



U.S. Congressman David J. Taylor

2ND DISTRICT OF OHIO



2026

**Application for Nomination to a
U.S. Service Academy**



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CHECKLIST

All the following required items must be sent to my Union Township office in Cincinnati, Ohio **postmarked by September 18, 2026**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination. Applications must be mailed, not faxed. **For delivery verification, you may request a return receipt from the post office.**

- _____ APPLICATION FORM – Completed and signed by applicant. Must be typed or **legibly** written.
- _____ OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT – This must include classes currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank. If you would like to provide your transcript from your senior year, you may send it as an update if your application is complete by September 18, 2026.
- _____ OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (if applicable) – This must include current classes and GPA.
- _____ CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH – Wallet-or similar-sized current photograph.
- _____ PERSONAL ESSAY – This essay must be typed and thoroughly completed.
- _____ RECOMMENDATION FORMS – You are required to have three (3) recommendation letters mailed by the postmarked deadline. Applications with fewer than three (3) letters will not be accepted. The recommendation letters may be completed by counselors, principals, teachers, religious leaders, coaches, or community leaders. **Letters from family members will not be accepted.** See the RECOMMENDATION FORM attached to this application for information required to be included in the recommendation letters.
- _____ COPY OF OFFICIAL SAT/ACT SCORES – The test scores must be mailed by the postmark deadline. Carefully consider the dates that you are taking tests; if you wait until September, your scores may not arrive on time.
- _____ LIST OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – A list of all activities you participated in at school and in the community, including athletics, music and drama, clubs, and societies (offices held), scholastic awards and honors, community service/volunteer work, employment, and any other activity you consider important.
- _____ OTHER NOMINATION SOURCE – Remember it is in your best interest to apply for a nomination with both of your U.S. Senators, U.S. Representative, and the Vice President. Each office has its own application procedures; contact each office for information.
- _____ ACADEMY APPLICATION – It is in your best interest to start your application with the Service Academy *before* you interview with Congressman Taylor’s office.

Deadline for postmarking application items is September 18, 2026.

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annie.cummins@mail.house.gov



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

➤ **ACT/ SAT Test Dates**

Standardized test scores are important elements of your application. For your application to be considered, your test scores must be **postmarked** by the deadline of **September 18, 2026**. You may wish to have your test scores sent directly to my office.

Special note: Applicants may update their ACT/SAT test scores if and only if they have old test scores already in the completed application package all postmarked by the postmark deadline.

➤ **Service Academy Admissions Contact Information:**

U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA)
Colorado Springs, Colorado
1-800-443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)
Annapolis, Maryland
1-888-46-7707
www.usna.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)
Kings Point, New York
1-866-546-4778
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)
New London, Connecticut
1-860-444-8503 (*No nomination required*)
www.uscga.com

U.S. Military Academy at West Point (USMA)
West Point, New York
1-800-822-2769
www.usma.edu

➤ **Additional Nominating Sources:**

Senator John Husted
37 West Broad Street, Ste. 300
Columbus, OH 45215
614-369-4925
<http://husted.senate.gov>

Vice President JD Vance
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/service-academy-nomination/>

Senator Bernie Moreno
550 Main Street, Ste. 10-273
Cincinnati, OH 45202
1-513-684-1021
<http://moreno.senate.gov>

Find Your Representative:
www.house.gov

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APPLICATION CONTINUED

ACADEMY INFORMATION

Number 1-4 the academies **in order of preference**:

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy	_____ Already Applied
_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	_____ Already Applied
_____ U.S. Military Academy	_____ Already Applied
_____ U.S. Naval Academy	_____ Already Applied

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name of "hometown" Newspaper: _____

I release this information to the office of Congressman David J. Taylor for use in the Service Academy nomination process. If I am selected for a nomination, I authorize Congressman Taylor to release my name as a nominee in press releases and other public documents.

Signature (student) _____ Date: _____

Signature (parent/guardian) _____ Date: _____

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

APPLICATION AGREEMENT: Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements. If you do not include your signature, your application will not be considered for nomination. (signature must be signed, not typed)

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I am a U.S. Citizen or will be by July 1, 2026. I will be at least 17 years, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2026. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident of the 2nd Congressional District of Ohio.

I certify that the information I have provided in the application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not postmarked by September 18, 2026.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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PERSONAL ESSAY

“Why do you want to serve in U.S. military and be an officer?”

- Type a 700-word essay on what you believe are the most important qualities in becoming a successful Service Academy Cadet and a successful officer.
 - What experiences do you have that will help you be a successful cadet?
 - Identify a graduate of a U.S. Service Academy and what were their accomplishments and why do you think they were successful?
 - How do these qualities set you apart from other applicants?



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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

To the Applicant: This form indicates the information that should be contained in your recommendation letters to be completed by teachers, school counselors/principals, religious leaders, community leaders or employers who are familiar with your desire to attend a military service academy and your relevant qualifications.

Letters of recommendation from a family member will not be accepted. Please ensure this form is included in the signed envelope with your letter of recommendation.

To the Recommender: The Service academies provide a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following graduation. The questions below should be answered in your letter and are designed to provide the information necessary to select the best qualified candidates. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request.

Each student must submit three personal evaluations forms (**recommendation letters**), along with a complete application packet by September 18, 2026. Please keep this deadline in mind as you return this form and **recommendation letter** to the applicant, **sealed in an envelope, and signed across the flap.**

Please answer the specific questions asked on this form in your letter. You may use this form as a cover sheet for your letter.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Describe the applicant’s talents, strengths, and leadership ability
3. How could this applicant improve to rise to the challenges presented by a U.S. Service academy?
4. Do you believe the applicant plans to pursue military service as a career? Does he/she possess the maturity to fulfill the commitments and obligations that accompany a service academy education?
5. How does the applicant handle challenging situations and/or failures?
6. Do you know any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant’s performance at a service academy?
7. Select the phrase that best applies to this applicant:
 - a. The Best (Among the best I have known)
 - b. Above Average (Stands out in peer groups)
 - c. Excellent (Has great potential)
 - d. Fair (has many fine qualities)

Your Name (Signed): _____ Date: ____/____/____

Your Name (Printed): _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____