



# CHUCK GRASSLEY

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 23, 2026. 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 23 will not be accepted.** I plan to select nominations no later than December 31, 2026.

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 23, 2026**

**ITEM:**

**ENCLOSED**

1. Application

2. SAT/ACT score

3. Extracurricular Activities

4. Essay

5. Official Transcript of Grades

\* All high school, junior colleges, and colleges attended

6. Letters of Recommendation

1st

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

7. School Evaluation Form

8. Media Consent Form

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: 515-288-114

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***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 23, 2026.



## 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:

9<sup>th</sup>     10<sup>th</sup>     11<sup>th</sup>     12<sup>th</sup>

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

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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:

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

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# Athletic Participation

## List 1st Sport:

Years played:

9<sup>th</sup>     10<sup>th</sup>     11<sup>th</sup>     12<sup>th</sup>

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

9<sup>th</sup>            10<sup>th</sup>            11<sup>th</sup>            12<sup>th</sup>

## List 2nd Sport:

Years played:

9<sup>th</sup>            10<sup>th</sup>            11<sup>th</sup>            12<sup>th</sup>

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

9<sup>th</sup>            10<sup>th</sup>            11<sup>th</sup>            12<sup>th</sup>

## List 3rd Sport:

Years played:

9<sup>th</sup>            10<sup>th</sup>            11<sup>th</sup>            12<sup>th</sup>

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

9<sup>th</sup>            10<sup>th</sup>            11<sup>th</sup>            12<sup>th</sup>

## List 4th Sport:

Years played:

9<sup>th</sup>            10<sup>th</sup>            11<sup>th</sup>            12<sup>th</sup>

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

9<sup>th</sup>            10<sup>th</sup>            11<sup>th</sup>            12<sup>th</sup>

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 1 of this year. (Applicants for Merchant Marines will not have passed their 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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