

Dear Service Academy Candidate,

I'm privileged to nominate outstanding young residents of Pennsylvania's 4th Congressional District to the United States Service Academies. First and foremost, thank you for your courage and fortitude in even considering this process! You're embarking upon an honorable adventure, and please be proud of yourself for your interest in serving our Nation.

Each of the Service Academies, except the Coast Guard's, requires a Congressional Nomination for admission. If you'd like to be considered for a Nomination, please complete this application packet. Due to the large number of applicants, **all application materials must be submitted to our office by close of business (5pm), October 2, 2017.**

Throughout the fall, I charge our 4th District Service Academy Nomination Board with helping me interview and select the top candidates. The Board is comprised of active and retired Service Members who feel as strongly as I about this process.

Please know that an application for *Nomination* and application for *Appointment* are two different processes required for admission to a Service Academy. You must visit each Academy's website to start your Appointment application.

The application process to a Service Academy is lengthy and detailed: **PLEASE DO NOT DELAY.**

To reiterate, please remember that a Congressional Nomination does not guarantee your appointment to an Academy. The final decision for Appointments is made by the individual Academy.

If you have questions throughout this process, please contact our York office (717-600-1919) for assistance; we're happy to help you. Again, thank you for your interest in serving our Country. I truly wish you well in this honorable endeavor.

Very Respectfully,



SCOTT PERRY
Member of Congress
4th District, Pennsylvania

Tips for Success

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

1. Contact Each Academy Early: to complete its pre-candidate questionnaire. Before your interview, you must have applied to each Academy for which you wish to be considered. If you initially qualify, the Academy (ies) will send you application materials. Academies begin to evaluate applications in early September of the senior year of high school.

2. Know the Academies: Spend some time familiarizing yourself with the history of each Academy; i.e., purpose, lifestyles, opportunities, and Honor Codes. If possible, set up a personal tour by contacting the admissions office or by taking a virtual tour. Academy summer programs also are a great opportunity available to high school students.

3. SAT/ACT: We strongly encourage you to start taking these tests as early as possible, which gives you time to retake them if necessary to raise your scores – which is a primary method for Academies to evaluate candidates. For more information:

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

ACT: www.actstudent.org

www.March2Success.com is a free ACT/SAT prep tool provided by the Army and available to all students regardless of their interest in the military.

4. Meet All Application Deadlines: Due to the large number of applicants, ensure your applications are completed by the due dates. Deadlines for Nomination applications, Academy applications and ROTC applications are earlier than most other college admission programs, so start the process early.

5. Seek Nominations from More Than One Source: Due to the competitive nature of the Nomination and Appointment process, seek as many Nominations as possible. Be sure also to contact both Pennsylvania Senators and the Vice President of the United States. Presidential and ROTC Nominations have special application requirements and restrictions, so visit each Academy's website for details.

Hon. Mike Pence

Vice President of the United States

Note: Application must be completed online:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-pence/academy-nominations>

Hon. Patrick Toomey

U.S. Senate

1150 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. / Suite 101

Allentown, PA 18103

(610) 434-1444

Hon. Robert Casey

U.S. Senate

22 S. Third Street, Suite 6A

Harrisburg, PA 17101

(717) 231-7540

6. Practice Your Interview Skills: Take some time with a parent, teacher, employer or mentor; have them ask you questions and evaluate your demeanor during some practice interviews. A few practices go a long way in helping you feel more at ease, confident and able to communicate more clearly to the U.S. Service Academy Nomination Boards.

7. Letters of Recommendation: A good letter of recommendation is from a person with whom you have a professional relationship, and is able to comment on your leadership potential, adaptability to pressure, and your ability to work in a team environment, as well as your present leadership experience, activities, athleticism, extracurricular activity, etc. Much more important than WHO you choose to write your letter is what that person is able to write ABOUT you, rather than choosing someone based solely upon their social standing, position, and/or title. Bottom line: pick someone familiar with you who can cite specific examples about you.

8. Academy Night: Each year I host a 4th Congressional District US Service Academy Night. We invite representatives from each of the Academies and ROTC programs to meet with interested candidates from across the District. This year's events follow:

Tuesday, APRIL 11, 2017
6-8:00 PM
Central York High School
601 Mundis Mill Road
York, PA 17406

and/or

Wednesday, APRIL 12, 2017
6-8:00 PM
Cedar Cliff High School
1301 Carlisle Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

9. DON'T GIVE UP! If your goal is to become an Officer in the United States Armed Forces, don't give up if you're not selected for an appointment to a Service Academy; approximately 25% of the cadets who enter each Academy class weren't accepted upon their first attempt. Improve your chances by continuing to improve your SAT / ACT scores, preparing yourself physically for the Candidate Fitness Assessment and taking advantage of any leadership opportunities/activities to broaden your "resume."

