

## Service Academy Nominations

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Before a candidate can receive an offer of appointment to a service academy, the candidate must obtain a nomination from an authorized source. As a U. S. Congressman, Representative Cooper is able to submit nominations from his constituency. A student can also apply for nominations through U. S. Senators and the Vice President. If a parent is presently on active duty and has served in the military for at least eight years or is retired, a student may apply for a presidential nomination through the military. Children of deceased or disabled veterans or children of Medal of Honor winners may apply for a nomination directly from the service academies.

Congressman Cooper is now accepting nomination applications from students who are interested in attending one of the nation's military academies:

U.S. Air Force Academy  
U.S. Military Academy

(West Point)

U.S. Naval Academy

U.S. Merchant

Marine Academy

U.S. Coast Guard

Academy\*

\*does not require a nomination

Applications for the Class of 2013 (entering in July, 2009) are due by November 15, 2008.

Acceptance of an offer of appointment from an academy involves at least a nine year obligation to military service - four years at the academy and five years of active duty service.

For more information please call Brenda Wynn at 615-736-5295 or stop by Cooper's annual Academy Day event every fall.

## ACADEMY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must:

- be at least 17 years old but not have passed the 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year entering the academy (except for the Merchant Marine Academy).

- be a U.S. citizen.

- be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents (except for the Merchant Marine Academy).

## NOMINATION PROCESS

The applicant must:

- apply for admission directly to each academy in which he/she is interested. The student must take the responsibility to contact the academy(ies) and complete a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire to begin the application process.
- complete an application package for Congressman Cooper's Congressional nomination.
- be interviewed by Congressman Cooper's Academy Selection Committee.

## GENERAL ACADEMY ADMISSIONS & NOMINATION STANDARDS

The applicant must:

- have evidence of good moral character
- have record of scholastic achievement
- have participated in extracurricular activities
- be physically fit
- be medically qualified

- be personally motivated to attend the academy and to serve in our armed forces

## TIMELINE FOR THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Fall 2008

Students are invited to attend Congressman Cooper's Academy Day in the fall (November 22, 2008) where they can get information about the academies, obtain an application for the Congressman's nomination, and speak personally to academy representatives.

November 15, 2008

Nomination applications are due on November 15, 2008

to the Congressman's office -

605 Church Street

Nashville, TN 37219

attn: Brenda Wynn

January 2009

Applicants are invited to interview with the Congressional Academy Selection Committee in January. This committee recommends applicants for nominations to Congressman Cooper who will then submit his nominations to the academies in January.

December 2008 - January 2009

This committee recommends applicants for nominations to Congressman Cooper who will then submit his nominations to the academies in December or January.

Spring 2009

Academies make all decisions on offers of appointment for admission during the Spring. Final decision on admission rests with the academies. Applicants will be notified of the academies' decision throughout this period.

July 2009

The new classes will enter in July.

