Congressman Chris Smith
Fourth Congressional District of New Jersey

Service Academy Nomination
Information, Timeline, Worksheet & Application

The United States Military Academy at West Point, New York
The United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland
The United States Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado
The United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut
The United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York

Each year, Congressman Chris Smith works to ensure that the brightest, most highly motivated and well-qualified young adults from the Fourth Congressional District are made aware of, considered for and ultimately nominated to the United States Service Academies. This packet includes important information that students, parents and educators need for a student to participate in Mr. Smith’s nomination process.

For an in-depth look at each of the five Service Academies, you may wish to watch the 24-minute-long video entitled “The 5-Pointed Star,” which is available online.
General Information

PLEASE NOTE: The information below does not apply to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, as the Coast Guard Academy does not require a congressional nomination. Students may apply directly to the Coast Guard Academy.

1. Each member of Congress handles his or her nominations differently. This information is specific to Congressman Smith and the Fourth Congressional District.
2. While parents, counselors, educators and others may be involved in the application process, it is ultimately the responsibility of each individual student to compete for a nomination and admission to a Service Academy. We encourage students to take charge of their process.
3. Attending a U.S. Service Academy has two separate but parallel paths: students must receive an offer of admission from the Academy AND receive a nomination. In other words, students must apply to the Academies just like they would any other college or university. Simultaneously, they must seek a nomination from their U.S. Congressman, their U.S. Senators, and/or the Vice President or President of the United States. It is also possible under some circumstances to receive a nomination from a JROTC program. Students are responsible for the successful completion of both the nomination and admission processes.
4. Congressman Smith strongly urges each prospective applicant to pursue a nomination from as many nominating sources as possible (i.e., your US Senators, JROTC, etc., as well as Congressman Smith.)
5. Congressman Smith does not have control over nor participate in the admission processes at the Academies.
6. Part of the Academy application process includes being deemed physically and medically able to attend. It is the applicant’s responsibility to seek out the necessary medical and physical examinations.
7. To be considered for a nomination, each applicant must return his or her completed application packet via trackable shipping (such as USPS, FedEx or UPS) or in-person by Friday, October 8, 2021 to: Congressman Chris Smith, 112 Village Center Drive, Freehold, NJ 07728
8. For an Application to be considered complete, Congressman Smith’s office must receive:

- **PHOTO** - A small wallet-sized, portrait-style color photograph of the applicant;
- **APPLICATION FORM** – see pages 4-5 of this guide;
- **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY INFORMATION PAGE** - Describing sports, clubs (both in and out of school), work history and any additional accomplishments. It is acceptable to include a resume in lieu of a list (see page 5 of this guide);
- **CONGRESSIONAL PERSONAL ESSAY** - From the applicant, approximately one-typed page in length, explaining why you are requesting a nomination to an Academy from Congressman Smith;
- **ACADEMY PERSONAL STATEMENT/ESSAY** - A copy of the personal statement(s) or essay questions the applicant submitted online to each of the academies;
- **TRANSCRIPT** - An official high school transcript with raised seal;
- **SCORES** - A print-out of the applicant’s SAT and/or ACT scores from the SAT/ACT website which includes the student’s name. Additional updated scores may be submitted up until the interview date;
- **THREE RECOMMENDATION LETTERS** - At least three letters of recommendation, one of which must come from the student’s principal, vice-principal or guidance counselor. (If you have already completed high school or attend a preparatory academy, please ask about appropriate letters of recommendation.)

