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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT APPLYING FOR A CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

Q: When is the deadline?

A: Applications must be received in Congressman Gomez's district office in Los Angeles **on or before November 24th, 2020**, for those wishing to attend an Academy in the fall of 2021.

The application can be found at <https://gomez.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>

Q: What are the Academies and what are their Web addresses?

A: The Academies that you can apply to are:

1. [U.S. Military Academy \(USMA\) at West Point](#)
2. [U.S. Air Force Academy \(USAFA\)](#)
3. [U.S. Naval Academy \(USNA\)](#)
4. [U.S. Merchant Marine Academy \(USMMA\)](#)

Q: What is the criteria?

A: Applicants must be:

- Must be at least 17 years old, but not have passed their 23rd birthday (25th birthday for the Merchant Marine Academy);
- Must be a U.S. Citizen and legal resident of California;
- Must be unmarried;

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- Must not be pregnant and have no legal obligation to provide financial support for children or other dependents;
- Must be qualified to commit to a minimum of five years of active duty service upon graduation from an Academy

Q: What do I have to do to be considered for a nomination?

A: In order to be considered for a nomination, you must complete an application and include the following:

1. The application can be downloaded from our website by going to <http://gomez.house.gov>
2. **High School and/or College Transcripts:** Applicants must provide a current official transcript from the last high school attended and all college course work completed at the college/university. ***Please send to the district office in a sealed envelope.***
3. **SAT/ACT scores:** Please make sure that your test scores are sent to Congressman Gomez's district office. To have scores sent directly to Congressman Gomez's office, use **SAT Code 0178. If taking the ACT, use Code 7273.** The exams may be taken as many times as desired. Only the best scores will be considered. For more information on the exams and the dates of when they will be offered, consult your high school guidance counselor.
4. **Three letters of reference:** Three supporting letters of reference ***must*** be from adults outside your immediate family, and at least one must be from a representative of the last educational institution attended, preferably from a math or science instructor.

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5. **Essays:** A one page essay describing why you would like to attend a Service Academy.
6. **A recent small photograph of yourself:** If you wish, you may include a head shot photograph with your application. *This is optional and entirely at your discretion.*

Q: When will the Interviews occur?

A: Applicant interviews will be scheduled in December 2020 or early January 2021. Upon completion of your file, you will be notified of an interview date and time.

Q: How are the nominations and appointments graded?

A: Nominations will be given using the competitive method, with all nominees submitted unranked to the Academy. The Academy will contact the candidates, evaluate each applicant and extend the final offer of appointment. This will allow equal opportunity for all nominees. If nominated, you will be notified no later than February 1. If offered an appointment, you will receive notification by May 1 from the Academy. If not selected, you may apply in the fall of 2021.

Q: What if I have more questions or need more information?

A: If you have more questions, please contact Roberto Gama at (213) 481-1425, or email her at Roberto.Gama@mail.house.gov.

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