

U.S. Service Academy Nominations in the Twentieth Congressional District of Florida

The United States Service Academies are among the most prestigious institutions of higher education in the country. They prepare young men and women to become officers in the U.S. Armed Forces while providing a fully funded college education in exchange for a commitment to military service after graduation. These institutions combine rigorous academics, leadership development, physical training, and character formation to prepare graduates to serve and lead.

Members of Congress play a key role in this process by nominating qualified students from their districts to attend these academies. Receiving a nomination is a critical step in the application process and reflects both academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to service.

There are five U.S. Service Academies:

- The United States Military Academy at West Point trains future officers for the U.S. Army.
- The United States Naval Academy prepares leaders for the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.
- The United States Air Force Academy educates and commissions officers for the U.S. Air Force.
- The United States Merchant Marine Academy develops leaders for maritime service and national security roles in both military and commercial sectors.
- The United States Coast Guard Academy trains officers for the U.S. Coast Guard (note: this academy does not require a congressional nomination).

Each academy offers a distinct mission, but all share a common goal: developing principled leaders who are prepared to serve the nation.

Who Should Apply

Students in Florida's 20th District who:

- Are strong academically
- Demonstrate leadership
- Are committed to serving in the military

How the Process Works

Vacant Offices cannot make Military Service Academy Nominations. The Office of the Twentieth Congressional District of Florida can collect applications from constituents. Military Service Academy Nominations Applications will be forwarded or transferred to the successor

elected to represent the district. The New Member of Congress will then be able to make Military Service Academy Nominations.

A nomination is required, but it does not guarantee admission. Final decisions are made by the academies.

How to Apply

Complete the attached application and assemble your application packet. It must include:

- Official high school transcript
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation from high school faculty members and/or individuals who have served in a leadership or supervisory role over the applicant

The submission deadline is September 14, 2026.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the 20th Congressional District of Florida at 954-733-2800.

**Office of Florida's 20th Congressional District
U.S. Service Academy Nomination Application**

Name: _____
Social Security Number: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Gender: _____
Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes, If not, country: _____
Parents: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Phone: _____

Education

High School: _____
Graduation Date: _____
Rank: _____
Class: _____
UGPA: _____
SAT Math: _____
SAT Writing: _____
SAT Reading: _____
SAT Composite: _____
ACT Math: _____
ACT English: _____
ACT Reading: _____
ACT Science: _____
ACT Composite: _____

Academy Preference

Air Force: _____
Merchant Marines: _____
Military Academy (West Point): _____
Naval Academy: _____
Will you devote a lifetime to military service? _____

Other Information

Hometown Newspaper: _____

Is it okay to use your name in a press release after receiving an appointment? _____

Please Note: Please include a list of your extra-curricular activities and leadership responsibilities.

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 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 20th Congressional District of Florida.

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 submitted via email to Edward.Mejia@mail.house.gov or postmarked by **September 14, 2026**.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please print, sign and mail, fax, or deliver in person this request to:

Office of Florida's 20th Congressional District

Attn: Casework

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