Congressman Smith’s staff is here to facilitate the application process. Students may contact Service Academy Nomination Coordinators Mrs. Jo Schloeder at 732-780-3035 or Mrs. Jill Morales at 609-585-7878 with any questions or concerns.
## Nomination Application Timeline

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<td>July</td>
<td>Rep. Smith’s nominations application is available online</td>
<td>Students are encouraged to download the application and begin assembling documentation.</td>
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<td>October 8, 2021</td>
<td>Deadline for return of applications to Rep. Smith’s office</td>
<td>Later SAT scores or additional letters of recommendation can be added up until December, but the application must be complete and returned by October 8th.</td>
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<td>Late November</td>
<td>Students receive a letter notifying of the date and time of her/his personal interview.</td>
<td>Personal interviews will be held with Rep. Smith’s Service Academy Nomination Board. Students must call 609-585-7878 to confirm their interview appointment date and time.</td>
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<td>December 11-12</td>
<td>Interviews with Advisory Board</td>
<td>Students must bring a print-out of first marking period grades and may also bring any updated test scores, awards, etc. that have not yet been submitted.</td>
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<td>January 2022</td>
<td>Rep. Smith makes nominations</td>
<td>Students will be notified by letter when final nominations are made.</td>
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<td>February-May</td>
<td>Service Academies notify students if they receive an appointment</td>
<td>Students who did not receive a nomination, did not gain admission or both, may reapply until they are 22 years old.</td>
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<td>June</td>
<td>Cadets &amp; midshipmen report to academies</td>
<td>Future soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coastguardsmen &amp; mariners begin military education.</td>
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### Please note:

*Academy Nomination interviews will be conducted Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 12, 2021.*

*Applicants will be notified in November regarding their specific interview date and time.*

*For more information, call 732-780-3035.*

Pages 4 and 5 contain the **SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION**. When returning the application to Congressman Smith, do not return pages 1-3 of this guide.
DO YOU INTEND TO TAKE THE SAT/ACT AGAIN?

Yes
No

IF YES, WHEN?
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
2021 • SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

NO STAPLES: Please do not staple together any pages of this application or any of the supporting documentation

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

If you have applied to more than one academy, list preference (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice):

Candidate Numbers: Military_________ Naval_________ Air Force_________ Merchant Marine_________

Date of Physical Aptitude Exam______________ Date of DODMERB exam __________________________

Do you have any reason to believe you may be disqualified for medical, scholastic or other reasons? Yes No

Do you plan to make military service a career? Yes No

Full Legal Name ________________________________

Legal Residence ___________________________________________________________

City/Town ________________________________ Zip_____________ County_____________________

Your Cell Phone__________________________________ Parent Phone_________________________

You Email __________________________________________ Parent Email________________________________

Date of Birth_____/_____/_____/ Place of Birth________________________ Are you a U.S. Citizen? ______

(if not currently living at legal address)

Temporary Address _________________________________________________________________

School Current Attending ____________________________

Address __________________________________________ Guidance Phone No.________________

Anticipated Graduation Date or Year You Graduated HS __________ GPA_________

If Already Graduated High School, What School?______________________________

Please list your best scores to date:

SAT Section Scores: Reading & Writing ______ Math ______ Essay (if applicable) _____

Subject Tests: Subject/Score__________________ Subject/Score__________________

(If applicable)

Subject/Score__________________ Subject/Score__________________

ACT: Composite____ Math____ Science____ STEM____ English____ Reading____ Writing____ ELA____

Have you applied to our NJ Senators for a nomination? No Yes (if yes, who?) __________________________

Have you ever applied to Rep. Smith for a nomination before? If so, when? __________________________

Do you intend to take the SAT/ACT again? Yes No

If yes, when?

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY INFORMATION PAGE

Please list extracurricular school, community and athletic activities or you may include a typed list of activities/resume as a separate attachment.

School Activities:  __________________________________________________________________________
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Community Activities:  ______________________________________________________________________
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Athletic Activities:   _________________________________________________________________________
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If I receive (or my child receives) an appointment to a Service Academy, Congressman Smith has permission to use my (or my child’s) name and photograph in media releases, printed publications, and/or websites.

Applicant Signature____________________________________________________Date__________

Parent/Guardian Signature_______________________________________________Date_________________

(Granting permission to make application if candidate is under the age of 18)

This two-page application, along with all required supplemental documents, must be returned no later than 4:30 pm on Friday, October 8, 2021 to:
Rep. Chris Smith, 112 Village Center Dr., Freehold, NJ 07728

For information please call 732-780-3035