

Dear Service Academy Candidate,

I'm privileged to nominate outstanding young residents of Pennsylvania's 4th Congressional District to the United States Service Academies. Each Member of each chamber of Congress, as well as the Vice President, is allowed five appointees to each U.S. Service Academy per year. For each of those five vacancies, I'm permitted to nominate no more than ten students.

Each of the U.S. Service Academies, except the Coast Guard Academy, 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 my office by **close of business October 1, 2016.**

Throughout the Fall, I charge my 5-Member Academy Nomination board with helping me interview top candidates. This Board is comprised of active and retired Service Members who feel as strongly about the importance of this process as I do.

Please know that an application for a Nomination and application for an Appointment are two different processes that are 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: **DO NOT DELAY.**

To reiterate, please remember that receiving 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 the Nomination process, please feel contact my York office (717-600-1919) for assistance. I thank and commend you for your interest in serving our Country and wish you well in this honorable endeavor.

Very Respectfully,

SCOTT PERRY
Member of Congress
4th District, Pennsylvania

Tips for Success

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1. Contact Each Academy Early: Contact each Academy in which you're interested through their web-site(s) as soon as possible to complete their 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. Each Academy begins 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—lifestyles, opportunities, purpose and Honor Codes. If possible, set up a personal tour by contacting the admissions office or by taking a virtual tour on each website. Academy summer programs are also a great opportunity available to high school students.

3. Take SAT/ACT Early: We strongly encourage you to start taking these tests in the spring of your Junior year. If necessary, re-take them to try to raise your scores; the Academies use test scores as a primary method of evaluating candidates. For more information concerning SAT/ACT tests and schedules, visit:

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

ACT: www.actstudent.org

The website 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.

Vice President Joseph Biden

The White House
Washington, DC 20501

Senator Patrick Toomey

1150 S. Cedar Crest Blvd
Suite 101
Allentown, PA 18103
(610) 434-1444

Senator Robert Casey

22 S. Third Street, Suite 6A
Harrisburg, PA 17101
(717) 231-7540

6. Practice Your Interview Skills: Most applicants have had little to no practice in interviewing for a job or position, so take some time to sit down with a parent, teacher, employer or mentor and have them ask you questions and evaluate your demeanor during the interview. A few practice interviews go a long way in helping you feel more at ease and communicate more clearly to the U.S. Service Academy Nomination Boards.

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7. Request Letters of Recommendation: A good letter of recommendation should be from a person with whom you have a professional relationship. This person must be able to write about observed leadership skills, describe your adaptability to pressure situations, and discuss your ability to work with others in a team environment, as well as your leadership ability, activity involvement, etc. Remember: much more important than WHO you choose to write your letter is what that person is able to write ABOUT you—your abilities, strengths, and potential to succeed—rather than choosing someone based solely upon their social standing, position, and/or title. Bottom line: the writer should be someone familiar with you and can cite specific examples of your abilities.

8. Join Me at 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:

Monday, APRIL 25, 2016

7-9:00 PM

Dallastown Area High School
700 New School Lane

and/or

Thursday, MAY 19, 2016

6-8:00 PM

Upper Allen Township Building
100 Gettysburg Pike
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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.

Also, take a look at the ROTC scholarship programs for each of the services. Links to these programs follow:

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 (see box below for address) **by close of business October 1, 2016:**

☐ **1) Complete Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination**

Type or neatly print your answers on the downloadable application. You will not be able to save your work unless you have Adobe Acrobat. For the essay questions, please limit your responses to 400 words.

☐ **2) Recent (within the year), wallet-sized photograph**

☐ **3) Three letters of recommendation**

You may select either 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, which you can make copies/hand out.

☐ **4) Official copy of high school transcript—must show class rank at the end of your junior year**

5) Official SAT and/or ACT Scores

☐ If your scores aren't included on your official transcript, you must include an official copy with your application. If you wish to designate my office to receive your scores directly, please enter the following reporting codes on your test forms:

SAT 2492

ACT 7653

6) Complete the Update for U.S. Service Academy Nomination Form

☐ Bring with you for your Nomination Interview; it need not be updated by the 1 OCT deadline.

In mid-October, candidates with fully-completed nomination applications will be contacted to schedule a 30-minute interview with my U.S. Service Academy Nomination Board. Remember, only candidates with completed nomination applications will be scheduled for an interview—**WITHOUT EXCEPTION.**

Please call our York County District Office (717-600-1919) with any questions about your application. We're happy to help you through this process.

Application Deadline

October 1, 2016

To be considered for nominations for the class entering 2017, your complete application must be received at the following address by October 1, 2016 (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Congressman Scott Perry
ATTN: U.S. Service Academy Nominations
York County District Office
2209 East Market Street
York, PA 17402

Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name (Last, First, Middle)

Nickname

Social Security Number

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy) Age Height Weight

Home Address

City State Zip Code

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

How many times have you taken the SAT? _____

How many times have you taken the ACT? _____

Yes No

☐ ☐ Are you scheduled to retake either the SAT or ACT?

