



Thank you for contacting me in regard to your interest in attending one or more of the United States Service Academies.

To be nominated by my office, candidates must first satisfy the following requirements:

- Applicants must be between 17 to 23 years old (or 25 years old for the Merchant Marine Academy)
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States and residents of the Massachusetts 1st Congressional District
- Applicants must be single, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

Candidates are evaluated upon their academic record and standing, standardized test scores, extracurricular activities, leadership ability, physical fitness and medical examinations. Admission criteria vary between each service academy. As competition for nomination and appointment is vigorous, all interested candidates are encouraged to apply through all sources for which they are eligible and for all academies in which they have a real interest. An individual may be nominated by more than one nominating authority and/or to more than one academy.

I look forward to having the opportunity to consider you for a congressional nomination. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact my aide, Keith P. Barnicle, in my Holyoke office at 413-532-7010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Olver".

John W. Olver
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Application Time Line & Important Contact Information

Junior Year

Spring: Contact your Congressman and all nominating sources available to you, as well as the academy, to notify them of your interest in pursuing a nomination.

Senior Year

Fall: Finalize information in your congressional file by the deadline listed below.

Winter: From qualified applicants, 10 nominees per vacancy are chosen and nominated to each academy.

Spring: Qualified nominees are offered appointments to academies.

Summer: Newly appointed classes enter academies.

Federal Elected Officials Contact Information:

Congressman John Olver

57 Suffolk St., Suite 310
Holyoke, MA 01040
Contact: Keith Barnicle
413-532-7010
Deadline: November 30

Senator John Kerry

1 Bowdoin Square, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02114
Contact: Ed Birce
617-565-8519
Deadline: October 31

The Vice President

Eisenhower Executive Office Building
Attn: Military Academy Nominations
Washington DC 20501
Deadline: January 31

Senator Scott Brown

2400 JFK Federal Building
Boston, MA 02203
Contact: Jack Richard
617-565-3170
Deadline: September 10

Service Academy Contact Information:

United States Air Force Academy

Director of Admissions
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840
1-800-443-9266
www.usafa.af.mil

United States Military Academy

Admissions Office
West Point, New York 10996
845-938-4041
www.usma.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
Kings Point, New York 11024
1-800-546-4778
www.usmma.edu

United States Naval Academy

Director of Candidate Guidance
Annapolis, Maryland 21402
410-293-4361
www.usna.edu

The United States Coast Guard Academy does not require congressional nominations. If you are interested in attending the USCG Academy, you should contact the Academy directly at USCGA, Admissions Office, New London, CT 06320 (www.uscga.edu) or by calling 1-800-883-8724.

Application Checklist

- Candidate Information Sheet** – Fill out the enclosed candidate biographic information form.
- Statement of Interest** – Send in a brief (200 words or less) essay explaining why you wish to attend a U.S. Service Academy.
- Three Letters of Recommendation**
 - 1 letter from your guidance counselor
 - 1 letter from a teacher
 - 1 letter from an adult of your choosing (who is not related to you)
- Academic Information**
 - Transcript* – Have your school send a copy of your official transcript, including your class rank.
 - SAT/ACT Scores* – Send your SAT scores using the code 3307 or your ACT scores using the code 7453. Scores must be received from the College Board or from your school.

Deadline: Completed application packets must be postmarked no later than NOVEMBER 30th. Please ensure that your application is complete before it is sent; incomplete applications and/or late applications will not be considered.

Mail completed packets to:

Congressman John W. Olver
57 Suffolk St., Suite 310
Holyoke, MA 01040
Attn: Nominations Coordinator

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(Last Name)

(First Initial)

Candidate Biographic Information

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City/Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone Number: _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? YES NO

E-Mail: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Mother's Work Number: _____ Father's Work Number: _____

High School or College Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street) (City/Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Current Grade Level: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

SAT/ACT Score: _____ Class Rank: _____

Which academy or academies are you applying to?

Are you applying to any other nominating authorities? If yes, to whom and for what academies?

(Last Name)

(First Initial)

Extra-Curricular Activities: (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Please list any academic honors or awards you have received.

Please list any organized sports in which you have participated at the high school level or above. Indicate the level at which you played and if you were captain or received any awards, honors, or records.

Please list any clubs or activities in which you have participated at your school. Indicate how long you have been involved and if you have held an officer position in those organizations.

Please describe any community service you have done. Include your contributions and any honors you have received.

Please list any jobs you have had. Include the duties performed and the length of time employed.

(Last Name)

(First Initial)

Statement of Interest

Please attach a brief statement of interest. It should be no longer than 200 words and it should explain why you wish to attend a U.S. Service Academy and, specifically, why you feel you are qualified.

Signature

I certify that the information in this application is exact and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any nomination made is subject to my meeting the physical, mental, and other requirements of the academy of my choice.

(Signature)

(Date)

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