

Prospective Officers,

Thank you for your interest in serving as a commissioned officer in the service of the United States.

Members of Congress are authorized by law to nominate candidates for appointment to four U.S. service academies. These schools are the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The fifth service academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, does not require a congressional nomination for appointment. These institutions prepare college-age Americans to be officers of the U.S. uniformed services. Upon graduation, service academy graduates are commissioned as officers in the active or reserve components of the military or merchant marine for a minimum of five years.

The nomination authorities, number of appointments, and criteria establishing the qualifications of potential service academy appointees are set by statute, federal regulations, and policies established by each academy. No laws or regulations govern congressional nomination processes, as long as nominations are submitted by deadlines established by the academies and comply with chamber ethics rules. Each congressional office with nominating authority may develop its own process for managing its service academy nominations.

I have adapted and modified a "whole person" approach similar to that used by USMA, USNA, and USAFA to make my nomination decisions. This approach evaluates several broad components of a potential nominee's qualifications for appointment, including character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, and motivation. In order to ensure an efficient and objection nomination process, I have commissioned a review panel of local service academy alumni, educators, representatives of veterans' groups, and other community leaders to assist in screening and vetting applicants.

This packet contains information on this process and includes the following items:

1. Instructions for 19th Congressional District Service Academy Applicants
2. Guidelines for Military Academy Appointments
3. U.S. Service Academy Contact Information
4. Application for Nomination
5. Check List

Thank you for the privilege of representing you in Congress, and good luck with the process!

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Instructions for 19th Congressional District Service Academy Applicants

IMPORTANT The following items must be submitted by September 29, 2017 in order for you to be considered for a nomination from the office:

1. A completed application form. (Note: When filling out the form, please type or print neatly).
2. A recent photograph (Minimum size is 3x5 inches).
3. An essay on why you would like to attend a U.S. Service Academy.
4. An official copy of your high school and or your current higher education transcript.
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation- each in a sealed envelope with signed flap.
6. A personal resume.
7. SAT or ACT score. When you take the SAT or ACT, you must direct them to send an official copy of your score report to this office. Codes for this office are as follows:

SAT code # 5424

ACT code # 7339

Only candidates who are academically qualified and have submitted all the required application material will be interviewed. **It is solely your responsibility to confirm the status of your file with the Academy Nominations Coordinator.** You will receive an e-mail notifying you when your file is complete. Should any of your contact information change during the application process it is vital you keep this office updated with the new information.

The deadline for submitting a complete application is September 29, 2017. You will not be interviewed if your file is incomplete.

If you submit all materials on time and qualify academically, you will be scheduled for an interview with a nomination board sometime in late October or November.

All materials should be mailed to:

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Cape Coral, FL 33990

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Guidelines for Military Academy Appointments

The following guidelines are provided to Congressman Francis Rooney constituents who may be interested in an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. You must be a constituent of the 19th Congressional District in order to apply for an appointment through Congressman Francis Rooney.

- A candidate must be of good moral character.
- A candidate must be an American citizen by the date of induction into an academy.
- The Air Force, Naval, Coast Guard, and Military Academies require a candidate to be at least 17 years of age, but not have passed their 22nd birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A cadet must be unmarried with no dependents. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy requires that the candidate be at least 17 years of age, but not have passed the 25th birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A Merchant Marine cadet may be married, but couples may not be domiciled together either on or off campus.
- Obtaining an appointment to a military service academy is a two-fold process, the nomination process through nominating sources such as a Congressman plus the simultaneous application process through an academy. Submission of a nomination application does not trigger the academy application process; you must contact each academy individually. You can start the application process by either mailing or calling for an application. Many of the same requirements apply to ROTC programs. It is recommended that you apply to multiple service academies as well as for an ROTC scholarship.
- All academies require candidates to pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board. The academy to which the candidate has applied will initiate the scheduling of a no-cost examination and a physical fitness test at a Department of Defense facility. Once taken, the examination may be used for all service academies and for four-year ROTC scholarship programs.
- Graduation from a United States Service Academy carries a six (6) year obligation of active duty service. Voluntary, self-initiated withdrawal in the third or fourth year usually entails an assessment of tuition debt based on credits earned.
- We encourage you to apply to more than one academy, and to ask for nominations from more than one source. You will be first considered for a nomination on the basis of your primary choice of academy as indicated on your application form. Should you not receive a nomination to your primary academy choice, you will be considered for nomination on the basis of your secondary choice and/or tertiary choice, if there are nomination slots remaining to those alternative choices. This policy enables as many southwest Florida residents as possible to receive nominations.

U.S. Service Academy Contact Information

Please review the individual requirements for each Academy on their web site. Below is general information and is subject to change based on the needs of the service.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The Air Force Academy seeks individuals who possess exceptional academic prowess and leadership potential. The Admissions process includes a review of two major academic performance indicators: Prior Academic Record and College Admissions Test Scores (ACT or SAT). These two academic factors combine to create your Academic Composite Score. This score is the most important component of their selection composite, weighted at 55%. Students who score below 580 verbal and 560 math on the SAT Reasoning and below 24 English/reading and 25 math/science reasoning on the ACT normally will not be competitive for an appointment.