Make sure you take a look at the outstanding ROTC scholarship programs for each of the services. These are exceptional and very competitive programs as well:

U.S. Army ROTC
(888) 944-ARMY
www.goarmy.com/rotc/

U.S. Navy ROTC
(800) NAV-ROTC
www.nrotc.navy.mil

U.S. Air Force ROTC
(866) 4-AFROTC
www.afrotc.com

Instructions for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

For your nomination application to be complete, you must send items 1 - 5 to the York County District Office (address below) **by close of business (5:00pm) October 2, 2017:**

- 1. COMPLETE Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination:** Type your answers on the downloadable application. You won't be able to save your work unless you have Adobe Acrobat. For the essay questions, please limit your responses to 400 words.
- 2. PHOTO (Wallet-sized and current/within the year)**
- 3. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION — Three (3):** You may select a teacher, principal, employer, member of clergy, coach or scout leader to write a letter of recommendation/observation. Choosing someone who knows you well and has observed you succeed in a leadership position, classroom setting, character building situation or work environment *is critical*. Don't ask someone based upon title or social status, but who can attest to your character and accomplishments. Attached is a U.S. Service Academy Recommendation Letter, of which you can make copies to distribute.
- 4. OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:** must show class rank at the end of your junior year
- 5. SAT and/or ACT SCORES:** If these aren't included on your official transcript, you must include an official copy with your application. If you wish to designate our office to receive your scores directly, please enter the following reporting codes on your test forms:

SAT 2492

ACT 7653

- 6. COMPLETE FORM Update for U.S. Service Academy Nomination:** Due **1 NOVEMBER 2017**, to our York District Office.

<p style="text-align: center;">Application Deadline October 2, 2017 <i>To be considered for nominations for the class entering in 2018, your completed application must be in received by 5 pm, October 2, 2017 (NO EXCEPTION)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Congressman Scott Perry ATTN: U.S. Service Academy Nominations 2209 East Market Street York, PA 17402</p>

INTERVIEW: In mid-October, candidates with fully-completed nomination applications will be scheduled a 30 minute interview with our Academy Nomination Board. REMEMBER: *only candidates with completed nomination applications are scheduled for an interview*. Please call our York Office (717-600-1919) with any questions about your application. We're happy to help you through this process.

Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Full Legal Name (Last, First, Middle)

Nickname

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Birthdate _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

EDUCATION

List high schools, prep schools and colleges you have attended or are now attending.

School Currently Attending

Graduation Date

Telephone Number

Class Rank: _____ of _____ GPA: _____

High School (if currently attending prep/college)

Graduation Date

Telephone Number

Class Rank: _____ of _____ GPA: _____

LEGAL RESIDENCE or HOME OF RECORD

If address listed is NOT legal residence or HOR, please provide below:

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS

Provide the highest score you received in each of the (individual sections of the tests
Individual section scores may come from multiple tests).

Highest Individual SAT Scores		
Verbal	Math	Written

Highest ACT Score
Composite

Yes No

Are you scheduled to retake either the SAT or ACT?

Do you plan to retake the SAT or ACT?

FAMILY MEMBER MILITARY SERVICE HISTORY

Do you have immediate Family currently serving / previously served in the Armed Forces? If yes, please specify relation & service branch:

ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Rank Order (1-highest) **the Academy (ies) to which you seek an Appointment.** Due to the competitive nature of the nomination process, you may receive a nomination to the Academy of your second, third or fourth choice.

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

** The U.S. Coast Guard Academy requires no nomination for entry; however, please include in your ranking if you're interested in an appointment.*

NOMINATION SOURCES

Please indicate the following additional nomination sources to which you have applied/are applying. You should apply to all sources for which you are eligible.

- President Donald J. Trump*
- Vice President Mike Pence
- Senator Patrick Toomey
- Senator Robert Casey
- JROTC*

**Restrictions. Please visit the Academy's website for information concerning Presidential and JROTC nominations.*

NOMINATION QUESTIONNAIRE

- | Yes | No | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a Citizen of the United States? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a legal resident of the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is one of your parents a legal resident of the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you previously applied for a U.S. Service Academy Nomination? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are any of your relatives characterized as Missing in Action (MIA), Prisoner of War (POW) or Killed in Action (KIA)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did someone in your family attend a Service Academy? If so, who/which Academy? _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a recruited athlete at a U.S. Service Academy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you ever been cited, arrested, convicted or fined for any violation of any law/ordinance? If so, please provide details (including date of offense) on a separate sheet of paper. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are/were you a member of ROTC or JROTC? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you attend a summer program at a Service Academy? If so, which one? _____ |

ESSAY QUESTION

Please answer the following in **400 words or less**, using Arial font size 12 (use separate sheet if necessary).

