



SERVICE ACADEMY CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION



Application Packet 2026-2027



Application Procedure for Service Academies

Note to Applicant: You are being considered for a nomination to one or more of the service academies. You will not be considered for an academy which you have not designated as your choice on the application form. However, you must satisfy the criteria listed under “Minimum Requirements” for each selected academy in order to receive an interview.

1. Application Form – Complete the online application form. Additionally, fill out pages 4 - 6 of this PDF, and include your resume and/or curriculum vitae, a personal statement not to exceed 700 words, and a recent, professional headshot on a neutral background.

2. Letters of Recommendation – Ask your high school counselor or principal to complete one letter of recommendation, and choose two others to complete letters of recommendation, such as a teacher, coach, employer, or someone who knows you well that is not a family member. Recommenders must each complete the recommendation form attached to this packet and additionally affix their letter of recommendation to the recommendation form. Have them return both to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal.

3. Transcripts – Ask your counselor or principal to mail or email our District Office a copy of your transcript and make sure it includes your course listing, grades, current weighted and unweighted G.P.A., and class percentile or rank. The transcript should be mailed directly to our office from your school. If email is preferred, have them email it to FL27.ACADEMY@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV.

4. Standardized Test Results – To have scores forwarded to our office directly from the testing centers, please use the following codes:

SAT: 7341 – ACT: 7347

Many transcripts will not include copies of your SAT or ACT scores. If your transcript does, this is sufficient and you need not send in separate score results, unless you have updated scores. Otherwise, please make sure to send our office copies of your scores through the SAT and ACT websites. No scores will be accepted after **November 20, 2026**.

5. Deadline – All required materials listed above must be submitted together, in a single envelope clearly labeled with the applicant's name, either by mail or in person, to the District Office by the deadline, **November 20, 2026**. The mailing address is:

**FL-27 District Office
ATTN: Reidel Nabut
5725 SW 8th St, Suite 200,
Miami, FL 33144**

6. Interview – Interviews will be held Dec. 2 – Dec. 11, 2026, at the District Office. Qualified candidates will be contacted to schedule a thirty-minute interview. If you are unable to attend a scheduled interview, you must send a written request to change the date.

Application Timeline

April – November 2026

Complete Packet

Candidates must complete application packets and return them to Congresswoman Salazar's District Office.

October 2026

Location: TBA

Academy Recruitment Day

Information session with all five military academy branches on the application process and the value of attending a U.S. Military Academy.

**November 20, 2026
5:00 PM**

Deadline

All required information for a completed application packet must be received by this date. *Please make sure to include sufficient postage.*

Dec. 2, 2026 – Dec. 11, 2026

Interviews

Qualified candidates will be invited to interview for approximately 30 minutes by Congresswoman Salazar's staff. Interviews will be held at the District Office.

Jan. 1 - Jan. 31, 2027

Nominations

Congresswoman Salazar will submit nominations to the academies and notify all interviewed candidates of nomination status.

Early- to Mid-2027

Appointment

Although some appointments are offered beyond May, the academies will make most appointments starting in January and continuing until April 2026. Appointments must be accepted by May 1.

July 2027

Report to the Academy

Appointed cadets are due at the U.S. service academies.

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For which academies are you interested in seeking a nomination?

Number your preferences 1-4, with 1 being your highest preference.

Academy Name	Application Status	
____ U.S. Air Force Academy	☐ Submitted	☐ In-Process
____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	☐ Submitted	☐ In-Process
____ U.S. Military Academy	☐ Submitted	☐ In-Process
____ U.S. Naval Academy	☐ Submitted	☐ In-Process

I. Applicant Information

Full Name (First, MI, Last): _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Citizenship Status: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

II. Education Information

High School: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

GPA (*unweighted*): _____ GPA (*weighted*): _____ Percentile/Rank: _____

Expected Graduation Year: _____ Class Size: _____

School Counselor Name: _____ Phone: _____

School Counselor Email: _____

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III. Test Scores

SAT: _____ *Reading/Writing*: _____ *Math*: _____ *Essay*: _____

ACT: _____ *Math*: _____ *Science*: _____ *English*: _____ *Reading*: _____ *Writing*: _____

AP/IB Exam:	Score	AP/IB Exam:	Score
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

IV. Leadership Qualities and Activities

Please check all applicable.

