

Congressman Chris Smith

Fourth Congressional District of New Jersey



Service Academy Nomination Information, Timeline, Worksheet & Application



Military Academy at West Point



Naval Academy



Air Force Academy



Coast Guard Academy



Merchant Marine Academy

- 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.

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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

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

### **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.

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4<sup>th</sup> District, New Jersey



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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, Military\_\_\_ Naval\_\_\_ Air Force\_\_\_ Merchant Marine\_\_\_ list preference (i.e., 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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