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UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR IOWA

Academy Nomination Guidelines

Complete the application form and other items noted on the enclosed checklist.

Thoroughly check that your application is complete before sending it to my Des Moines office. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.** I encourage you to apply for a nomination with both of your senators, your congressional representative, and the Vice President of the United States.

Be sure your ACT or SAT scores are sent to me to be included in your application.

ACT - use code 7129

SAT – use code 6260

*Your scores must be sent directly from ACT/SAT to my Des Moines office.

Ask three people to write letters of recommendation to me on your behalf. Please include at least one teacher and two Iowa community members. Letters should be signed and sealed in individual envelopes. These must be included in your nomination packet. Do not send more than three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation sent to our office outside of your official application packet will not be accepted.

Give the Evaluation Form to your principal, guidance counselor, or academic advisor to be completed, signed, sealed in an envelope, and included in your packet.

Note: this person should not be included as one of your recommendation sources.

Complete a typed, 1-2 page, single-spaced essay. Your essay should expand on your interest in or motivation for applying to a military academy and what makes you a qualified candidate for a nomination. This should be information that cannot otherwise be gathered from other parts of your nomination application. The essay is used in lieu of an interview.

Sign the media release consent form that is included in the application. My office sends a press release of the names of applicants that I nominate to an academy. In the event that you receive a nomination, this will ensure your name is included on the press release. If you do not want your name included on a press release, please leave the consent form blank.

Directly contact the academy or academies you are interested in attending. Open your file by visiting the respective academy website and creating a profile. **I can only nominate applicants who have applied to an academy directly.** I do not nominate students to the U.S. Coast Guard. Please contact the Coast Guard directly.

Compile all required application materials, and mail or deliver in **one packet or envelope** to my Des Moines office. Submissions submitted via email or fax will not be accepted. If you do not receive a confirmation message stating that your complete application was received within 72 hours, please call my Des Moines office at 515-288-1145.

The application deadline is October 24, 2025. I will not consider an application unless it is completed and received in my Des Moines office by the deadline. **Applications postmarked by the deadline and received after October 24 will not be accepted.** I plan to select nominations no later than December 31, 2025.

Please mail applications to the following address:

Senator Charles Grassley
ATTN: Nominations Coordinator
721 Federal Building
210 Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

CHECKLIST

(Note -- this form lists all the items which you need to complete your application.)

Deadline for Submission: October 24, 2025

ITEM:

ENCLOSED

1. Application

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2. SAT/ACT score

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3. Extracurricular Activities

4. Essay

5. Official Transcript of Grades

* All high school, junior colleges, and colleges attended

6. Letters of Recommendation

1st

2nd

3rd

7. School Evaluation Form

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8. Media Consent Form

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All items should be mailed in one packet to:
The Honorable Charles E. Grassley
Attn: Nominations Coordinator
721 Federal Building
210 Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Questions regarding application for nominations should be directed to:
academy_nominations@grassley.senate.gov Phone: 515-288-1145

DEADLINE: October 24, 2025

SCHOOL EVALUATION FORM

This form must be completed by either the **high school principal, guidance counselor, or academic advisor** for the candidate seeking a nomination to one of the United States service academies.

Principal/ Guidance Counselor/Advisor (circle one) Name: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant Address: _____

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Applicant's Year in School: _____ Class Rank: _____

GPA: _____

SAT Score: Composite: _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____

ACT Score: Composite: _____ Math: _____ English: _____ Science: _____

Leadership Characteristics:

Ability to Work Under Pressure:

Ability to Get Along with Others:

General Comments:

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please sign and seal this form in an envelope. Return the form and a transcript showing final grades to the applicant.

The application deadline is October 24, 2025.

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO
AIR FORCE, NAVAL, MILITARY, OR MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMIES

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Permanent Address: _____
Number and Street City/Town

_____ State and Zip Code Phone Number

Email address: _____

Name and address of Parent(s)/Guardian:

High School: _____
Name Address

School Phone Number: _____ Principal/Counselor Name: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Are you a legal resident of Iowa? How many years?: _____

To which academies are you seeking admission? (List, in order of preference, only those you wish to attend)

1) _____ 3) _____

2) _____ 4) _____

To which other members of Congress or Senate have you applied for a nomination?:

Are you willing to make a career of the service?: _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen?: _____

List your hobbies:

1) _____ 4) _____

2) _____ 5) _____

3) _____ 6) _____

Date: _____ Signature _____

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Extra-Curricular Activities

Please list any school clubs or groups that you are a member of, years participated, and years in a leadership role.
(Copy this sheet for additional space as needed)

Activity:

Years participated:

9th 10th 11th 12th

Did you hold a leadership role? If so, how many years?

9th 10th 11th 12th

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Outside Activities

Please list non-school related activities and groups that you are involved in, years participated in, and years in a leadership role. (Copy this sheet for additional space as needed)

Activity:

Years participated:

9th 10th 11th 12th

Did you hold a leadership role? If so, how many years?

9th 10th 11th 12th

Activity:

Years participated:

9th 10th 11th 12th

Did you hold a leadership role? If so, how many years?

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Years participated:

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Years participated:

9th 10th 11th 12th

Did you hold a leadership role? If so, how many years?

9th 10th 11th 12th

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Athletic Participation

List 1st Sport:

Years played:

9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th ☐

Were you a captain in this sport? If so, for what years?

9th 10th 11th 12th

List 2nd Sport:

Years played:

9th 10th 11th 12th

Were you a captain in this sport? If so, for what years?

9th 10th 11th 12th

List 3rd Sport:

Years played:

9th 10th 11th 12th

Were you a captain in this sport? If so, for what years?

9th 10th 11th 12th

List 4th Sport:

Years played:

9th 10th 11th 12th

Were you a captain in this sport? If so, for what years?

9th 10th 11th 12th

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Additional Notes/Comments:

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Affirmation

Please print your name: _____

I affirm that all of the information in my application is accurate. I also affirm that I am a United States citizen (or will be prior to entering the service academy); a resident of Iowa; unmarried without dependents and not pregnant; have good moral character; and will be at least 17 years old and will not have passed my 23rd birthday on July 1 of this year. (Applicants for Merchant Marines will not have passed their 25th birthday).

Applicant's Signature

Date

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I, _____ (Parent/Guardian), consent to the office of the United States Senator Charles Grassley identifying in a press release and other public media, _____ (name), by name, as having been selected for nomination to a United States Service Academy. I have authority to give this consent.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Committee Assignments:

CHAIRMAN
JUDICIARY

BUDGET
FINANCE

AGRICULTURE