



United States Representative  
**ROSA DELAURO**  
Representing the Third District of Connecticut

Prospective Applicants & Family,

Graduates of our Military Service Academies include leaders such as Presidents Jimmy Carter and Dwight D. Eisenhower, Generals Douglas MacArthur and David Petraeus, Senator John McCain, storied pilot Chesley Sullenberger, as well as Members of Congress, Astronauts, CEOs, Nobel Laureates, Medal of Honor Recipients, and countless heroes who have dedicated their lives to our country.

Our nation's Military Service Academies are the premier commissioning institutions that train and educate the leaders of tomorrow. Within every cadet and midshipman commissioned lies a unique dedication to excellence, service as well as sacrifice. I applaud your desire to attend.

Competition for appointments to the Service Academies is fierce, but I hope that our office can help guide you toward earning that appointment. To assist me with the selection process, I have gathered a group of dedicated and distinguished community members, some have served in the military, some are alumni of the Academies, others work in leadership roles in their community, to serve as members of the 3rd Congressional District Military Academy Advisory Committee. They thoroughly review applications, interview candidates, and make nomination recommendations.

I strongly encourage you to apply and look forward to receiving your application. Once again, I commend your willingness to attend a Service Academy. Our office is invested in your success and is here to support and guide you through the process. If you have any questions on the nomination process, about the Service Academies or their preparatory programs, please feel free to contact my office via email at [DeLauro.Academy@mail.house.gov](mailto:DeLauro.Academy@mail.house.gov) or at (203)-562-3718.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosa DeLauro".

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro



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Dear Applicant:

The following information is meant to assist you in completing your application for a nomination to a United States Service Academy from U.S. Representative Rosa L. DeLauro. Please review this information carefully to ensure that your file is completed properly and submitted on time.

## ELIGIBILITY

Nominees to the service academies **MUST BE** either a United States citizen or a permanent resident and applicants to Congresswoman DeLauro's office must reside in Connecticut's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District.

Per the requirements of the US Military Academy, the US Air Force Academy, and the US Naval Academy, candidates must be at least 17 years old, but not have passed their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday by July 1 of the year of admission. Candidates for admission to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy must be at least 17 years of age, and not have passed their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, before July 1 of the year of admission.

Prior to applying for a nomination, each candidate must contact the academies directly to request a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire. Upon the completion and return of this form to the academy, you will be informed of academy requirements, such as physical examinations and physical aptitude tests. It is also recommended that each candidate plan to visit the academies to meet with admissions representatives, speak with cadets, and to view the facilities.

## METHOD OF NOMINATION

Applications are accepted for nominations to the following service academies:

**U.S. Air Force Academy**, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
**U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**, Kings Point, New York  
**U.S. Military Academy**, West Point, New York  
**U.S. Naval Academy**, Annapolis, Maryland

*\*The U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London does not require a congressional nomination.*

The law pertaining to congressional nominations stipulates that each Member of Congress is allowed a maximum of five "charges" at each academy in any given year (Merchant Marine is an exception). When a "charge" graduates, a vacancy is created that the member may fill. Each member nominates a slate of ten candidates for each vacancy.



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Congresswoman DeLauro uses a “competitive” form of nomination. Using this method, the Member of Congress submits to the academy an unranked list of nominees for each vacancy. The academy then reviews the list and selects the most fully qualified candidate. Remaining nominees are then considered and may also be offered appointments, but they will not be the member’s “charge”.

Due to the highly competitive nature of this selection process, it is strongly recommended that each candidate apply to both U.S. Senators and their U.S. Representative for consideration. Applicants may also wish to consider applying to the Vice President for nomination. Please refer to the academy catalog or an admissions representative for further information on that process.

If an applicant has a parent who is an active or retired military person, a disabled or deceased veteran, a POW/MIA, or a Medal of Honor recipient, the candidate may also wish to contact the academy to learn of additional means of receiving a service connected or Presidential nomination.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Summer 2024:** Complete Pre-Candidate Questionnaire for Service Academies

**30 September 2024:** Senator Blumenthal Nomination Application Deadline

**11 October 2024:** Senator Murphy Nomination Application Deadline

**18 October 2024:** Congresswoman DeLauro Application Deadline

**13 November 2024:** Congresswoman DeLauro Academy Nomination Interviews

**15 December 2024:** Congresswoman DeLauro Academy Nominations Submitted to Academies

**To Be Announced:** Congresswoman DeLauro Service Academy Nominee Reception

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

An application file is considered complete by Congresswoman DeLauro's office when it contains the following items:

- 1) Completed application for nomination.** Applications must be typed. For your convenience the application is posted at [www.house.gov/delauro](http://www.house.gov/delauro).
- 2) Personal statement.** Attach a brief statement about your reasons for wanting to attend the academy of your choice. Please keep it to no more than **two (2)** pages in length and include your name at the top of the page.
- 3) Official high school transcripts.** Transcripts must come from the school guidance counselor in a sealed envelope.

