



IL-13 U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION PACKET CHECKLIST

To be considered for a nomination to one of the U.S. service academies by Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski, your complete nomination packet must be received by an IL-13 District Office by October 15, 2026. Your nomination packet **MUST** contain the following:

- Completed Nomination Application Form (can be found on our website)
- High School Transcript* – Must include all course work, GPA, and class rank
- Standardized Test Scores* – Copy of your scores from the ACT or SAT (or both if you choose)
- Recommendations* – Three letters of recommendation are required: one from a teacher, one from a coach/advisor of an extracurricular activity, and one from anyone of your choice
- Resume or C/V* – Should highlight all school, athletic, and community activities, as well as significant accomplishments or awards
- Personal Essay* – 300 words or less outlining why you want to attend a U.S. service academy
- Interview – You will receive an email scheduling your interview with our Selection Board after the application period closes.

*Your application, transcript(s), test scores, recommendations, resume, and personal essay, must be sent as attachments in ONE email to budzinski.nominations@mail.house.gov or through the mail to our office address below. Your letters of recommendation may be sent separately if needed.

The nomination packet and all materials referenced above are separate and distinct from the application materials that must be provided directly to the service academies.

If you have any questions, please email McKayla Bartkiewicz at mckayla.bartkiewicz@mail.house.gov.

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