



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 **September 30, 2016**. The First District Academy Selection Board will interview qualified applicants in early November. Please keep in mind that those who may receive a nomination are not guaranteed to be offered an appointment by the Academy.

If you have any questions, please contact Jud Seymour in my Brunswick Office at (912) 265-9010 or Jud.Seymour@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


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 Brunswick 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 (i.e. priests, rabbis, and ministers), coaches, and/or community leaders. Candidates are required to return the three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms by the deadline; these forms may be accompanied by written letters of recommendation. **Letters in excess of this number will not be reviewed.** All references should be from non-family members.
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 submit a wallet size photo with name and hometown written on the back.
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.
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 Brunswick Office by 5:00 pm September 30, 2016.* No exceptions. Send completed application packets to:

The Honorable Earl L. “Buddy” Carter
2015 Service Academy Nomination Board
1510 Newcastle Street, Suite 200
Brunswick, Georgia 31520

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Please Type or Print Neatly

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

 Full Name (Last, First Middle)

 Preferred Name

 Social Security Number

 Date of Birth

 Place of Birth (City, State)

 Permanent Street Address

 City

 State

 Zip+4

 Home Phone

 Alternate Phone

 Email Address

 Parent(s)/Guardian(s), Name(s) and Occupation(s)

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes: _____ No: _____

Are you a legal resident of the First District of Georgia? Yes: _____ No: _____

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony? Yes: _____ No: _____ *(If yes, please explain on an attached document.)*

II: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

 Name of High School

 Phone

 Name of Guidance Counselor

 Phone

_____ of _____
 Class Rank

 GPA (4.0 scale)

 Anticipated Graduation Date

Applicant Name (Last, First Middle)

Name of College or Preparatory School

GPA (4.0 scale)

Highest Individual SAT scores: R _____ M _____ W _____ Composite: _____

Highest Individual ACT Scores: E _____ M _____ R _____ Sc _____ Composite: _____

NOTE: You need not take both tests, but must provide **official** copies of either SAT or ACT scores.

III: ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Please rank in order of preference the academies to which you wish to be considered for a nomination. **Do not rank an academy unless you have a file open with that academy and are actively seeking an appointment.** Nominations and appointments are very competitive. It is often beneficial to pursue entry to more than one academy.

Air Force	Merchant Marine	Military	Navy

Have you requested nominations from any other elected officials? If so, which one(s)?

Have you applied for a ROTC Scholarship? Yes: _____ No: _____

IV: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please write and attach 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.

V: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/HONORS AND AWARDS

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.

VI: APPLICATION AGREEMENT: Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements.

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I am a U.S. Citizen, or will be by July 1, 2016. I will be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2016. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident of the State of Georgia.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not delivered to the Brunswick District Office by September 30, 2016.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____



Service Academy Nomination Personal Recommendation Form

This form is to be completed by a teacher, school counselor/principal, religious leader, community leader, or employer who is familiar with the applicant's desire to attend a military service academy and his/her relevant qualifications.

To the Recommender: The academies provide a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following graduation. The questions below are designed to provide the First District Academy Selection Board information necessary to select the best-qualified candidates. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Each student must submit three personal evaluation forms, along with a complete application packet, by **September 30, 2016**. Please keep this deadline in mind as you return this form to the applicant, along with any additional pages or letters, sealed in an envelope and signed across the flap. Please answer the SPECIFIC QUESTIONS asked on this form, and use additional pages if necessary. You are welcome to submit a recommendation letter; however, it will not be accepted as a substitute for this completed form.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Describe the applicant's talents, strengths, and leadership ability.

3. How could this applicant improve in order to rise to the challenges presented by a U.S. service academy?

4. Do you believe the applicant plans to pursue military service as a career? Does he/she possess the maturity to fulfill the commitments and obligations that accompany a service academy education?

5. How does the applicant handle challenging situations and/or failures?

6. Do you know of any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant's performance at a service academy?

Please select the phrase that best applies to this applicant:

	THE BEST (among the best I have known)		EXCELLENT (has great potential)
	ABOVE AVERAGE (stands out in peer group)		FAIR (has many fine qualities)

 Signature

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Applicant Name (Last, First Middle)

Service Academy Nomination Application – Attendance and Disciplinary Record

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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

With questions, contact Jud Seymour at (912) 265-9010 or Jud.Seymour@mail.house.gov



Service Academy Nomination Application – Candidate Fitness Assessment

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 Jud Seymour at (912) 265-9010 or Jud.Seymour@mail.house.gov

Checklist: This is for your records. Please make sure all parts are complete by the deadline.

- ___ Completed Application Form
- ___ Wallet-Sized Photo Attached to Application Form
- ___ Three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms ONLY
- ___ Official High School Transcript to include Attendance and Discipline records
- ___ SAT/ACT Score Sheet
- ___ Personal Statement
- ___ Extracurricular/Activities Sheet
- ___ Record of Attendance and Disciplinary Record
- ___ Candidate Fitness Test
- ___ Call Congressman's office at 912.265.9010 to verify all information has been received.

All required items must be received by the Brunswick Office by 5:00pm **Friday, September 30, 2016. 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:

The Honorable E.L. "Buddy" Carter
2015 Service Academy Nomination Board
1510 Newcastle St, Ste 200
Brunswick, GA 31520

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; contact each office for information.

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