

Service Academy Nomination Frequently Asked Questions

What materials/documents are required as part of my nomination application?

- Online Questionnaire
 - This is completed using the online portal and submitted electronically
- Two 300 word essays
 - Your essays must be a minimum of 300 words and will cut off at 500 words.
 - This is completed using the online portal and submitted with the questionnaire.
- Official High School Transcript and SAT/ACT Scores
 - See information below regarding exceptions we have made for transcript and SAT/ACT requirements for the Class of 2025
- 3 Signed Letters of Recommendation
 - Your letter must include the recommender's original signature. Signatures that are typed or any unsigned letters will not be accepted.
 - We require a minimum of three letters and will accept no more than five.
- Signed Certification
 - The certification is downloaded from the website, https://www.toomey.senate.gov/?p=service_academies.

What is the deadline for Senator Toomey's Class of 2025 application?

- Friday October 2, 2020

What are some of the important dates to keep in mind during the process?

- Our application is currently open
- The application deadline is Friday October 2, 2020. The academy portal will close after that date and no new applications or submissions will be accepted.
- Interview Dates – posted on the website.

How do I make changes to my application questionnaire after it is submitted?

Please send an email to academy@toomey.senate.gov or call the Allentown Office at 610-434-1444. We will unlock your questionnaire for you. Once unlocked, you will have 24 hours to make changes before your account will relock.

What do I do if my transcript does not have final junior year scores on it?

Normally your transcript must include final grades for your junior year. If your school's policy for the end of the 2020 school year was to issue a Pass/Fail grade, you will need submit an alternate transcript that provides the most recently available grades. This can be either your final sophomore transcript or a transcript from the first reporting period of your junior year.

I was scheduled to take the SAT/ACT but my test was cancelled because of COVID-19. What should I do about the SAT/ACT portion of my application?

Due to the lack of SAT and ACT testing opportunities, we will not require that you provide SAT and ACT scores prior to our application deadline. Your application can be considered complete without board scores – but you will have to submit scores prior to final consideration of your application. Reports can

be submitted by email to academy@toomey.senate.gov. If you have already taken the SAT or ACT, please send your scores to us. Additionally, if you have taken the PSAT, we ask that you submit those scores to our office with your application packet.

If the SAT and ACT scores are not required to be submitted by the deadline, why is it still on the checklist?

Our office will manually change the SAT/ACT score portion of your portal when your other application documents have been received.

How can I submit my SAT or ACT scores to Senator Toomey's office?

- You may request that College Board send your scores directly to our office by entering our score codes. Our SAT code is 2826 and our ACT code is 7175.
- A downloadable copy of your score report can be found on your College Board portal.
- SAT or ACT scores on your official transcript are acceptable.

How do I submit my application materials?

The application packet that includes your transcript and SAT scores (if available), three letters of recommendation, and the signed certification must be submitted to our office as one complete packet. You may submit this package of materials via email to academy@toomey.senate.gov or by mail to the Allentown Office located at 1150 S Cedar Crest Blvd, Suite 101, Allentown, PA 18103, Attn: Lindsey Weaver. Application materials submitted to other offices will not be accepted.

How will I know if my application materials have been received by the office?

The most up to date resource for checking the status of your application is the online portal. This information is updated regularly. Before calling our office to check your application status, please log in to your portal. All received materials will be marked "Complete" and will show a green check mark. If you need to take additional action, it will be marked as such.

I am applying to more than one service academy. May I apply for multiple nominations from Senator Toomey?

Our office considers students for one academy nomination. While you may apply to multiple academies, we will only consider a student for a nomination to one academy. We advise candidates to apply to all nomination sources. This includes your Member of Congress, Senator Casey, and the Vice President.

What recommendations do you have for students who want to attend a Service Academy?

We encourage students to review and familiarize themselves with the information provided on the academies' websites and schedule a visit to the academies they are interested in attending. Additionally, we recommend students seek leadership positions in extracurricular activities, take the recommended academic courses, and prepare themselves physically.

Does my academy application have to be complete in order to apply for a nomination?

No. We do ask that students have at least 50% of their academy application, including their Candidate Fitness Assessment, completed at the time of their nomination interview.

What are the different nomination sources?

You may apply for a nomination through your Member of Congress, both U.S. Senators for your state, and the Vice President. Applicants with parents who served as a career officer or enlisted personnel may also apply for a Presidential nomination. We recommend applying to all possible nomination sources. As each office facilitates their own application process, you will want to contact each office directly to learn about their requirements. Information on the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominations can be found at

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-trump-administration/academy-nominations/>. Information on these nominations can also be found on the academy websites. Please visit www.house.gov to obtain the contact information for your Member of Congress.

When will I be notified that I have an interview?

We will notify students of their interview date and time in late October. We interview all students who have completed the application process and who meet the minimum academic standards established by the Academies. Only a small percentage of applicants are not interviewed.

If I receive a nomination, am I guaranteed an appointment to the academy?

A nomination does not guarantee an appointment to a service academy. A nomination is one requirement for consideration for appointment. The final decision rests with the Academy.