

U. S. Senator Bill Nelson

Academy Opportunities



U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY
Annapolis, Maryland



U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY
West Point, New York



U. S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY
Kings Point, Long Island, New York



U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The deadline for file completion is October 7, 2006
The Class of 2011 will begin July 2007





Florida  Democrat
- Senator Bill Nelson -



Those individuals wishing to apply for nomination to one of the service academies must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Florida, and must never have been married. The U.S. Military Academy, Naval Academy, and Air Force Academy require that applicants must not have reached their 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of admission. Candidates applying to the Merchant Marine Academy must be at least 17 and have not passed their 25th birthday on July 1 of the year of admission.

Due to the large number of applicants you will be interviewed for **only** one academy. Therefore, careful consideration should be given to your choice of an academy. Academy designation may be changed any time prior to October 7, 2006.

Each senator may have five Midshipmen or Cadets at each academy at any one time. For the 2007 admission year, Senator Nelson will be able to appoint one applicant to each of the service academies. All applicants should be advised that acceptance of any appointment commits them to a nine-year obligation to the service (four years at the academy and five years of active duty).

The deadline for submission of information to the senator's office is October 7, 2006. Submissions postmarked after this date **will not** be accepted. Those individuals meeting eligibility requirements will be notified of the date, time, and place to report for a personal interview by the regional board (Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa). Approximately nine board members are selected by Senator Nelson for each of the four regions. Members consist of business and community leaders, service academy graduates, active and retired military personnel and academia.

The review board will conduct a personal interview with each applicant who meets all requirements. Selections are made competitively on the basis of academic performances, leadership potential, personal statement, extra curricular activities, personal interviews and letters of recommendation. Ten nominees for each vacancy will be recommended to Senator Nelson by the state board. Senator Nelson will review and submit these recommendations to each service academy. Ten alternates for each vacancy also will be recommended to the senator. Alternates are not submitted unless requested by the academy. The final ranking and subsequent appointments will be at the discretion of the academies.

Officials at the academies advise individuals desiring nominations to request an application from the academy at the same time they seek nomination through Senator Nelson. **Contact with the admissions office of the academy of your preference is imperative.** Once contact is established, the academy will create a file for the candidate and transmit general information on the academy along with detailed admission requirements, including a Prospective Candidate Questionnaire.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW

All applicants meeting eligibility requirements and residing in Florida will be interviewed on **November 16, 2006**, in either Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tallahassee or Tampa. This **compulsory** interview will be in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Academy Selection Board. Interviews will be conducted in person and prospective applicants should plan accordingly. The personal interview is a **mandatory** element of the application process. Special arrangements can be made with dependents of active-duty military personnel who are located outside Florida. **Note: Interviews are held for one day only (November 16, 2006).**

SAT / ACT SCORES

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Testing Assessment Test (ACT) are the most important academic requirements of the academies. As a general rule, no combined score below 1070 will be considered competitive. Senator Nelson's SAT code is **0220** and ACT code is **7118**. **If they are not noted on your official academic transcript, SAT and ACT scores may be forwarded directly from the testing center to Senator Nelson's office located at 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410, Orlando FL 32801.** Should you receive an invitation for an interview, please bring any updated test scores with you. Applicants are encouraged to take the writing portion of the SAT. While it is not being used to determine eligibility for entrance into the academies, based on the academy, it may be used for placement purposes. **NOTE:** Minimum SAT and ACT scores must be met by the postmarked deadline of October 7, 2006 to be eligible for an interview with Senator Nelson's nominating board.

ACADEMY	SAT	ACT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY Director of Admissions Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840 Telephone: (800) 443-9266	580 Verbal 560 Math	24 English 25 Math
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY Director of Admissions 606 Thayer Road West Point, New York 10996-1797 Telephone: (845) 938-4041	550 Verbal 550 Math	22 English 23 Math
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY Admissions Office 117 Decatur Road Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5018 Telephone: (410) 293-4361	600 Verbal 600 Math	26 English 26 Math
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY Admissions Office Kings Point, New York 11024 Telephone: (866) 546-4778	510 Verbal 560 Math	21 English 24 Math

NOTE: No congressional nomination is required for entrance into the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Call (860) 444-8444 or write New London, Connecticut 06320 to obtain information or application forms.

