



2026 Service Academy Nominations-Best Practices for Students

- ✓ Send a letter of interest to Congressman Moskowitz to start the process as soon as the spring of your junior year. Our application window is June 1, 2026-October 26, 2026.
- ✓ When you are ready to apply with any elected official's office or academy, own the process. Avoid asking parents to act on your behalf.
- ✓ Do your homework: Research the military academies, their admission requirements and career tracks. Check out online service academy forums, they are a great source of information. Follow the academies on social media and watch admissions videos.
- ✓ Start an application early with your top 3 academy choices. Applying to just one academy is NOT recommended. Complete the applications as soon as you can, so admissions offices can consider you before the fall rush.
- ✓ Apply early with all nominating sources. (Member of Congress, both U.S. Senators, Vice President and President (if eligible). Deadlines vary, so check websites for details.
- ✓ Apply for ROTC programs at civilian colleges. This is encouraged and shows your commitment to military service.
- ✓ Train for and complete the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA) requirement.
- ✓ Maintain your academic performance at your personal best so you can be competitive.
- ✓ Take the SAT and/or ACT multiple times to allow for your best scores to be considered.
- ✓ Prepare a one-page professional resume, which should include:
 - Academic and athletic awards
 - Scouting or JROTC involvement
 - Leadership roles/activities, such as Boys/Girls State
 - Community service
 - Employment history
 - Languages spoken, unique experiences or skills that make you stand out
- ✓ Practice interview skills to prepare for your Nominations Board interview in the fall.
- ✓ Finally, turn in your application to this office before the deadline. Early application is noted in your file and considered to be an indicator of your time-management skills.