

Seeking a Nomination: Frequently Asked Questions

What Must Be Included in My Nomination File?

A complete nomination file consists of the following items:

- Completed Applicant Form with Current Photo and Identification
- Three (3) Essays – included in the application packet
- Official High School Transcript
- American College Testing Program (ACT) results and/or College Board Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) results
- Three (3) Candidate Reference/Evaluation Letters
- You must sign and date the Oath Page

How Many Academies are There?

There are five (5) Service Academies. We encourage you to apply to more than one academy. Some students apply to all of the academies.

Three reside within the Department of Defense:

- **U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York**
- **U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland**
- **U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado**

One resides within the Department of Transportation:

- **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York**

One resides within the Department of Homeland Security:

- **U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut**

Who Should I Ask to Write a Letter of Recommendation on My Behalf?

Representative Bilirakis does not require a specific recommendation form. A letter of recommendation is sufficient. Applicants typically seek recommendations from:

- Teachers
- Counselors
- Employer
- Coaches
- Clergy
- Scout Leaders
- Mentors

Will I Automatically be Selected by The Academy After I Receive a Nomination?

No. You will be placed among a select group of nominees. Each academy makes the final decision, which is another reason we encourage students to apply to more than one academy. If selected, you will receive an Offer of Admission directly from the academy. Offers begin rolling out after nominations are submitted and typically no later than April prior to entering the class. If you receive an Offer and Accept you will be considered an “Appointee” to the Academy.

What If I Apply to More Than One Academy? Will I Be Limited to a Single Nomination?

No. You can be interviewed and nominated to multiple academies depending on how well you have competed among this year's pool of candidates. It is also possible to be granted multiple appointments. If you receive an Offer from more than one academy, we urge you to make your decision as soon as practical so the vacancy can open for another nominee.

What If I Still Have Questions?

Contact my Military Service Academy Liaison at (727) 232-2921. You can also attend my U.S. Service Academy Informational Session (“Academy Night” held each spring). I encourage students to attend each year leading up to applying to the academies. The Academy Representatives always share good insights to consider throughout the process. In addition, my office may have new requirements and updates. The more you speak to the Academy Representatives, the better.