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| ☐ Boys'/Girls' State or Nation
☐ Eagle Scout
☐ Boy Scout/Girl Scout
☐ Key Club/Interact
☐ National Honor Society
☐ Officer of Class/Student Council
☐ Officer of School Club
☐ Academic Honors Club
☐ School Band/Chorus
☐ School Newspaper/Yearbook Editor
☐ Jr. ROTC Officer
☐ Debate Club
☐ Language | ☐ Church Membership
☐ Football _____ years
☐ Baseball/Softball _____ years
☐ Basketball _____ years
☐ Swimming _____ years
☐ Track/Cross Country _____ years
☐ Volleyball _____ years
☐ Wrestling _____ years
☐ Other Sport _____ years
☐ Civil Air Patrol & Navy Sea Cadets
_____ Hours worked per week (after school)
_____ Hours worked per week (summer) |
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V. Additional Activities

Please list any additional activities, volunteerism, and/or work experience that you feel would best complete your application in the box below:

VI. Required Documents

Please attach the following to your application:

- ☐ Professional Headshot (recent, neutral background)
- ☐ Résumé and/or Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Personal Statement (700 words, single-spaced)

VII. Citizenship

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, do you expect to become this year? _____

VIII. Certification and Signature

By signing below, you affirm that the information provided in this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. You additionally certify that failure to submit any required materials may jeopardize your application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Print Name



Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar Service Academy Nomination

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Online Application Form: salazar.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations
- ☐ [Paper Form \(Page 4-6 of PDF\)](#)
- ☐ [Résumé and/or Curriculum Vitae](#)
- ☐ [Personal Statement \(No more than 700 words\)](#)
- ☐ [Recent Professional Headshot](#)
- ☐ ACT and SAT Scores (From transcripts or Website)
- ☐ Transcripts (Mail or Email from School)
- ☐ [Letters of Recommendations](#)

All materials in [blue](#) listed above must be submitted together, in a single envelope, clearly labeled with the applicant's name, either by mail or in person, to the District Office by the deadline, **November 20, 2026**.

Call our office at (305) 668 - 2285 or email us at

FL27.ACADEMY@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV if you have any questions.

The mailing address is:

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Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar Service Academy Nomination Recommendation Form

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(305) 668-2285

Note to Candidate: You are required to submit three letters of recommendation: one (1) from your high school counselor or principal; and two (2) others from a core course or STEM teacher, coach, or employer. Have them return the completed forms and letters to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. Send letters of recommendations, application form, transcripts, and SAT or ACT scores to the District Office by **November 20, 2026**.

Name of Applicant: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Note to Recommender: The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to one of the United States Service Academies. The academies provide a college education leading to a career as a military officer. The questions posed below suggest the kind of information that would be helpful in the selection process; however, it is provided for your convenience only, and we welcome your additional comments in whatever form you see appropriate. Your assistance in this candidate's evaluation is very helpful to us and greatly appreciated. Please seal and sign the back of the envelope and return to the candidate, who will submit it unopened with his/her application. Please note that the deadline is **November 20, 2026**.

I. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

II. What do you consider to be the applicant's talents or strengths?

III. What do you consider to be the applicant's weaknesses?

IV. Are you aware of any personal circumstances or conditions which might affect the applicant's performance at the academy? If yes, please explain:

V. Can you provide an example of how the applicant has demonstrated leadership?

VI. Please appraise the applicant in terms of the qualities listed below. Leave blank any for which you have no information.

	Exemplary Top 2%	Superior Top 5%	Excellent Top 15%	Good Top 1/3	Average Mid 1/3	Poor Bottom 1/3
Intellectual Ability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ability to work with others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Leadership Skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Creativity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Motivation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Maturity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overall Character	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

VII. Additional comments:

Recommender's Signature: _____

Recommender's Name (please print): _____

Position/Title: _____ School/Firm: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Phone Number: _____

Official Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Please deliver this form, along with the letter of recommendation, directly to the applicant at your earliest convenience in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. The office of Rep. Salazar might contact you to authenticate your recommendation.