

United States Congressman David Kustoff

Proudly Serving Tennessee's 8th District

Application – U.S. Service Academy Nomination

Application Due Date: Must be postmarked by **Friday, October 30, 2026**

For class entering July 2027 (Class of 2031)

Please submit **COMPLETED** applications only.

(Items 1-10 on U.S. Service Academy Nomination Instructions, page 4.)

Please rank the academies below with #1 being your first choice for a nomination. **Rank only those to which you have already applied and to which you will accept a nomination.** You will not be given a nomination without an open candidate file at the academy or academies, and it is your responsibility to ensure that you meet academy deadlines for application.

- _____ Air Force Academy
- _____ Coast Guard Academy
- _____ Merchant Marine Academy
- _____ Military Academy
- _____ Naval Academy

To begin processing your application, please *print* the following information:

Name: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS IN TENNESSEE: _____

(Number and Street)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

County of Legal Residence: _____

Home Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

TEMPORARY ADDRESS/TELEPHONE (If Applicable): _____

(Number and Street)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Gender: MALE FEMALE

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION:

Father's Name: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

School Telephone Number: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Have you attended college: YES NO

If so, give date, school name, address, phone number and highest level obtained:

(If you have attended college, please attach additional information regarding your GPA, college transcript, extracurricular activities, and other pertinent information for consideration by the Academy Selection Committee.)

MISCELLANEOUS

Have you applied directly to each Academy in which you are interested in? YES NO

If yes, which one(s)? _____

Are you requesting a nomination from another source? YES NO

If yes, from what source? President _____ Vice President _____

Military (Service): _____ Senator Blackburn _____ Senator Hagerty _____

Are you employed? If so, state job, location, hours per week and any extenuating circumstances:

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PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I give my personal authorization to Congressman David Kustoff and/or his staff representative, designated by him, to obtain the necessary information from my records for use in his academy selection procedures. By signing this application, I permit discussion of pertinent information with my school, my parent(s) and or/legal guardian(s), the academy, the Academy Selection Committee, and the news media. I also certify that I am legally domiciled in the Eighth District of Tennessee.

Signature of Student

Signature of parent/guardian if student is under 18

(Date)

(Date)

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U.S. Service Academy Nomination Instructions

Only students eligible to enter an academy in the summer of 2027 should apply for a nomination at this time.

1. Complete the enclosed application form.
2. Submit a one-page list of extracurricular activities, including athletics, leadership roles, honors and awards, employment, etc.
3. Have a guidance counselor or principal complete the appropriate form and return it along with a copy of your high school transcript.
4. Submit **THREE** letters of recommendation (in addition to guidance counselor/principal's form). Give each recommender an "Instructions for Recommendations" sheet.
5. Submit a recent photograph or school picture.
6. Submit a one-page personal statement on "Why I want to attend a U.S. Service Academy."
7. You may also attach a brief explanation of any extraordinary or unusual personal or family circumstances that the Academy Selection Committee should consider.
8. Only students eligible to enter an academy in the summer of 2026 should apply for a nomination at this time.
9. Apply separately for admission to each academy in which you are interested.
10. Please **TYPE** the list of extracurricular activities and personal statement.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Congressman David Kustoff
5900 Poplar Ave, Ste. 202
Memphis, TN 38119

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Recommendation Form

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL:

Please include a copy of the student's transcript.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of School: _____

APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC STANDING:

Numerical Junior Year Class Rank: _____ Out of: _____

Current GPA: _____

SAT Score: Verbal: Math: Writing:

ACT Score: (Composite): (E) _____ (M) _____ (R) _____ (SR) _____

GENERAL COMMENTS: Please discuss the applicant's overall fitness for US Service Academy admission and for a military career as an officer in the Armed Forces. The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, goals, and motivation in determining each applicant's "whole person" evaluation.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

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U.S. Service Academy Nomination: Instructions for Recommendations

NOTE TO CANDIDATE: Please give a copy of this sheet to three people who agree to write a letter of recommendation for you.