☐ ☐ Do you plan to retake the SAT or ACT?

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FATHER/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name

Address (or write "same as mine")

City

State

Zip Code

Military Service History

eg. 1990-2010

Branch of Service

Years of Service

Current Status (Active, Retired, Separated)

MOTHER/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name

Address (or write "same as mine")

City

State

Zip Code

Military Service History

eg. 1990-2010

Branch of Service

Years of Service

Current Status (Active, Retired, Separated)

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER MILITARY SERVICE HISTORY

Do you have other family members currently serving in the military or veterans of the armed forces?

Name	Relation	Service Branch	Years of Service

ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Indicate your preference in numerical order (1-highest). **Only designate the Academy(ies) where you intend to 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. We highly recommend that you apply for all sources for which you are eligible.

- ____ President Barack Obama*
- ____ Vice President Joseph Biden
- ____ Senator Patrick Toomey
- ____ Senator Robert Casey
- ____ JROTC*

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

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NOMINATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Yes No

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| ☐ | ☐ | Are you a Citizen of the United States? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Are you a legal resident of the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Is one of your parents a legal resident of the 4th Congressional District of Pennsylvania? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Have you previously applied for a U.S. Service Academy Nomination? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Are any of your relatives a Disabled Veteran, Missing in Action (MIA) or Killed in Action (KIA)? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Did someone in your family attend a Service Academy? If so, who/which Academy? _____ |
| ☐ | ☐ | Have you personally talked to anyone who attended a Service Academy? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Are you a recruited athlete at a U.S. Service Academy? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Have you ever been cited, arrested, convicted or fined for any violation of any law/ordinance? If so, please provide details to include date of offense on a separate sheet of paper. |
| ☐ | ☐ | Are you a member of either ROTC or JROTC? |
| ☐ | ☐ | Did you attend a summer program at a Service Academy? If so, which one? _____ |
| ☐ | ☐ | Did you attend Congressman Perry's Academy Night? If so, how did you hear about it? _____ |

ESSAY QUESTIONS

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

Why is attending a U.S. Service Academy important to you?

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INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS & MARCHING BAND

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

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

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

If needed, include separate sheet of paper

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

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CLUBS, ACTIVITIES & JROTC

Include whether you were officer/leader of organization/activity. If needed, include separate sheet of paper.

Name	Participating Years				Officer	Responsibilities/Positions Held
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.		

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Include whether you were an officer or leader of the organization/activity. If needed, include separate sheet of paper.

Organization	# of Years	Hours/Week	Responsibilities

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SPECIAL AWARDS/HONORS

Please provide quantifying information; i.e., "1 out of 20", "top 3%", etc. May include separate sheet of paper.

Name of Award/Honor	Year(s) Received				Description
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.	

OTHER INFORMATION

List any additional information you'd like us to know.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

The information provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am a U.S. Citizen or will be by July 1, 2016. I am at least 17 but not 23 years of age on July 1, 2016. I am unmarried. I am not pregnant. I have no child support obligation. I am a legal resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Signature _____

_____ Date

Name: _____

Rank:

_____ **Military Academy**

_____ **Naval Academy**

_____ **Air Force Academy**

_____ **Merchant Marine Academy**

_____ **Coast Guard Academy**

SAT

ACT

Reading

Comp

Math

Writing

Total

School: _____

GPA: 3.0

Rank: 100/200

School: _____

GPA: 3.0

Rank: 100/200

Expected Date of Graduation:

Age: _____

PHOTO

**Please include this
page in your
initial application.**

U.S. Service Academy Letter of Recommendation/Observation

Congressman Scott Perry (PA-04)

Give to 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 for the nomination process, s/he has asked you to write a Letter of Recommendation/Observation.

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 does not tolerate lying, stealing or cheating; individuals who violate the Honor Code very often are dismissed from the Academies. An appointment to a U.S. Service Academy is equivalent to a 4-year scholarship valued at approximately \$425,000.

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 U.S. Service 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 morale character one expects of a U.S. Military Officer.

Please describe one or two specific examples of when the applicant demonstrated leadership skills or faced a challenging situation that epitomized the applicant's 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

Also, please include the following information in your letter:

- Address the letter to "Congressman Perry"
- Include your name, address and phone number
- State your relationship to the applicant
- State when/where you've observed the applicant
- Include how long you've known the applicant

DEADLINE:

October 1, 2016

To be considered for a nomination for the class entering 2017, your letter of recommendation **MUST BE RECEIVED** at the following address by October 1, 2016. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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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.

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STOP!

Complete this page with the most current information immediately prior to your scheduled interview.

Bring this page, with any additional material and supporting documentation, to the interview.

Additional information/changes not specifically requested below may be annotated on the back of this page.

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Nickname

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