

Applying to a US Service Academy

There are five U.S. service academies: the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

The application process for the academies begins early. Most of the academies have optional summer programs and the application period for these usually opens in January of your junior year and will be due sometime in March.

In General you Must:

Carefully check the academy's website for eligibility, requirements and deadlines.

Contact the academies you would like to attend and ask them to start a pre-candidate file for you

Submit a preliminary application in the spring of your junior year

Apply for a nomination

Request letters of recommendation and official transcript

Submit a completed application for admission

Send your official test scores –

Complete a medical exam and a fitness test

Required Recommendations:

Navy & the Coast Guard: Math and English

Army: Math, English, Science & Physical Education

Air Force: Math, English and Science or Counseling

Applying for a Nomination

Members of Congress may nominate candidates for appointments to four of the five U.S. service academies. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a congressional nomination.

Following is some general information on applying for a nomination. Applicants should begin the nomination process by contacting the offices/checking the websites of Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray and your Congressional Representative to understand their requirements and the deadline for requesting a nomination. **This is the only way to be sure you have the most current information available.**

You are required to ask the same teachers who are writing your college recommendations, to write recommendations for your nomination package. Usually this is your math and English teacher. **By October 7th you must:** Set-up an appointment with me and secondly, email your teacher to let them know the deadline for their nomination letter will be Monday, November 1, unless your representative is Adam Smith.

Maria Cantwell – Due November 18

<https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/services/academy-nominations>

Senator Cantwell's application is submitted on-line.

You must submit your official SAT or ACT scores sent directly to her office from testing agency. Senator Cantwell office codes are 0227 for the SAT and 7193 for the ACT.

Senator Cantwell requires two teacher recommendations and one counselor. You will submit your teacher and counselor names and emails into your application. You may also select up to two other outside recommenders, but this is not required.

A copy of your official transcript will be uploaded through a link sent in an email from her office. Please send that link to me: joneil@seaprep.org

Patty Murray – Due November 18

<https://www.murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/militaryserviceacademynominations>

You must submit your official SAT or ACT scores sent directly to her office from testing agency. Senator Murray's office codes are 4322 for the SAT and 7194 for the ACT.

Senator Murray has an on-line application this year. Three letters of recommendation and a copy of your transcript are required. Recommendations will include your college counselor and two teachers. You will enter your counselor and teachers' names and emails into the recommendation section of the application, and they will be sent an email to complete their recommendation.

A copy of your official transcript will be uploaded through a link sent in an email from her office. Please send that link to me: joneil@seaprep.org

You must also request a nomination from your district's Congressional Representative. Check their website for requirements and deadlines. This link will help you find the name of your representative:

<https://www.house.gov/>

Delbene – November 8 4:30pm

Her website contains a list of everything that you need for a complete application. Everything must be compiled and mailed in one packet. I suggest when you mail it to pay for tracking or some type of proof of delivery. If her office in Kirkland is staffed full time you may also hand deliver your packet.

From the list on her website the school will provide you with the following:

- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Your official Transcript

You will need to bring in a completed application, Mrs. O'Neil will add the above and you will be responsible for mailing/delivering your packet before the deadline.

Jayapal – November 11

Her website contains a list of everything that you need for a complete application. Everything must be compiled and mailed in one packet. I suggest when you mail it to pay for tracking or some type of proof of delivery. If her local office is staffed full time you may also hand deliver your packet

From the list on her website the school will provide you with the following:

- 3 letters of Recommendation (or 2 if you wish to use one outside source)
- Your official Transcript

You will need to bring in a completed application, Mrs. O'Neil will add the above and you will be responsible for mailing or hand delivering your packet before the deadline.

Adam Smith – October 28 – 5:00PM

His website contains a list of everything that you need for a complete application. Everything must be compiled and mailed in one packet. I suggest when you mail it to pay for tracking or some type of proof of delivery. You may also hand deliver it to his office in Renton. If you qualify you will be scheduled for an interview with a panel of retired and active-duty military officers.

From the list on his website the school will provide you with the following:

- 3 letters of Recommendation (or 2 if you wish to use one outside source)
- Your official Transcript
- Progress report of the first quarter/semester of senior year (if you're still in high school)

You will need to bring in a completed application, Mrs. O'Neil will add the above and you will be responsible for mailing or hand delivering your packet before the deadline.

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