

# **TX-16 Service Academy Nomination Requirements**



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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding nominations for our nation's service academies. I am honored to be involved in the nomination process, and I applaud you for your desire to serve our great nation in the Armed Services.

Due to the limited number of candidates I am able to nominate for each service academy, I encourage you to research and determine your eligibility for other nominating sources as well, such as both U.S. Senators from Texas, the President of the United States, who nominates children of career military personnel, deceased or disabled veterans, military or civilian personnel in missing status, and Medal of Honor recipients; the Vice President, who nominates five individuals from across the United States per year; and the Secretary of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, who nominates members of regular military, reserve components, and participants in the ROTC. Applicants interested in an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy can also apply for a nomination from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation. Please know that you can request a nomination(s) from multiple nominating sources simultaneously.

The service academies for which I offer nominations are the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Military Academy, the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and the United States Naval Academy. A nomination to one of the service academies is a prestigious honor that requires characteristics of dedication, a desire to serve others, the ability to accept discipline, and a sense of duty and morality.

Appointments to the service academies are extremely competitive. Therefore, I highly encourage you to return a completed and competitive package as early as possible. If you have any questions, please contact my El Paso District Office at 915-541-1400 or email your inquiries to [serviceacademy.tx16@mail.house.gov](mailto:serviceacademy.tx16@mail.house.gov). I look forward to receiving your request for a nomination(s).

Sincerely,

Veronica Escobar  
Member of Congress



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# TX-16 Service Academy Nomination Application Checklist and Requirements

**All required information must be submitted to [serviceacademy.tx16@mail.house.gov](mailto:serviceacademy.tx16@mail.house.gov) by the deadline listed on the Service Academy's website**

## General Qualifications

- U.S. Citizenship (Granted no later than date of your High School Graduation)
- At least 17 years old and not yet 23 years old on July 1st of the year you enter an academy.
  - 25 years old for U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
- Unmarried, not pregnant, no dependents
- Resident of the 16th Congressional District of Texas

## Checklist

- TX-16 Service Academy Nomination Application
- Resume outlining your extracurricular activities.
- 2 letters of recommendation from a teacher, principal, or guidance counselor, and/or from an employer, coach, or extracurricular faculty advisor. **Must not be from a relative.** Homeschooled applicants can get a letter from someone who is related to them and can speak to the candidate's academic and personal accomplishments.
- Official High School or College Transcript
- American College Testing Program (ACT) results and College Board Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) results.
- A 500-word essay
  - Prompt: The honor of attending a service academy comes with an obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation. In a single 500-word essay, please outline why you want to attend a service academy, when you became inspired to attend a service academy, and who inspired you to pursue a path of service through our nation's military.
- 90-second introductory video in professional attire with no distracting background.
  - What to discuss: State your name, the high school or institution of higher education you attend, and your grade classification. Additionally, outline what makes your application for a nomination competitive and the characteristics that best describe you.

Please submit the TX-16 Service Academy Nomination Application and required materials preferably in a single email. If you experience technical difficulties with submitting materials in a single email, feel free to send items in separate messages.

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To receive a nomination to an academy, you must have an open admission file at the academy of your choice prior to submitting your packet to Congresswoman Escobar's office. You must start an admissions file at each academy that you are interested in attending. If you have not done so, the websites provided below will guide you through the process of completing the preliminary application online.

## **United States Military Academy**

ATTN: Public Affairs Office  
Taylor Hall, Building 600  
West Point, NY 10996-1788  
Telephone: 845-938-4011  
Website: <http://www.usma.edu/>

## **United States Naval Academy\***

ATTN: Public Affairs Officer  
121 Blake Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-5000  
Telephone: 410-293-1000  
Website: <http://www.usna.edu/>

## **United States Air Force Academy**

ATTN: Public Affairs Officer  
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 320  
U.S. Air Force Academy, CO 80840-5016  
Telephone: 800-433-9266  
Website: <http://www.usafa.af.mil>

## **United States Merchant Marine Academy\*\***

ATTN: Public Affairs Officer  
300 Steamboat Road  
Kings Point, NY 11024  
Telephone: 516-726-5800  
Website: <http://www.usmma.edu/>

## **United States Coast Guard Academy\*\***

ATTN: Public Affairs Officer  
15 Mohegan Avenue  
New London, CT 06320-4195  
Telephone: 860-444-8270  
Website: <http://www.uscga.edu>

**\*Graduates serve in the U.S. Navy or the U.S. Marine Corps**

**\*\*The Merchant Marine Academy has a close relationship with the U.S. Armed Forces, as noted on its website, but is not part of the Department of Defense**

**NOTE: The U.S. Coast Guard is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security; however, reports directly to the Department of the Navy only in wartime; in peacetime, it falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Homeland Security.**

***The Coast Guard Academy does not require a Congressional nomination.***