



U.S. SENATOR JD VANCE

Service Academy Nomination Application Packet



Return To:

The Office of Senator JD Vance
Attn: Military Academy Nominations
37 West Broad Street, Room 300
Columbus, OH 43215



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Acknowledgment Form

PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION FULLY BEFORE SIGNING:

I have read and understand the basic requirements and nominating procedure. **I understand that I need to be available for one of the interview dates if I am selected.** I understand that if my application packet is not received by Senator Vance's office by the close of business on **Friday, September 13, 2024**, that I will not be considered for an interview. **CHANGES TO YOUR APPLICATION CANNOT BE ACCOMMODATED AFTER FINAL SUBMISSION.**

INTERVIEW RESERVATIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. PLEASE NOTIFY OUR OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A CONFLICT WITH YOUR ASSIGNED INTERVIEW DATE.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

THIS SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET.



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Service Academy Nomination Procedure

1. **Application Form** - Complete the application form.
2. **Essay** - Write a one-to-two-page essay explaining why you want to serve as an officer in the military. Please see the attached sheet for guidelines.
3. **Recommendations** - Submit three letters of recommendation: one from an educator and two from people you are personally acquainted with, but not related to. Recommender must sign the letter.
4. **Transcripts** - Attach a copy of your high school transcript, which includes your course listings, grades, current GPA, and class rank. If you are currently in college, please also include your most recent college transcript/schedule.
5. **Standardized Test Results** - To have scores forwarded to our office directly from the testing centers, please use the following codes: **SAT** – 3143 **ACT** - 7169. Many transcripts will include copies of your SAT/ACT scores. This is sufficient and you do not need to send in separate score results unless you have updated scores. You may also submit a photocopy of the official score sheet from the test center.
6. **DEADLINE** - The above information may be sent to Senator Vance’s Columbus Office to: **37 W. Broad Street, Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43215**. An original signed and scanned copy may also be emailed to Nominations@Vance.Senate.gov. Completed application packets must be received by the close of business on **Friday, September 13, 2024**. Once our office receives all of the required information, we will notify you that your file is complete.
7. **Interview** - Interviews will be held during the months of September, October, and November.
 - a. All candidates will be notified as to whether or not they will receive an interview. The selected candidates will be notified of the date, time, and location of their interview. Selected candidates will be scheduled for an interview in front of our Academy Review Board.

If you have any questions, please contact Academy Coordinator Steven Cook at: (614) 369-4931 or by email at Steven_Cook@Vance.Senate.gov.



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CANDIDATE SEEKING NOMINATION TO:

____ AIR FORCE ____ MILITARY ____ MERCHANT MARINE ____ NAVAL

PLEASE RANK IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE: 1 = MOST PREFERRED, 4 = LEAST PREFERRED

(Please rank only those academies to which you are applying)

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ High School _____

Graduation Date _____ Class Rank _____ of _____ GPA _____

Are you reapplying? _____ (If yes, please list your current school) _____

Special Honors (Please attach additional pages as necessary) _____

Extracurricular Activities (Please attach additional pages as necessary) _____

Have you submitted any other applications? YES / NO

If yes:

Member of Congress (name) _____ President (YES / NO) Vice President (YES / NO)

Senator Sherrod Brown (YES / NO)



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Service Academy Essay Guidelines

Please write a one-to-two-page essay explaining why you want to serve as an officer in the military.

Key topics that should be included are as follows:

1. What drives your desire to be an officer in the military? What are your military service goals?
2. When did you first develop an interest in attending a service academy? What was the genesis of this interest?
3. Identify two key strengths that you believe make you stand out compared to other potential candidates.
4. What is the single most difficult challenge you will need to overcome in preparation for the academy?

All essays should be typed, single-spaced, in Times New Roman, Arial, or Calibri, and in 12-point font with 1-inch margins all around. *Please proofread your essay before submitting it.*



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Application Schedule

March - September 2024 - COMPLETE PACKET

Candidates must complete an application packet and return it to Senator Vance's Columbus office. The address is 37 West Broad Street, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Original signed and scanned applications may also be emailed to: Nominations@Vance.Senate.gov.

Friday, September 13, 2024 - DEADLINE!

All required information for a completed application packet must be received by the close of business on Friday, September 13, 2024. Please use sufficient postage if sending your application by mail.

September - November 2024 - INTERVIEWS

Candidates selected for an interview will be notified of their interview date and time. Interviews are conducted by Senator Vance's Academy Review Board. Interviews will be held during the months of September, October, and November.

December 2024 - NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCED!

Senator Vance notifies interviewed candidates of their nomination and submits nominations to the academies.

January - May 2025 - APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED!

Students will be notified of their appointment. Although some appointments are offered beyond May, the academies will make the majority of appointments between January and May.

June 2025

Appointed cadets/midshipmen are due at the academies.



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Interview Fact Sheet

1. Interviews will be scheduled in September, October, and November. All candidates who complete the application will be notified whether or not they have been selected for an interview.
2. Interview dates will be assigned once all applications have been received. Reservations are not available, however, if you have a conflict with the date assigned, you **must** notify our office as soon as possible. This can be done via email or phone.

NOTE: If you have a conflict with your scheduled interview, you will need to notify our office **as soon as you become aware of the conflict.**

3. If you are scheduled for an interview and contact our office in an attempt to reschedule at the last minute, **you will not be guaranteed a new interview date and time.**
4. If you are scheduled to take the ACT or SAT on an interview date, please notify our office as soon as you become aware of the conflict.

Academy Contacts

United States Air Force Academy

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2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840-5025
1-800-443-9266
www.academyadmissions.com

United States Coast Guard Academy

Director of Admissions
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
New London, Connecticut 06320-9819
1-800-883-8724
www.uscga.edu

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Director of Admissions
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York 11204-1699
1-800-732-6267
www.usmma.edu

United States Military Academy

Admissions Office
United States Military Academy
Building 606 Thayer Road
West Point, New York 10996-1797
(845) 938-4041
www.usma.edu/admissions/

United States Naval Academy

Candidate Guidance Office
U.S. Naval Academy
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5018
(410) 293-4361
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