



United States Congressman
Earl L. “Buddy” Carter
First District of Georgia



Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in a nomination to a United States Armed Services Academy. The First District of Georgia has a rich military heritage, and I appreciate your desire to continue that tradition.

I take the responsibility of nominating students to these prestigious academies very seriously. As such, my office has established a fair and objective process to nominate the best-qualified candidates.

All applicants must meet the basic requirements established by the Academies which include being:

- unmarried, not pregnant, and having no legal obligation to support children or other dependents;
- a United States citizen and legal resident of the First District of Georgia; and
- at least 17 years old but not yet 22 years old as of July 1st the year of admission.

Admission to a Service Academy is a two-tiered process. **First, applicants must directly apply to the Academy** and meet the set minimum standards including, but not limited to medical, physical, and academic qualifications. The second tier in pursuing admissions is the Congressional Nominations process.

Students wishing to apply for a nomination through my office must submit a completed application no later than **Friday, October 9, 2026 at 5pm**. The First District Academy Selection Board will interview qualified applicants in October. Please keep in mind that those who receive a nomination are not guaranteed to be offered an appointment by the Academy.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Wirth in my Savannah Office at 912-352-0101 or via email at matthew.wirth@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl L. 'Buddy' Carter".

Earl L. “Buddy” Carter
Member of Congress



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Application for Nomination to the United States Armed Services Academies

1. **APPLICATION FORM** – Must be completed and signed by applicant. This must be typed or legibly written. Formal candidacy can only be established upon the receipt of a completed application by the Savannah District Office. It is the responsibility of each applicant to initiate a pre-candidate file at each Academy to which they are seeking a nomination.
2. **PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORMS** – Candidates must submit ONLY three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms completed by counselors, principals, teachers, religious leaders, coaches, and/or community leaders. These forms may be accompanied by written letters of recommendation. All references should be from non-family members. These may be included with the full application packet.
3. **ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT** – An official transcript must be in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal. If a candidate has already graduated from high school, in addition to a transcript, information outlining the candidate’s academic and/or employment activities since graduation should also be included.
4. **CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH** – Please email a clear photograph directly to matthew.wirth@mail.house.gov.
5. **STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS** – Please include ACT and/or SAT scores in the application packet. Scores that appear on a sealed transcript or in a sealed envelope from a guidance counselor will be accepted. If scores are not currently available, include your scheduled testing date.
6. **RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND DISCIPLINARY RECORD** – The enclosed form is to be completed by the school guidance counselor. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Each applicant must submit their record of attendance for all four years of high school as well as any disciplinary actions that have occurred.
7. **CANDIDATE FITNESS TEST** – Take the enclosed worksheet with you when you complete your Fitness Assignment. Have the examiner fill in all the information on the form (and make sure he/she signs and dates the form). Your examiner should be your high school PE teacher or coach. If you are home-schooled you may use your PE teacher (if not your parent), your ROTC instructor (if applicable), or your Military Academy Admissions Liaison Officer. No family member may administer this examination.

DEADLINE – *Completed application packets must be received in the Savannah Office by 5:00 pm October 9th, 2026.* No exceptions. Send completed application packets to:

The Honorable Earl L. “Buddy” Carter
Service Academy Nomination Board
6602 Abercorn Street, Suite 105B
Savannah, GA 31405

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APPLICATION FOR U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	SUFFIX
STREET ADDRESS			APARTMENT UNIT #
CITY	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	
PREFERRED PHONE	EMAIL	EMAIL (ALTERNATE)	
TEMPORARY ADDRESS AND PHONE (If applicable):			
AGE	GENDER	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A LEGAL RESIDENT OF GEORGIA?		DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH	
FATHER OR GUARDIAN’S NAME		DAYTIME PHONE	
MOTHER OR GUARDIAN’S NAME		DAYTIME PHONE	

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL			
WEIGHTED G.P.A	UNWEIGHTED G.P.A	YOUR RANK ____ OUT OF ____	DATE OF GRADUATION
HIGHEST SAT SCORE		PLEASE INDICATE ANY FUTURE TEST DATES	
HIGHEST ACT SCORE			
COLLEGE CURRENTLY ATTENDING (if applicable)			COLLEGE G.P.A



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PERSONAL STATEMENT

On a separate document, please write a personal statement of no more than 300 words double spaced detailing your reasons for wanting to become an officer in our country’s military service and what you have done specifically to prepare yourself for this goal.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/HONORS AND AWARDS

In a resume format, on a separate document, please attach a list of athletic and non-athletic extracurricular activities to include leadership positions held. Please include significant honors or awards which you have received.

I have also applied to the following sources for a nomination:

- ☐ SENATOR JON OSSOFF
- ☐ SENATOR RAPHAEL WARNOCK
- ☐ VICE PRESIDENT JAMES VANCE
- ☐ PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP
- ☐ JROTC

ARE EITHER OF YOUR PARENTS ACTIVE, RETIRED, OR DISABLED MILITARY?

