

Nomination Sources

Members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives may nominate eligible candidates for appointments to the United States Military Academies. Senators nominate applicants state-wide, while Representatives, such as Congressman Hinchey, may only nominate applicants from their congressional district. Applicants should apply to the service academy of their choice in the spring of their junior year in high school and request a nomination from the appropriate source shortly thereafter.

Eligibility Requirements

Each year Congressman Hinchey receives large numbers of requests for service academy nominations. In order to be considered for nomination, an applicant must meet ALL of the following conditions. He or she must 1) Be a United States Citizen; 2) Be at least 17 years of age and not past your 22nd birthday on July 1st of the year you want to be admitted and; 3) Must have never been married, nor have any legal dependents. If you do not meet all of the above conditions, please do not apply for a nomination.

Academy Pre-Candidate File and Medical Exam

Once aware of your interest in competing for a nomination, the academy will send a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire to complete and return. On the basis of this information, the academy will authorize a medical examination. The medical examination is required, and anyone who does not successfully pass it will not be accepted to the academy.

Academy Advisory Panel Interview

Late in the fall, each candidate who has submitted a completed nomination application will be scheduled for a personal interview with my Academy Advisory Panel. Efforts are made to include one panel member who is knowledgeable about the academies to help answer questions that you may have.

You should make every effort to familiarize yourself with the service academy of your choosing. Applicants should study the academy catalog to become more aware of the rules and codes of conduct at the academy. During the course of the interview, applicants should be prepared to answer questions determining their genuine interest in attending a service academy and pursuing a military career. It is strongly suggested that you find out as much about the academy before the interview. Applicants should also make every effort to visit the academy of their choosing.

Additional Requirement

With the assistance of a teacher or guidance counselor please submit the following items to my office:

- Completed Application for Academy Nomination
- An official copy of your SAT (code: 2476) or ACT (code: 7565) scores
- An official high school transcript
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- A current photograph (please be sure to include your name and social security number on the back of your photograph)
- A 1-2 page essay on why you want to attend the academy
- Other information that you feel may be helpful to the panel

Forward the above information to:
Congressman Maurice Hinchey
123 S.Cayuga Street #201
Ithaca, NY 14850
Attn: Lisa Newman

**Application and supporting documents must be received no later than October 19, 2012.
(This date is subject to change.)**

[Academy Application Form](#) 

Important: To complete your application process, please also visit the admissions websites for the service academies below:

<http://admissions.usma.edu/apply.html> -- U.S. Military Academy

<http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/steps.htm> -- U.S. Naval Academy

<http://academyadmissions.com/> -- U.S. Air Force Academy

<http://www.usmma.edu/admissions/applications/default.htm> -- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

<http://www.uscga.edu> -- U.S. Coast Guard Academy -- *No Congressional nomination required*