

Join us for a
**Virtual Service Academy Night with
Congressman Dan Goldman**



High school students and their families are invited to a virtual session with Congressman Goldman and representatives from Military Service Academies to learn more and ask questions about applying for a Congressional nomination and gaining appointment to a Service Academy.

Join us via Zoom on Wednesday, October 18, from 6:30-8:30 PM

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/NY10academynight/>

OVERVIEW

To receive an appointment to a Service Academy, you will need to

- 1) Meet acceptance standards of the Service Academy to which you are applying
- 2) Receive a nomination from your Member of Congress or another nominating source

A Service Academy appointment includes a tuition-free, rigorous four-year degree program and room and board. Acceptance of a Service Academy appointment requires at least a nine-year service obligation, including four years at an academy and five years of active-duty service.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for appointment to a Service Academy, you must be:

- American citizen
- At least 17 years old and not yet 23 years old on July 1, 2024
- Not married
- Not pregnant
- No legal obligation to support children or other dependents

To be eligible for Congressman Goldman's nomination, you must also be a legal resident of New York's 10th Congressional District.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS

- The nomination process is very competitive
- Applying for more than one nomination could increase your chances of securing a nomination, although only one is needed
- You are encouraged to apply for a nomination from Congressman Goldman, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, and any other source for which you may be eligible
- If you receive a nomination from another source, please let our office know so Rep. Goldman may offer nominations to as many qualified candidates as possible

OTHER NOMINATION SOURCES

Other sources of nominations for the US Military Academy, US Naval Academy, or US Air Force Academy:

- President Joe Biden – Nominates children of career military personnel, deceased or disabled veterans, military or civilian personnel in missing status, and Medal of Honor recipients;
- Vice President Kamala Harris – Nominates five individuals from across the United States per year;
- The Secretary of the Army, Navy, or Air Force – Nominates members of regular military, reserve components, and participants in ROTC.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, personal goals, and motivation in performing each nominee's "whole-person" evaluation. These are also criteria that are considered in the Congressional nomination process.

CHARACTER

Absolutely critical in the course of evaluating a candidate is a positive determination of the candidate's character. Absence of good moral character is cause for disqualification. Candidates are considered to have good moral character unless evidence exists to suggest otherwise.

SCHOLARSHIP

Each element of a candidate's academic record is carefully evaluated by a service academy's admissions board. The elements evaluated include a complete high school record (and college record, when applicable), class standing, and either the SAT or ACT scores. All strengths and weaknesses in a candidate's academic background are taken into account.

LEADERSHIP

Participation and achievement in organized athletics, student body and class government, clubs and class extracurricular activities, scouting, boys or girls state, and other activities connected within communities or houses of worship demonstrate evidence of leadership potential. Candidates who have found it necessary to work to provide family support are also considered to have demonstrated desirable leadership potential.

PHYSICAL APTITUDE

Measuring strength, endurance, agility, and coordination, the academies' fitness tests are designed to determine each candidate's readiness to undertake the rigorous athletic and physical education program at one of the academies. Each academy has its own test requirements. Results of the examination are evaluated, assigned a numerical score, and included in the whole-person evaluation by West Point. The Air Force, Naval, and Merchant Marine academies evaluate the results on a pass-or-fail basis.

MOTIVATION

Motivation is an intangible quality and difficult to evaluate; however, since it is most frequently the factor that determines an appointee's success or failure at a service academy, we make every effort to gauge a candidate's motivation. An attempt to measure motivation may be made through observation of the candidate's interest level in attending an academy and serving as an officer in the US Armed Forces. Motivation may also be measured through an evaluation of correspondence, personal contacts, and care with which application materials are prepared.

MEDICAL FITNESS

A candidate who meets minimum scholastic standards will be scheduled to take a service academy qualifying medical examination at a military or civilian contract facility near the candidate's home. Although medical qualification standards vary among the academies, only one exam is required.

Scheduling and evaluation of the exam are arranged by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). Candidates who have questions about their medical exam results should direct them to:

DODMERB 8034
Edgerton Drive Suite 132
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840-2200
(719) 333-3562

Medical scheduling and evaluation are time-consuming processes, taking from six weeks to four months.

APPLICANT EVALUATION BY SERVICE ACADEMIES

Each academy uses a questionnaire to make an initial assessment of an applicant's potential for appointment. The results of this evaluation are provided by each academy to Members of Congress to assist them in screening their applicants. Soon after the applicant returns the questionnaire, the admissions office will provide the applicant with an evaluation of the applicant's demonstrated ability to meet admissions standards. An applicant who meets the standards is declared a candidate; those who do not meet the standards at that point may later submit additional test scores or information to the academy for re-evaluation. The applicant must provide the following information: academic standardized test scores (SAT, ACT), rank in class and grade point average, Social Security number, and participation in high school extracurricular activities. Be sure to complete a pre-candidate questionnaire for each academy in which you are interested.

- Service academy websites are:
- Military Academy
- <http://www.usma.edu>
- Naval Academy
- <http://www.usna.edu>
- Air Force Academy
- <http://www.usafa.edu>
- Merchant Marine Academy
- <http://www.usmma.edu>

NOMINATION PROCESS

1. Application for Rep. Goldman's Nomination
 - Application – submit online or mail in PDF
 - List of extracurricular activities and leadership responsibilities
 - Two letters of recommendation
 - Personal statement (500 words or less) of why you wish to attend a Service Academy and become a military leader
2. Submission of all required materials on or before Friday, November 10th
3. Interview with Nomination Selection Panel on Thursday, November 16th
4. Notification during week of December 6