



## U.S. Service Academy Nominations

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Service Academies. As your Representative, each year I have the privilege of nominating a select group of talented, young Rhode Islanders to the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), United States Naval Academy (USNA), United States Military Academy (USMA), and United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA).

The honor of attending a Service Academy comes with an obligation and commitment to serve in the military for a minimum of five years upon graduation. As a member of both the House Armed Services Committee, where I am proud to serve as Ranking Member on the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee, and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I believe a strong national defense is a vital responsibility of our federal leaders. Therefore, I take the duty of ensuring that our country has the finest women and men the nation has to offer leading our military very seriously. It takes a well-rounded person who demonstrates leadership, achieves high academic marks, and prepares athletically to be one of the few who can meet the Service Academies' high admission standards and the fierce competition for an appointment.

Please feel free to contact my office if you need any assistance during the nomination process. Best wishes to you as you pursue your goal of attending one of the U.S. Service Academies, and thank you for your interest in serving our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James R. Langevin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Member of Congress

### I. General Information

In the 2nd Congressional District, nominations are very sought after, and I encourage you to apply for a nomination from every available nominating source. In addition to my office, the other sources are: Senators [Reed](#) and [Whitehouse](#), and [Vice-President Biden](#).

For every vacancy at the [U.S. Air Force](#), [Naval](#), [Military](#) and [Merchant Marine Academies](#), there will be ten candidates nominated from my office to compete for that vacancy. From my ten nominees, the Academies will then select the one candidate they believe to be the most qualified for an appointment. The other nine nominees will then compete in a nation-wide pool of nominees for other available appointments.

Each Congressional Office uses a selection process, which is designed to best meet its own needs as well as those of its constituents. My office uses the "Competitive Nomination" method that is favored by the Academies.

## II. You Must Be

- A. At least 17 years of age but not yet 23 years of age on July 1, 2014.
- B. A citizen of the United States.
- C. Unmarried, not pregnant, and under no legal obligations to support a child or a dependent.
- D. A legal resident of the 2nd Congressional District of Rhode Island.

## III. You Must Furnish

- A. A completed Application Form.
- B. A recent photo.
- C. Essay: Answer the three questions in essay form, typed and no longer than two pages, double-spaced.
- D. Guidance Counselor form and up-to-date transcript: Transcripts must be official and should include your grade point average, class rank and your junior year course work. **Please note: this form is not considered to be a letter of recommendation.**
- E. Three Letters of Recommendation: Letters may come from teachers, counselors, employers, coaches or anyone else that knows you well. No more than three letters will be accepted. Please use the forms provided.
- F. College Boards: SAT or ACT scores are required by the Academies for consideration of an appointment. You should request that your scores be sent directly to my office. Direct SAT scores use the office code **3790**. Direct ACT scores use the office code **7000**.
- G. Application Checklist.

## IV. Basis for Nomination

- A. School Records: This includes GPA and class rank. The average competitive candidate stands in the upper fifth of his or her class.
- B. College Boards: The Class of 2014 had average SAT scores of 640 on the Verbal Test, and 660 on the Math Test. Their average ACT scores were 30 on both English and Math. Standards may vary slightly with each Academy. If your scores do not meet the minimum requirements, you are strongly encouraged to retake the test. The Selection Committee will consider all SAT and ACT tests taken through January test dates.
- C. Extracurricular Activities: These include work, athletics, community service, school clubs and organizations.
- D. Motivation: This is one of the most important considerations in a U.S. Service Academy Nomination. We recommend that you use your essay and interview with the Selection Committee to show your motivation and commitment to a military academy rather than a state or private four-year college.

## V. Final Notes

If your file is completed and returned on time, you will be notified in late November or early December of the scheduled time for your interview before the Selection Committee and Congressman James R. Langevin. The Committee is comprised of members of the academic, military and civic communities.

All correspondence and telephone inquiries regarding the Service Academies can be directed to:

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**Application for Service Academy Nomination  
Office of Congressman James R. Langevin**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ATTACH  
PHOTO

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

If already graduated, present activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please number the Academies below in order of preference. If you are not interested in attending a particular Academy, indicate by filling in a '0.'

- U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY
- U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY
- U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD

Have you ever had any problems with the law? Yes No  
(If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.)

If you receive a nomination/appointment, may we use your name in a press release? Yes No

**I certify that I am a legal resident of the Second Congressional District of Rhode Island.  
I understand that if my application is not postmarked by the October 31\* deadline, I will not be given  
final consideration for nomination.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\*If October 31 falls on the weekend, applications are due the following Monday.





## **Essay Questions**

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the three-part essay. Your response should be typed and no longer than two-pages, double-spaced. Spelling errors and grammatical mistakes will be taken into consideration.

1. Why do you want to attend one of the United States Service Academies as opposed to a state or private four-year college?
2. What experiences in your life have prepared you for the rigors and demands of life at an academy?
3. What do you see yourself doing in ten years in terms of personal and professional goals?



## Guidance Counselor Form

This form must be completed by candidate's high school Guidance Counselor or Principal for Congressional Nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. **Please note: this form is not to be considered as a letter of recommendation.**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Actual G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

S.A.T. Scores: Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ A.C.T. Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Characteristics:

Personality Traits:

Ability to Work Under Pressure:

General Comments/Recommendation:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form and a current transcript in a sealed envelope TO THE APPLICANT so that it may be submitted to the District Office of Congressman James R. Langevin by October 31. (If October 31 falls on a weekend, applications are due the following Monday.)



## Letter of Recommendation (1)

This form must be completed by the candidate's recommender for Congressional Nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. (You may use a separate sheet of paper, using this sheet as a cover page.)

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Length and Nature of Acquaintance: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is my appraisal of the candidate, assessing his/her promise as a student at a United States Service Academy and as an officer in the United States Military:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Letter of Recommendation (2)

This form must be completed by the candidate's recommender for Congressional Nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. (You may use a separate sheet of paper, using this sheet as a cover page.)

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Length and Nature of Acquaintance: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is my appraisal of the candidate, assessing his/her promise as a student at a United States Service Academy and as an officer in the United States Military:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form in a sealed envelope TO THE APPLICANT so that it may be submitted to the District Office of Congressman James R. Langevin by October 31. (If October 31 falls on a weekend, applications are due the following Monday.)





### Letter of Recommendation (3)

This form must be completed by the candidate's recommender for Congressional Nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. (You may use a separate sheet of paper, using this sheet as a cover page.)

Name of Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Length and Nature of Acquaintance: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is my appraisal of the candidate, assessing his/her promise as a student at a United States Service Academy and as an officer in the United States Military:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form in a sealed envelope TO THE APPLICANT so that it may be submitted to the District Office of Congressman James R. Langevin by October 31. (If October 31 falls on a weekend, applications are due the following Monday.)



## APPLICANT CHECKLIST

This form is to be completed, signed and returned with your Application Packet, postmarked no later than October 31.\*

I verify that my Application Packet is complete and includes the following:

Application Form

Summary of Extracurricular Activities

Essay

Guidance Counselor Form

Three Letters of Recommendation

Recent Photo of Applicant

SAT and/or ACT Scores (This is the only item that may be submitted separately.)

Transcript of High School Record, which includes Junior Year

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Signature

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Date

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