



# APPLYING FOR A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION

From U.S. Representative Peter Welch

1. Contact the U.S. Service Academies that interest you either through their websites or by calling the admissions office and find out more about their specific eligibility requirements. **You MUST contact an Academy directly** to initiate the admissions process. This is **IN ADDITION** to the Congressional nomination process.

Academy	Website	Local Admissions Liaison Officer	Local Liaison Phone Number
U.S. Air Force Academy	<a href="http://www.usafa.af.mil/">http://www.usafa.af.mil/</a>	Col. Michael Morgan	(802) 660-5351
U.S. Military Academy	<a href="http://www.usma.edu/admissions/">http://www.usma.edu/admissions/</a>	Lloyd Briggs	(802)-658-1979
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	<a href="http://www.usmma.edu/admissions/">http://www.usmma.edu/admissions/</a>	Capt. Albert Bernasconi	(802) 899-3065
U.S. Naval Academy	<a href="http://www.usna.edu/">http://www.usna.edu/</a>	<i>Assigned based on High School</i>	

(Note: The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not use the congressional nomination system. See their web site for information on how to apply: <http://www.cga.edu/>)

2. To be considered for a nomination by Representative Welch, fill out the online application at <https://welch.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations> with a letter explaining why you wish to attend your chosen Academy and a resume or list of your extracurricular activities. For Academy classes that begin in August 2021, **complete applications are due by December 1.**

3. Arrange for **letters of recommendation from three individuals** who are familiar with your accomplishments in school, extracurricular, and/or community activities. These individuals should not be related to you. They should write directly to Representative Welch at the address below. Also, list these individuals on your online application.

4. Senator Leahy, Senator Sanders, and Representative Welch have waived the SAT/ACT requirement for a Vermont congressional nomination this year. Please be sure to review the requirements for the academy to which you are applying as the congressional nomination is only part of what each academy considers before making an appointment offer. You will still need to independently meet the testing requirements set by your chosen academy.

5. Have your school send Representative Welch your transcript (including class rank or a statement that your school does not rank).

6. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit all required application materials, and to communicate any problems or questions to Congressman Welch's office. **Congressman Welch's office will not accept inquiries about the status of service academy nomination applications from parents or other family members, except in emergency circumstances.**

**DEADLINE: December 1, 2020**

**Representative Peter Welch**  
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Attention: Academy Nominations  
**Questions? (802) 652-2450** or see <http://welch.house.gov/>