

## Military Academy Application and Nomination Process

Below you will find information to start your Military Academy application and information on the nomination process. All candidates applying for a nomination must meet the following requirements:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of the 37<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of California
- Be at least 17 years old and not yet 23 years of age on July 1 of the year of admission (25 years old for the Merchant Marine Academy)
- Be unmarried, not pregnant and have no legal obligation to support children or dependents
- Meet physical, security and character requirements

### Application Process:

**Step 1:** Complete a service academy candidate questionnaire to open your file for admission. Most academies open their applications to in May/June for admission in fall of the following year. To open a candidate file and obtain specific information on the academies, please contact the service academies directly:

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

Phone: (410) 293-4361  
Email: [webmail@usna.edu](mailto:webmail@usna.edu)  
Website: [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

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

Phone: (866) 546-4788  
Email: [admissions@usmma.edu](mailto:admissions@usmma.edu)  
Website: [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

#### **United States Military Academy**

Phone: (845) 938 – 4041  
Email: [admissions@usma.edu](mailto:admissions@usma.edu)  
Website: [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

#### **United States Air Force Academy**

Phone: (800) 443 – 9266  
Email: [rr\\_apps@usafa.edu](mailto:rr_apps@usafa.edu)  
Website: [www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu)

#### **United States Coast Guard (Nomination not required)**

Phone: (800) 883 - 8724  
Email: [admissions@uscga.edu](mailto:admissions@uscga.edu)  
Website: [www.uscga.edu](http://www.uscga.edu)

**Step 2:** Complete a Congressional nomination application

You can find an application form and information on the nomination process on my website at <https://kamlager-dove.house.gov/>. Please note that a completed application and all accompanying documents must be emailed to [CA37.Nominations@mail.house.gov](mailto:CA37.Nominations@mail.house.gov) by November 11, 2023 (Veterans Day).

A completed nomination application to Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove's office includes:

- Personal information completed on the nomination application form
- Personal Statement (500 words)
- High school transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation (one academic required)

### Nomination Selection Process:

The selection process includes an interview with a panel of former military veterans and review of your completed application, essay, academic records, letters of recommendation, community involvement, character, and leadership experience. Nominations will be made on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Please note that a congressional nomination is not a guarantee of admission. The final decision will be made by the academy itself following a "whole person" evaluation that considers a candidate's character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, and motivations.

**Service Requirement:** The acceptance of an appointment to a service academy commits a candidate to five years of active-duty service as an officer after graduation.