The highest SAT/ACT score will be used. The highest score may be taken from two different tests; therefore, to be competitive, the candidate is encouraged to retest one or more times. Students should rank in the upper 40 percent of their class; however, most cadets are ranked in the upper ten percent.

For applications contact: Director of Admissions, Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651. Phone: (719) 472-2520

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY "Kings Point"

All candidates are required to take the ACT or SAT. Required testing must be completed by the first test date of the year in which admission is sought, unless permission is requested and granted, in writing, from the Academy's director of admissions. All tests should be taken within 16 months prior to the month of enrollment. The current minimum qualifying scores for the OLD SAT Reasoning Test (taken BEFORE March 2016) are 560 for Critical Reading and 560 for Math.* The current minimum qualifying scores for the NEW SAT Reasoning Test (taken AFTER March 2016) are 30 Reading and 580 for Math.* The current minimum qualifying scores for the ACT are 24 English and 24 Math*. You must also achieve a minimum composite score of 23. Each of the three minimum scores must be achieved individually in order to meet the Academy's minimum test score requirements. Most midshipmen rank in the upper 40 percent of their high school class.

For applications contact: Admissions Office, 300 Steamboat Road, Kings Point, NY 11024-1699. Phone: (800) 732-6267.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY "West Point"

The average SAT scores of previous years are 560 verbal, 640 math. ACT averages are 24 verbal and 29 math. Minimum SAT scores are 480 verbal, 510 math; minimum ACT scores are 21 verbal and 23 math. The highest SAT/ACT score will be used and may be taken from two different tests. Eighty-five percent of the cadets are from the top twenty percent of their high school class.

For applications contact: Director of Admissions, West Point, NY 10996-1797. Phone: (914) 938-4041.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY "Annapolis"

Previous classes at the Naval Academy have been composed of midshipmen with mean aptitude scores of 588 verbal and 667 math. ACT scores have averaged 26 verbal and 31 math. Normal SAT qualifying levels are 520 verbal and 600 math. ACT qualifying levels are 23 verbal and 28 math. They will accept any ACT or SAT test that is taken before the January 31 application deadline, even if the results arrive after January 31. Eighty-three percent of the midshipmen are from the top twenty percent of their high school class.

For applications contact: Director of Candidate Guidance, Annapolis, MD 21402-5019. Phone: (800) 638-9156 or (410) 293-4361.

U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Congressional nominations are not applicable for appointment to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. It is a direct appointment process on a best-qualified basis. Applicants must contact the academy directly between July 1st and December 15th prior to entrance the following June. There is no minimum test score requirement for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Successful candidates usually score at least 1100 combined Critical Reading (Verbal) and Math on the SAT, or have an ACT Composite of at least 24.

For applications contact: Director of Admissions, 15 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320-4195. Phone: (800) 883-USCG



**United States Service Academy
Congressional Nomination Application Form
Office of Congressman Francis Rooney**

Name _____
(As recorded on birth certificate)

Nick Name _____

Permanent Address _____

(Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Permanent Telephone Number (____) _____

Temporary Address (if applicable) _____

(Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Temporary Telephone Number (if applicable) (____) _____

Social Security Number _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Father's Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Mother's Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

High School _____ Date of Graduation _____

Rank in Class _____ Grade Point Average _____
(N/A is not a class rank - ask your school) Weighted _____

Test Scores
SAT Verbal _____ SAT Math _____ Writ _____ Date Taken _____

ACT English _____ ACT Math _____ ACT Reading _____

ACT Science _____ ACT Composite _____ Date Taken _____

Please indicate your preference as to which academies you wish to attend. Rank them first to fourth. If you would not consider attending one of the academies, please leave blank

_____ U.S. Military Academy

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy

_____ U.S. Naval Academy

_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Clubs and Activities _____

Athletics _____

Elected Offices _____

Honors and Awards _____

Community Activities (include Scouting and the highest rank achieved) _____

Jobs _____

You are encouraged, on attached sheets, to elaborate on any of the above information that you feel is pertinent. You may also explain your reasons for seeking an academy nomination.

I, the undersigned, declare that the information I have provided on this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date

**Return to:
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**Office of Congressman Francis Rooney
Service Academy Application Check list**

- _____ Congressman Francis Rooney application form
- _____ Picture of candidate (minimum Size is 3 x 5 inches)
- _____ Essay on why you would like to attend a U.S. Service Academy
- _____ Official Transcript in a sealed envelope with signed flap
- _____ Three (3) letters of recommendation – each in a sealed envelope with signed flap
- _____ Personal resume
- _____ SAT/ACT scores

In order to be eligible for consideration, a physical, paper-copy of your application and all required documentation must be present in Congressman Francis Rooney’s Cape Coral District Office no later than 5:00 pm on September 29, 2017. The mailing address for this office is:

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