ACADEMY CHECKLIST

INSTRUCTIONS

Read all material carefully, then with equal care, complete the required forms and provide all requested data by **October 7, 2006**. **All required information must be submitted in a single mailing.** Your application is considered complete when the application and the following materials are received by my Orlando, Florida office:

I. In a large envelope, return the following items (I, II, III, IV):

- Completed application
- Checklist with interview location noted
- Recommendation form in sealed envelopes with signature across seal (must be completed by school official)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes with signatures across seal
- Personal statement typed, outlining why you wish to attend a service academy (1 page only)

II. Official High School, Junior College or College Transcripts

High School and College transcripts are used to measure an individual's scholastic achievements, interests and progress. **Transcripts must show your final junior year grades, GPA and approximate class rank.** An official, sealed transcript from all high schools, junior colleges or colleges you have attended should be returned to you in a sealed envelope. A report card copy will not be accepted as a substitute.

III. Applicant Test Scores

SAT or ACT scores are required as part of the nomination process. Submitted scores must meet the minimum levels indicated on page two by the postmark deadline. The last SAT test that will be considered for eligibility is June 3, 2006 and the last ACT is offered on June 10, 2006. If you have not taken the test before the postmark deadline, you will not be eligible for nomination during this cycle. **If they are not noted on your official academic transcript, test scores may be forwarded directly from the testing center to my Orlando, Florida office by October 7, 2006.**

IV. Personal Interview Location

Personal interviews will be conducted on Thursday, November 16, 2006. Please select your county of residence. If qualified, you will be notified of the interview time.

- **Fort Lauderdale** (Broward, Collier, Hendry, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, St. Lucie Counties)
- **Orlando** (Brevard, Flagler, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia Counties)
- **Tallahassee** (Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Nassau, Okaloosa, Putnam, Santa Rosa, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, Washington Counties)
- **Tampa** (Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota Counties)

Service Academy Application

Please type or print the required information on both pages.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE ONLY

Full Legal Name: _____	Social Security No: _____		
Choice of Service Academy (<i>check <u>one</u> only</i>)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> Naval	<input type="checkbox"/> Military

Personal Data

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
Height _____ Weight _____
Are you a United States Citizen? Yes No

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Legal Address In Florida

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
County _____
Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____
E-mail Address _____
Father's Name _____ Daytime Phone No. _____
Mother's Name _____ Daytime Phone No. _____

Academic Data			
Name of School	_____	Date of Graduation	_____
Counselor	_____	School Phone No.	_____
Test Scores: Qualifying scores must be met by postmark deadline			
SAT Scores		ACT Scores	
Verbal	_____	Math	_____
English	_____	Math	_____
Are you taking or in (<i>check all that apply</i>) Honor Classes AP Classes IB Program			

Below, list your school and community activities. Complete form or attach your own typed information.

Activity	Office Held / Letter / Award	Year(s)

PLEASE COMPLETE INFORMATION IN ITS ENTIRETY AS THIS IS CONSIDERED AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS.

I have read and fully understand the requirements and procedures for obtaining a nomination to the service academies by Senator Nelson, and do hereby apply for a nomination. I also understand the Academy Selection Board reserves the right to reject any application which contains inaccurate information.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Service Academy Academic Recommendation Form

Please type or print the required information

Principal or Guidance Counselor

This form must be completed by either a high school principal or guidance counselor. Please note that the completion of the recommendation form is a requirement. Type or print and return your completed form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.

Numerical class rank and the approximate size of the class is required. This information must be included as it is an integral part of the service academy candidate's application. If your school does not rank students, please provide an accurate estimate of the applicant's class standing and an appropriate rank.

Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle

Social Security No. _____ Year in School _____

Name of High School _____

Un-weighted GPA _____	Weighted GPA _____
Numerical Class Rank and Size _____ / _____	
ACT English _____	ACT Math _____
SAT Verbal _____	SAT Math _____

Please use the following scale to rate the applicant's abilities	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Leadership characteristics				
Personality traits				
Ability to get along with and work well with others				
Ability to work under pressure				
Ability to take criticism				
Attendance, punctuality and dependability				
Overall assessment of candidate				

General Comments: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____
Title: _____

Bill Nelson
Florida



**UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS
2006 SCHEDULE**

Monday, April 3, 2006	Application process opens.
Saturday, October 7, 2006	Postmark deadline for file completion and submission of information.
Tuesday, October 24, 2006	Interview notices mailed.
Thursday, November 16, 2006	Personal interview.
Wednesday, December 20, 2006	Nominee notification of status by mail begins.

Send All Correspondence Regarding Service Academy Nominations To:

Senator Bill Nelson
Attention: Service Academy Coordinator
225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410
Orlando, Florida 32801
Telephone: (407) 872-7161 or (888) 671-4091 (*toll-free in Florida only*)
Fax: (407) 872-7165

Applications sent to office locations other than the Orlando, Florida office may cause delays in processing.