

**Service Academy Nomination Application**  
**CLASS OF 2030**

The deadline to submit a complete application is:  
**Friday, November 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. (MST)**

Contact Joshua Lyons in the Surprise District office at (623) 776-7911 or [joshua.lyons@mail.house.gov](mailto:joshua.lyons@mail.house.gov) to request a nomination packet, or with any questions regarding the application process. All submission requirements must be in PDF format and submitted electronically.

*Note: You should apply for a nomination to both of your U.S. Senators as well.  
Please contact each office to find out their academy nomination process.  
(All congressional offices have a different nomination process and deadline dates)*

Please address all information to:

Congressman Abraham J. Hamadeh  
Attn: Academy Nomination Packet  
Suite 104  
Surprise, AZ 85378  
Phone: (623) 776-7911  
Email: [joshua.lyons@mail.house.gov](mailto:joshua.lyons@mail.house.gov)

## U.S. Service Academy Nomination Checklist

### \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Statement of Purpose

*One page essay discussing in 500 words or less why you are interested in attending a U.S. Service Academy. (APA format, Arial, 12-point font)*

### \_\_\_\_\_ 2) High School and/or College Transcript

*Official Transcripts preferred; copy will be accepted if signed by school official.*

### \_\_\_\_\_ 3) SAT and/or ACT Test Scores

*A copy of SAT or ACT scores. Be sure that your official scores are sent to the academies you are applying to.*

### \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Three Letters of Recommendation

*Only three letters will be accepted; please do not send more than three. Suggested recommendations:*

- *Letter of recommendation 1 (Community - Leadership)*
- *Letter of recommendation 2 (Educator - Academic Merit)*
- *Letter of recommendation 3 (Candidates' choice - Character)*

### \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Resume

*One page that includes all clubs, athletics organizations, community service, academic awards, etc.*

### \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Photo

*Please include a recent 5x7-color photograph with your legal name on the back.*

### \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Written Essay

*An essay answering these 3 questions: (APA format, Arial, 12-point font)*

**1 - All commissioned officers serving in every branch take this oath of office below. Describe what this oath of office means to you, and how the oath represents a sacred pledge that aligns with America's founding principles of limited government and individual freedom.**

*"I, [name], do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."*

**2 - Military officers are entrusted with the distinguished honor and solemn responsibility of command. What is your command philosophy, and which core values have most influenced its development?**

**3 - What does patriotism mean to you, and how should it be demonstrated by those who serve in uniform?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **8) Leadership Essay**

*Choose a leader or public figure you find inspiring. Describe who this individual is, the qualities or actions that make them admirable in your eyes, and how those qualities influence your own approach to leadership and service. In your response, explain why their example resonates with you personally and how it reflects the values you hope to uphold as a future officer. (APA format, Arial, 12-point font)*



**List Academy Choices in Order of Preference**

*Do not list the Academies that you do not plan to apply to*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

*Academies which require nomination from a member of Congress:*

- U.S. Air Force Academy*
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy*
- U.S. Military Academy*
- U.S. Naval Academy.*

Please be sure you have opened a file at all the academies you would consider attending. Our office cannot submit a nomination to an academy if you have not started an application.

please indicate here if also seeking a nomination through the office(s) of:

Senator Gallego: \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Kelly: \_\_\_\_\_

**Minimum Qualifications for a Nomination**

- At least 17 but not yet 23 years old by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year to be admitted to the Academy. No older than 25 years old to enter the Merchant Marine Academy.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and legal Arizona resident when entering the Academy.
- Unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation for the support of a dependent.
- Minimum Sat or ACT scores that are determined by the perspective Military Academy to which you have applied.

Nominations to the service academies will be made on a fully competitive basis. The selection of these nominees will be determined by high school scholastic records, ACT/SAT test scores, letters of recommendations, essay submissions, and a personnel interview with our nominating committee.

Interviews will take place on Friday, December 5, 2025, at the Congressman’s Arizona District office. Qualified candidates selected for an interview will be notified as far as possible in advance of their interview times.

**Please Read Before Signing:**

I have read the information explaining the nominating procedure and am familiar with the requirements. I certify that I am a legal resident of the State of Arizona and a resident of Arizona’s 8th Congressional District. If I have not submitted all the necessary data by the November 21, 2025 deadline, I understand that I may not be given final consideration for a nomination.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_