Why do you wish to attend a U.S. Service Academy?

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS & MARCHING BAND

If you were a team captain, indicate number of years (1, 2, etc.); may use separate sheet of paper.

Sport/Band	Participating Years				# of Varsity Letters	Captain	Awards
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.			

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

If you were a team captain, indicate number of years (1, 2, etc.); may use separate sheet of paper.

Sport	Participating Years				Captain	Awards
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.		

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

May use separate sheet of paper.

Employer	From (MM/YY)	To (MM/YY)	Hours/Week	Responsibilities

CANDIDATE SNAPSHOT

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PHOTO

Please include this page in your initial application.

NAME:

AGE: _____

HEIGHT: _____ ft. _____ in.

WEIGHT: _____ lbs.

High School

GPA: _____ **RANK:** _____ of _____ students

SAT: _____ **ACT:** _____

College/University

GPA: _____ **RANK:** _____

RANK / Preference (1: highest)

- _____ US Military Academy
- _____ US Naval Academy
- _____ US Air Force Academy
- _____ US Merchant Marine Academy
- _____ US Coast Guard Academy

Date: _____

U.S. Service Academy Letter of Recommendation

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

Recommended for a teacher, principal, employer, minister/priest, scout leader or coach.

Name of Applicant (Last First Middle)

The above named person is applying for a nomination from Congressman Scott Perry to one or more of the U.S. Service Academies. As a requirement of the nomination process, s/he has asked you to write a Letter of Recommendation.

The U.S. Service Academies provide a college education leading to a career as an officer in the Armed Forces of the United States. While at an Academy, the applicant will accomplish a highly demanding academic, athletic and military curriculum that provides little opportunity for free time. Cadets and Midshipmen are required to live under an Honor Code that tolerates no lying, cheating or stealing; individuals who violate the Honor Code very often are dismissed. An appointment to a U.S. Service Academy is equivalent to a 4-year scholarship valued at over a half million dollars.

We are looking for candidates of the highest moral character, who have demonstrated strong leadership ability and who readily accept and embrace challenges both academically and physically. As you write your letter, remember the purpose of the Academies is to develop future U.S. Military leaders. We have reviewed the applicant's academic and athletic achievements and are looking for specific examples of leadership and moral character.

Please describe one or two specific examples of the applicant's demonstrated leadership skills or when/how s/he faced a challenging situation that epitomized his/her character. To assist you in identifying examples of leadership and character, some attributes are listed below:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Adaptability
- Teamwork
- Competitive nature
- Initiative
- Respect for authority and difference of opinion
- Sensitivity for others
- Ability to accept criticism

Address the letter to "Congressman Perry"

- Include your name, address and phone number
- State your relationship to the applicant
- State how you know the applicant and for how long

DEADLINE:
October 2, 2017

*Your letter **must be received by 5:00pm on this date (no exceptions).***

Please send to/drop off at:
Congressman Scott Perry
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy
Nominations
2209 East Market Street
York, PA 17402

Your recommendation will help us select the best possible candidates from the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Your help is valued and appreciated.

Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

STOP!

Complete this page with the most current information immediately prior to your scheduled interview; bring it, with any additional material and supporting documentation, to your interview. Additional information/changes not specifically requested below may be annotated on the back of this page.

NAME _____

NOMINATION APPLICATION STATUS

Under "Status," annotate: **Did Not Apply / Ineligible / Incomplete / Complete**

	STATUS
President Donald J. Trump*	
Vice President Mike Pence	
Senator Pat Toomey	
Senator Bob Casey	
JROTC*	

*Application restrictions apply

ACADEMY APPLICATION STATUS

Under "Status," indicate: **Not Interested / Not Started / Incomplete / Complete**

	STATUS
U.S. Military Academy	
U.S. Naval Academy	
U.S. Air Force Academy	
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	
U.S. Coast Guard Academy	

ROTC APPLICATION STATUS

Under "Status", indicate: **Not Interested / Not Started / Incomplete / Complete**

	STATUS
U.S. Army ROTC	
U.S. Naval ROTC (Marine Opt)	
U.S. Naval ROTC	
U.S. Air Force ROTC	

COLLEGE BOARD TEST UPDATE

SAT _____ ACT _____

_____ I'm scheduled to take the SAT/ACT again (circle one)

_____ I'm not taking the SAT/ACT again (circle one)

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