

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.
<https://oampublic.senate.gov/constituent/login/e044d7c9-871b-4f25-89c4-a50cee24f098/>
- 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.
- Official High School Transcript
 - Official transcript must include your final junior year scores.
- SAT or ACT Scores
 - Scores posted on your transcript will be accepted.
 - A digital download of your score report from College Board can also be submitted.
 - A score report can be sent to our office directly from College Board using our office code. Our SAT code is 2826 and our ACT code is 7175
- 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 application?

- Friday October 8, 2021

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

- Our application is currently open
- The last SAT test before the deadline is August 28, 2021
- The last ACT test before the deadline is July 17, 2021
 - Please note that there is a SAT test scheduled for October 2, 2021 and an ACT test scheduled for September 11, 2021. The results from these tests may not be available before the application deadline. If you are taking the SAT or the ACT for the first time, it is recommended that you do not wait to take the September/October tests.
- The application deadline is Friday October 8, 2021.
- Interview dates will be available on the website by late spring or early summer.

How do I make changes to my application questionnaire once I have submitted it?

- Please send an email to academy@toomey.senate.gov or by calling 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.

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 office score codes. Our SAT code is 2826 and our ACT code is 7175.
- A downloadable copy of your score report is available on your College Board portal.
- SAT or ACT scores on your transcript are acceptable.

How do I submit my application materials?

The application packet that includes your transcript, SAT or ACT scores (unless you are having them sent to us by the testing agency), three letters of recommendation, and the signed certification must be submitted 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 any of our other offices will not be accepted.

How do I know if your office has received my application materials?

The best resource for checking the status of your application is the online portal. Information is updated regularly on the Checklist. 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 "Received, but Incomplete" with additional notes provided.

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 an applicant for one nomination. We advise candidates to apply to all nomination sources. This includes your Member of Congress, Senator Casey, and the Vice President.

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 or scheduled at the time of their interview.

I have not taken the SAT or ACT yet, but I am scheduled for the October test. Is this acceptable?

No, we need an SAT or ACT score on file by the deadline. We recommend students not wait until the last minute to take either the SAT or ACT.

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 Vice Presidential nominations can be found at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/service-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 excluded from the interview process. You will be notified accordingly.

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. Ultimately, the final decision rests with the Academy.

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

We encourage students to review and familiarize themselves with 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.