andrew.Cairns@mail.house.gov.

When do I apply for a nomination?

My nomination application period opens September 1st of each year for those candidates who are high school juniors and will be seniors the following school year, or who have already graduated.

What is the deadline for completing a nomination file?

The deadline for submitting a nomination packet to my District Office is November 1st at 11:59pm PST. Please contact my office at 415-258-9657 or email Andrew Cairns, Field Representative at Andrew.Cairns@mail.house.gov for more specifics.

What criteria are used in selecting candidates?

Nominations are based on a "whole person" evaluation. Factors such as academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character and motivation are taken into consideration and compared with other applicants.

What must be included in my nomination file?

A complete nomination file consists of the following items:

- Signed and dated Application Agreement
- Student Information Form
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What happens after I have completed my nomination file?

Applicants who submit a qualified, completed nomination packet will be scheduled for an interview in December.

How many academies are there?

There are five service academies.

- [U.S. Military Academy at West Point](#), New York
- [U.S. Naval Academy](#) at Annapolis, Maryland
- [U.S. Air Force Academy](#) at Colorado Springs
- [U.S. Merchant Marine Academy](#) at Kings Point, New York
- [U.S. Coast Guard Academy](#) at New London, Connecticut (Does not require a Nomination)

Are the requirements the same for all of the service academies?

No. Although many of the qualifications are similar, each academy operates under its own admissions guidelines. Visit the academy of your choice via the websites noted for each academy's admissions qualifications. It is not necessary to seek a nomination to the Coast Guard Academy, as they accept candidates based on their own testing criteria.

Will I automatically be selected by the academy after I receive a nomination?

No. You will be placed among a select group of nominees, and the academy of your choice will make the final decision. If selected, you will receive an offer of admission (an appointment) directly from the academy.

What if I choose more than one academy? Will I be limited to a single nomination?

No. You can be nominated to multiple academies depending on how well you have competed among this year's pool of candidates. It is also possible to win multiple appointments.

When will I know if I have been offered an appointment by an academy?

Academies will begin to notify candidates of their admission status in February. All offers of appointment are generally sent out by May.