*Please note:* Most students who receive an appointment to one of the U.S. Military Academies have an above average high school or college academic record which usually ranges between a GPA of 3.3 to 3.7



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**4) SAT and/or ACT scores.** Applicants may choose to notify the SAT/ACT testing centers to request that scores be sent directly to Congresswoman DeLauro's office. The SAT code is #3537. Due to the cost of requesting original copies, guidance counselors may submit these scores with the candidate's official transcript in a sealed envelope.

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy has established minimum qualifying scores. SAT scores are 500 Verbal and 520 Math with a minimum combined score of at least 1050. ACT scores are 22 English and 25 Math with a minimum composite score of 23.

*Please note:* Candidates who receive appointments to the academies usually have a strong performance on the standardized ACT or SAT. You should check the websites of each academy for up-to-date detailed information on average scores.

**5) Three recommendations.** Two recommendations must come from academic sources: one from a **Math** teacher and one from an **English** teacher. The other recommendation may come from another academic source or non-academic sources such as coaches, employers, clergy, neighbors, or other non-family members who can accurately comment on the applicant's character, abilities and potential.

**6) Photograph.** Please include a recent wallet size photograph of the applicant.

**7) Resume:** Include any relevant work experience, continued education, certifications and or hobbies.

After an application has been completed, it must be returned to Congresswoman DeLauro's Connecticut office and **RECEIVED BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2024**. **If all materials are not submitted by the deadline, your file will be closed as incomplete, and you will not be considered for a nomination.** SAT or ACT scores for the November testing dates are the only materials accepted after the deadline.

Please submit all application materials in **ONE COMPLETE PACKAGE** to Congresswoman DeLauro's Connecticut Office either:

By postal mail to:

Office of Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro  
59 Elm Street, Suite 205  
New Haven, CT 06510  
ATTN: Service Academy Coordinator

Or by email to:

Subject Line: Candidate Name – ATTN:  
Service Academy Coordinator  
DeLauro.Academy@mail.house.gov



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## SELECTION PROCESS

Following the receipt of your application, you will receive notification of an appointment for an interview before the Military Academy Advisory Committee. The selection committee consists of distinguished members of the community, some of whom served in the military and some who are alumni of the Academies as well, with varied backgrounds. The committee will conduct “whole person” evaluations to determine each candidate’s overall qualifications. You will then be informed if you received a nomination no later than 15 December 2024.

Once your application has been received, your preference for an academy nomination will be final. Typically, you will only be considered for the academy specified as your “first choice” on the application.

## Application Checklist

- Completed Application for Nomination
- Three Letters of Recommendation (Math, English, Other)
- Resume
- Photograph
- Personal Statement (2 Pages)
- Official Transcripts
- ACT & SAT Scores

## ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit all documents as a Complete Application Package **to:**

[DeLauro.Academy@mail.house.gov](mailto:DeLauro.Academy@mail.house.gov)

OR

Office of Congresswoman Rosa L. DeLauro  
59 Elm Street, Suite 205  
New Haven, CT 06510  
ATTN: Service Academy Coordinator



## Service Academy Prospective Nominee Application Form

Last	First	Middle	
Date of Birth (YYYY-MM-DD)			
Social Security Number (###-##-####)			
U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Gender:	
Email Address			
Phone Number			
PERMANENT LEGAL ADDRESS			
Street			
City	County	State	Zip Code
Mother's Name	Address (if different than Permanent Legal Address)		
Father's Name	Address (if different than Permanent Legal Address)		
High School			
Date of Graduation		Class Size	
Class Rank			

SAT			
Cumulative	/1600	Math	/800
		Verbal	/800
ACT			
Cumulative	/36	Math	/36
		Verbal	/36

Letters of Recommendation Persons	
Math	
English	
Third Recommendation	



<b>Service Academy Choice Ranking</b>			
United States Military Academy		United States Naval Academy	
United States Air Force Academy		United States Merchant Marine Academy	
Please note: Once your application has been received your preference for an academy nomination will be final. Typically, you will only be considered for the academy specified as your "first choice" on this application.			

Applying for Senator Blumenthal Nomination?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>List Specific Academy:</b>	
Applying for Senator Murphy Nomination?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>List Specific Academy:</b>	
IF APPLICABLE	
College Name	
Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior
Major	Credit Hours
Prior Military Service	
Service Academy Preparatory School	

I certify that the information provided within this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that all work submitted is my own. By signing this form, I also authorize Congresswoman DeLauro's Office to use my name in press releases and official promotional materials.

Signature	Date
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I understand that it is my responsibility to include a personal statement and resume along with this form.