Each year, Members of Congress nominate young men and women to become eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. The academies are seeking future cadets and midshipmen who possess “whole person” qualifications: good moral character, a commendable academic record, evidence of strong leadership potential, physical aptitude, medical fitness, motivation to achieve academically, and eventually, a commitment to serve as an officer in the Armed Forces.

Our office will make ten nominations for each House of Representative vacancy at:
- The United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- The United States Military Academy, West Point, New York
- The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
- The United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York

The nominating process begins when you submit this application by mail to Congressman Crow’s office. After the application deadline, Congressman Crow’s Nomination Advisory Committee will review applications to determine which applicants will be offered interviews with the committee in November. The committee will make recommendations to the Congressman after interviews, and Congressman Crow will make his final selection and submit the nominations to the Academies in December.

After the awarded nominations have been submitted to the academies, the Admissions Office of each academy will offer the actual appointments to successful nominees. The announcement of appointments can begin as early as January and will continue for several months until the ranks of the next entering classes are full.

Please read this application packet thoroughly and follow instructions carefully. Applicants are responsible for completing the entire application packet and for tracking each piece of the packet, Congressman Crow’s office is not responsible for incomplete packets or missed items.

Life at a Service Academy and service as an officer in our Armed Forces requires personal responsibility, attention to detail, and the ability to guide your own future – to display these traits, the applicant should manage the process themselves. Congressman Crow’s office will not provide information, application packet updates, or answer process questions about specific applicants or their applications to anyone but the applicant. Parents, family members, school counselors, admissions officers, mentors, recommenders with questions about an applicant should refer to the applicant directly, as they are responsible for their own complete application.
To qualify for an appointment to any service academy, applicants must meet the following statutory criteria:

- American citizenship
- At least 17 years of age and not yet 23 years old on July 1st of the year the applicant would enter an academy (25 years old for the USMMA)
- Unmarried
- Not pregnant and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents

In addition to statutory requirements, each academy has established academic, physical, and leadership requirements for admission. Candidates for appointment to each academy must:

- Demonstrate comprehensive academic preparation
- Demonstrate leadership, athletic ability, and participation in extracurricular activities
- Take the SAT and/or the ACT assessment
- Be in good physical and mental health
- Pass a comprehensive medical examination
- Pass a physical aptitude examination

Specific requirements in each of the academic, physical, and leadership categories vary by academy and are revised regularly. In preparation for making appointments, a Congressional office might review each academy’s most recent class profile for specific information on scores, class rankings and activities of recently admitted students. Some of this information is available on the website for each academy.

Service Academy Nomination Application

In addition to requesting a nomination from a Member of Congress or another nominating official, individuals seeking appointment to a service academy must separately apply to each service academy in which he or she seeks to be appointed. Each academy requires the submission of a preliminary application to initiate the admission process. Preliminary application materials and additional information are available from each academy website listed below, as well as their respective representatives. Acceptance of a service academy nomination requires at least a nine-year service obligation, including four years at an academy and five years of active duty service.

*Please note, receiving a nomination from the Congressman does not guarantee your acceptance into an academy. Similarly, receiving an acceptance to an academy does not guarantee a nomination from the Congressman.*

United States Naval Academy
http://www.usna.edu/Admissions

United States Air Force Academy
http://academyadmissions.com

United States Military Academy
http://admissions.usma.edu

United States Merchant Marine Academy
http://www.usmma.edu/admissions/default.shtml
Congressman Jason Crow  
Service Academy Nomination  
Application Checklist  
2021-2022 School Year

Nomination Application Packet Deadline - The deadline for submitting a complete application packet to the office of Congressman Jason Crow is **October 1st, 2022**. All submissions MUST be received by US mail by the deadline. **You are strongly advised to submit the entire packet and all attachments at once, in one mailed package or envelope.**

Your complete application must include:

- **Application Packet** – Complete and print this entire packet, including a personal statement/writing sample.

- **Standardized Test Scores** – Print and attach a copy of your scores from the testing service’s website and attach them to the application. Your best scores will be considered, so multiple results may be attached. If you submit test scores separately or through the standardized testing services directly, it is difficult to attach the correct scores to your application – so it is **strongly** recommended that you include your scores with your application packet in one envelope, not as separate mailings.

- **Transcript(s)** – Official or unofficial, including your current GPA, numerical class rank and complete course listing. Unofficial transcripts must still be on institution letterhead.  
  *If you are currently enrolled in a post-secondary educational institute, a transcript will need to be provided from that school/university.**  
  **If you are a college freshman and your grades have not been released, you must obtain a letter from each teacher which reflects your academic performance thus far.**

- **Letters of Recommendation** - Three (3) letters of recommendation must be submitted by each applicant. It is recommended that one be from a math teacher, one from a science teacher and one may come from a mentor, volunteer leader, or someone who is not related to you from outside of school.  
  *Each letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope and signed across the seal by the person making the recommendation.**  
  **These letters can be mailed directly by the recommender in a separate envelope, but Congressman Crow’s office is not responsible for tracking and ensuring these letters are received – so it is recommended they be obtained by the applicant directly and attached (in their sealed, signed envelopes) when the full application is submitted.**

**All applications must be submitted by mail to the Congressman’s office.**

Congressman Jason Crow  
Attn: Aly DeWills-Marcano  
3300 S Parker Rd Suite 100  
Aurora, CO 80014
Application for Nomination to a United States Service Academy

Name (last, first, middle):

Permanent Address:

Phone:

Email:

Please answer the following questions:
(These are requirements by US Service Academies)

Are you a US citizen?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you a resident of Colorado’s 6th District?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Do you have 20/20 vision?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If you do not have 20/20 vision, is it correctable?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Rank your academy preference from 1-4, with one being your first choice.
(Remember, you must apply for admission to each academy that you seek nomination. It is recommended that you apply and rank every academy for which you would accept a nomination, and applying for multiple Academies displays your commitment to service—however, do not rank a school that you would not accept a nomination and offer of admission!)

___ U.S. Air Force Academy – Colorado Springs, CO

___ U.S. Military Academy – West Point, NY

___ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point, NY

___ U.S. Naval Academy – Annapolis, MD
**Academic Qualifications:**

High School:

Date of Graduation:

Name of Academic Counselor:

GPA: Out of:

Class Ranking: Out of:

**SAT Scores**

Date (s) Taken:

Verbal: ______ Mathematics: ______

**ACT Scores**

Date (s) Taken: _________________________

English: ______ Mathematics: ______ Reading: ______ Science: ______

Composite: ______

*You do not need to take both tests; however, you must provide official or print outs from the testing center website of either your SAT or ACT scores.*

**Leadership and Service Experience:**

What specific awards and honors have you received?

What extracurricular activities have you participated in throughout high school? Do you have any experience with military organizations like JROTC or Civil Air Patrol?
What community activities and volunteer work have you participated in? Please indicate when you started and ended (if applicable), your role, and how many hours per week you volunteered.

What is your work experience? Please indicate when your job started and ended (if applicable), your role, and how many hours per week you worked.

Do you have any other applicable experience that you wish to highlight and share with our office?

**Personal Statement/Writing Sample:**

Please attach a personal statement in no more than 500 words explaining your reasons for seeking a nomination to a service academy.