YES ☐ NO ☐

IF YES, NAME OF BRANCH: _____

PLEASE CHECK PREFERENCE FOR NOMINATION: (*1st choice only*)

ARMY ☐ NAVY ☐ AIR FORCE ☐ MERCHANT MARINE ☐

YOU MUST HAVE A FILE OPEN WITH THE ACADEMY THAT YOU ARE SEEKING APPOINTMENT TO

I hereby state that the information contained in this application is correct, and that it is my intention to attend a military academy if appointed. I am a U.S. citizen and a legal resident of the State of Georgia.

I certify that none of the materials I have included in this application are the products, either in part or in full, of a large language model (LLM) or any person other than myself.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



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**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE
ACADEMIES RECCOMENDATION/ EVALUATION FORM**

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____ LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE INT _____

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what connection?
2. What do you feel are the applicant's talents and/or strengths?
3. What do you consider to be the weaknesses of the applicant?
4. Do they possess the maturity to fulfill the commitments and obligations that accompany a military career?
5. How would you describe his/her leadership characteristics?
6. How does the applicant handle stressful situations?
7. Do you know of any personal circumstances which might affect the applicant's performance at the academy?
8. Please rank this applicant among his/her peer group, to the best of your observation:
☐ Excellent, among the best I have known
☐ Very Good, stands out in peer group
☐ Average
☐ Below Average

GENERAL COMMENTS, EVALUATION, and/or RECOMMENDATION:

PRINT OR TYPE TITLE _____ SIGNATURE _____

PRINT OR TYPE NAME _____ DATE _____

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Attendance:

	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Excused Absences				
Unexcused Absences				
Excused Tardiness				
Unexcused Tardiness				
Total Days Attended				

*Please explain excessive absences or tardiness (e.g. any personal circumstances that you are aware of that affected his/her attendance):

Disciplinary: Does this student have a disciplinary record? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please include a printout of the incidents.

Signature

Date

Name

Title

Email

Phone Number

High School Name

High School Address

City

State

Zip

Contact Matthew Wirth at 912-352-0101 or matthew.wirth@mail.house.gov with questions



**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE
CANDIDATE FITNESS ASSESSMENT FORM**

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____ LAST _____ FIRST _____ MIDDLE INT _____

Take this worksheet with you when you complete your Fitness Assignment. Have the examiner fill in all the information on the form (and make sure he/she signs and dates the form). Your examiner should be your high school PE teacher or coach. If you are home-schooled you may use your PE teacher (if not your parent), your ROTC instructor (if applicable), or your Military Academy Admissions Liaison Officer. No family member may administer this examination.

Candidate Height

Candidate Weight

Date Completed

1. Basket Ball Throw: record three attempts to the nearest foot.

1 st Attempt	
2 nd Attempt	
3 rd Attempt	

2. Pull-Ups (form men or women) OR Flexed-Arm Hang (for women only)

Pull-ups (number completed)	
Flexed Arm Hang (number of seconds)	

3. Shuttle Run: record two attempts to the nearest tenth of a second.

1 st Attempt	:
2 nd Attempt	:

4. Modified Sit-Ups: record number completed: _____

5. Push Ups: record number completed: _____

6. One Mile Run: record minutes and seconds.

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Examiner Information

Name

Title

Email

Phone

Signature

Date

With questions contact Matthew Wirth at 912-352-0101 or matthew.wirth@mail.house.gov

Checklist:

- ____ Completed Application Form
- ____ Official High School Transcript
- ____ Record of Attendance and Disciplinary Record
- ____ SAT/ACT Score Sheet
- ____ Extracurricular/Activities Sheet
- ____ Personal Statement
- ____ Three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms
- ____ Candidate Fitness Test
- ____ Photo emailed to matthew.wirth@mail.house.gov
- ____ Email matthew.wirth@mail.house.gov to confirm all information has been received.

All required items must be received by the Savannah Office by 5:00pm **Friday, October 9, 2026. Incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination.** For delivery verification, you may wish to request a return receipt from the Post Office. Send all requested information to:

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**Remember that it is in your best interest to apply for a nomination with your U.S. Representative and both of your U.S. Senators.
Each office has its own application procedures and deadlines.**

Service Academy Contact Information

If you have not already done so, you should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies you desire to attend. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly.

U.S. Air Force Academy

Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(866) 546-4778
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Military Academy

Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, New York 10996-1797
(800) 822-2769
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy

USNA Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(888) 249-7707
www.usna.edu

NOTE: Congressional nominations are not required for the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). If you are interested in attending the Coast Guard Academy, contact the academy directly at:

United States Coast Guard Academy

Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
(203) 444-8501
www.uscga.edu

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