NOTE TO RECOMMENDER: Please write a letter of recommendation on your letterhead or personal stationery (be sure to include a return address)

This student has expressed desire to attend a United States Service Academy, such as the Military Academy at West Point, Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, or the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Admission to these academies is extremely limited, highly competitive, and an appointment is an esteemed honor and achievement. After successfully completing a rigorous four-year program in one of these competitive schools and receiving a first-rate education, a successful graduate will be pledged to serve a term as an officer in the Armed Forces.

To apply to a service academy, an applicant must obtain a nomination from an authorized source, and this applicant has requested a nomination from Congressman David Kustoff, Representative of the Eighth District of Tennessee. Congressman Kustoff and his Academy Selection Committee would appreciate your thorough and honest evaluation of the applicant's fitness for a U.S. Service admission and ensuing a military career. The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, goals, and motivation in determining each applicant's "whole person" evaluation.

Thank you and we appreciate your assistance.

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Before a candidate can receive an offer of appointment to a service academy, the candidate must obtain a nomination from an authorized source. Congressman David Kustoff is honored that as a U.S. Congressman, he is able to submit nominations from his constituency. A student can also apply for nominations through U.S. Senators, the President and the Vice President. If a parent is presently on active duty and has served in the military for at least eight years or is retired, a student may apply for a presidential nomination through the military. Children of deceased or disabled veterans or children of Medal of Honor winners may apply for a nomination directly from the service academies.

Acceptance of an offer of appointment from an academy involves at least a nine-year obligation to military service

– four years at the academy and five years of active duty service.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each member of Congress may nominate only persons legally domiciled within the boundaries of his/her district.

If you are unsure of your district of residence, contact your local election commission.

Each member of Congress may nominate as many as ten students per each allotted vacancy to the Air Force, Military and Naval Academies.

Each member of Congress may nominate statewide, ten persons to compete for an appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Nominations are not required for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. A student applies directly to the Academy.

ACADEMY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: The Applicant **MUST**:

1. Be at least 17 years old but not have passed the 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year entering the academy (except the Merchant Marine Academy).
2. Be a U.S. Citizen.
3. Be unmarried, not pregnant and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents (except for the Merchant Marine Academy).

NOMINATION PROCESS The Applicant **MUST**:

1. Apply for admission directly to each academy in which he/she is interested. The student must take the responsibility to contact the academy and complete a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire to begin the application process.
2. Complete an application package for Congressman David Kustoff's congressional nomination which this office provides.
3. Be interviewed by Congressman Kustoff's Academy Selection Committee.

GENERAL ACADEMY ADMISSIONS & NOMINATION STANDARDS

The Applicant **MUST**:

1. Have evidence of good moral character
2. Have record of acceptable scholastic achievement
3. Have participated in extracurricular activities
4. Be physically fit
5. Be medically qualified
6. Be motivated to attend the academy and serve in the Armed Forces

TIMELINE FOR THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Nomination applications are due on October 30, 2026 to Congressman Kustoff's Memphis office. Congressman Kustoff will then submit his nominations to the academies in January of 2027. Academies make all decisions on offers of appointment for admission during the spring of each year. Applicants will be notified of the academies' decision during this period. Final decision on admission rests with the academies. The new classes will enter in the summer.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact Congressman Kustoff's office at (731)412-1142.

CONTACT THE ACADEMIES

Contact information for the Admissions Offices of the five U.S. Service Academies is listed below. Please contact the academy or academies if you are interested in applying to obtain admission information and to begin the admissions process. Include your full name, address, phone number, Social Security number, and expected year of graduation in your correspondence with these offices. Website information is also included.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Admissions Office
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 210
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
Phone: (719) 333-3070
Website: www.usafa.edu

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 31402-5019
Phone: (401) 293-4361
Website: www.usna.edu

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Admissions Office
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
Phone: (866) 546-4778
Website: www.usmma.edu

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
Phone: (914) 938-4041
Website: www.usma.edu

U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Admissions Office 31
Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-8103
Phone: (860) 444-8501
Website: www.cga.edu