



Dr. Michael C. Burgess

United States Congressman

Representing Texas' 26th Congressional District

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

One of the privileges of serving in the United States House of Representatives is the opportunity to nominate outstanding young people from the 26th Congressional District to be considered for appointment to our nation's service academies. Admission to a service academy is a two-tiered process. First, the candidate must meet the minimum admission standards set by the individual academy. These standards include, among others, medical, physical and scholastic qualifications. The second tier is obtaining a nomination from an official source. An individual must meet the admission requirements of the academy, as well as, receive a nomination in order to be considered for appointment to the academies. It is best to apply for nominations at least one year prior to the desired date of entry. The nomination and admission process is fully explained in each academy catalog and web page, as well as, in my nomination application packet.

Acceptance to a service academy requires a nomination from an official source: one of the applicant's U.S. Senators (Senator John Cornyn: www.cornyn.senate.gov), Senator Ted Cruz: www.cruz.senate.gov), his/her U.S. Representative (U.S. Congressman Michael Burgess: <http://burgess.house.gov>), or the Vice President of the United States (Vice President Mike Pence: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-pence/academy-nominations>). Children of career and/or retired military personnel may also seek a nomination through the Office of the President of the United States (see academy websites for more details). Applicants should pursue all of these avenues to increase their chances of securing a nomination.

Beginning in April of an applicant's junior year in high school, **a student may request a nomination application packet** from my Lake Dallas District Office *via email to* robin.vaughan@mail.house.gov. **Include your name, home address, cell & home phone(s), school attending and graduation date.** For more information, please visit my website at <http://burgess.house.gov>.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW

FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE CLASS OF 2025 (entering Summer 2021)

- **April 17-September 30, 2020:** Students should send an email to my district office to request an application for a nomination to a service academy.
- **October 13, 2020:** Completed application packets must be mailed (postmarked) to my Lake Dallas office.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Robin Vaughan, Deputy District Director
District Office of U.S. Congressman Michael C. Burgess
2000 South Stemmons Freeway, Suite 200
Lake Dallas, Texas 75065.

Email: robin.vaughan@mail.house.gov or Phone: 940-497-5031

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Service Academy Applicants must be:

- U.S. Citizens
- Legal Residents of the 26th Congressional District of Texas
- At least 17 years of age, but must not have passed your 23rd birthday (USMMA-25th birthday) before July 1 in the year of admission
- Unmarried with no dependents
- By law, graduates of the service academies are appointed to active duty as commissioned officers and serve in the appropriate branch of the military for a minimum of five years.

Please be sure to contact the service academy of your preference directly to establish a pre-candidate file. Candidates are evaluated for admission on the basis of academic performance (high school record and SAT or ACT scores), demonstrated leadership potential, physical aptitude, and medical qualification. Each service academy will be able to answer specific questions and schedule individual medical examinations. Due to the rigorous physical program at the academies, all candidates must meet their specific medical and physical requirements. (Such examinations are separate from my nomination process and are required prior to receiving an appointment to a service academy.)

My nomination functions as a recommendation to the academies, and it is my responsibility to nominate highly qualified and committed candidates to each academy. Assisting me in the process of selecting individuals to receive a nomination will be my Service Academy Advisory Board. The Board will meet in early November to perform an objective, merit-based review of the applicants' files and conduct personal interviews. Qualified applicants will be notified of their interview appointment date, time and place. My nominees will be presented to the academies in January for appointment consideration. Congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance to the academies; ultimate selection of appointees rests solely with academy officials and is based on their competitive evaluation of all nominees.

To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly at:

**U.S. Military Academy
(Army) USMA Admissions**
606 Thayer Road
West Point, New York
10996-1797
Ph: 800/822-2769
www.usma.edu

**U.S. Merchant Marine
Academy**
USMMA Admissions
Kings Point, New York
11024-1699
Ph: 800/732-6267
www.usmma.edu

For admission to the United States Coast Guard Academy, congressional nominations are no longer required or submitted. Therefore, if you are interested in attending the USCGA, contact them directly:

U.S. Naval Academy
USNA Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, Maryland
21402-5018
Ph: 800/822-2769
www.usna.edu

U.S. Air Force Academy
USafa Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, Colorado
80840-5651
Ph: 800/443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Coast Guard Academy
USCGA Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
Ph: 203/444-8501
www.uscga.edu