

# 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 September 24, 2010  
The Class of 2015 will begin July 2011





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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 September 24, 2010.

Each senator may have five Midshipmen or Cadets at each academy at any one time. For the 2011 admission year, Senator Nelson will be able to nominate 10 individuals for one vacancy per service academy. All applicants should be advised that acceptance of any appointment commits them to at least a five year active duty obligation to the military upon graduation.

The deadline for submission of information to the senator's office is September 24, 2010. 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 **October 27, 2010** 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 and students who reside outside Florida. **Note: Interviews are held for one day only (October 27, 2010). Please keep the interview date open on your calendar. There are no make-up or alternate dates.**

## 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 1570 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 must 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. **NOTE: Minimum SAT and ACT scores must be met by the postmarked deadline of September 24, 2010 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 500 Writing	24 English 25 Math 6 Writing Subscore
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY Director of Admissions 606 Thayer Road West Point, New York 10996-1797 Telephone: (845) 938-4041	560 Verbal 560 Math 500 Writing	23 English 24 Math 6 Writing Subscore
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY Admissions Office 117 Decatur Road Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5018 Telephone: (410) 293-4361	580 Verbal 580 Math 500 Writing	24 English 25 Math 6 Writing Subscore
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY Admissions Office Kings Point, New York 11024 Telephone: (866) 546-4778	510 Verbal 560 Math 500 Writing	21 English 24 Math 6 Writing Subscore

**NOTE:** No congressional nomination is required for entrance into the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. Call the Admissions Hotline at (800) 883-8724 or the main Admissions line at (866) 435-7196. You may also contact the academy by mail at 31 Mohegan Avenue, New London, Connecticut 06320-8103 to obtain information or application forms. Additionally, you may visit their website at: [www.uscga.edu](http://www.uscga.edu).

## ACADEMY CHECKLIST

### INSTRUCTIONS

Read all material carefully, then with equal care, complete the required forms and provide all requested data by **September 24, 2010**. **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 the 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. 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 must be forwarded directly from the testing center to the Orlando, Florida office by September 24, 2010.**

#### IV. Personal Interview Location *Please keep the interview date open on your calendar. There are no make-up or alternate dates.*

Personal interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. 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** (Alachua, Brevard, Flager, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia Counties)
- **Tallahassee** (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, Sarasota Counties)

#### V. Are you currently a student outside of the State of Florida? \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes

Applicant Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Academy: \_\_\_\_\_



**Service Academy Application**  
Please type or print the required information on both pages.

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE ONLY**

<b>Full Legal Name:</b> _____	<b>Social Security No:</b> _____
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<b>Choice of Service Academy</b> (check <u>one</u> only)			
<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 \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a United States Citizen?      Yes      No

**Mailing Address**

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Legal Address In Florida**

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District Number (1- 25) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Academic Data</b>	
Name of School _____	Date of Graduation _____
Counselor _____	School Phone No. _____
<b>Test Scores: Qualifying scores must be met and submitted by the postmark deadline.</b>	
SAT Scores	
Verbal _____	Math _____
Writing _____	English _____
ACT Scores	
Math _____	Writing Subscore (2-12) _____
Are you taking or in (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Classes <input type="checkbox"/> AP Classes <input type="checkbox"/> IB Program	

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

Activity	Office Held / Letter / Award	Year(s)

Check here if you are adding supporting documents and will leave above section blank.

***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.**

The following 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Class Rank (mark one)

Top 5%     Top 10%     Top 15%     Top 20%     Top 25%     Below 25%

Weighted or Un-weighted GPA (mark one)

4.5 & Higher     3.7 - 4.4     3.6 - 3.4     3.3 - 3.2     3.1 - 3.0     Below 3.0

SAT Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Math \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Writing \_\_\_\_\_

ACT English \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Math \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Writing Subscore (2-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Academic Criteria (mark all that apply)     Honors     AP Classes     IB Program

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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## UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS 2010 SCHEDULE

- Monday, March 22, 2010** Application process opens.
- Friday, September 24, 2010** Postmark deadline for file completion and submission of information. Applications postmarked after this date will be considered incomplete and not eligible for consideration.
- Wednesday, October 13, 2010** Interview notices mailed to qualified candidates.
- Wednesday, October 27, 2010** Personal interview. Please keep the interview date open on your calendar. There are no make-up or alternate dates.
- Monday, November 29, 2010** Nominee notification of status by mail begins.
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### SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS TO

U. S. 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

Website: <http://www.billnelson.senate.gov>

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





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## Helpful Hints For Completing the Service Academy Application Process

- Read the application packet in its entirety prior to attempting to complete the application. Then follow all directions carefully. All application materials must be submitted at the same time.
- Once the Orlando office receives your application materials, processing will take approximately 7 to 14 days. Applications submitted closer to the postmark deadline may take an additional week for processing. Once your application has been processed, a notification letter with the status of your application will be mailed.
- Applications received at office locations other than the Orlando, Florida office may be delayed. The U. S. Senate's mail security policy for all Washington, D.C. offices remains in effect. This policy requires that all mail must go through an irradiation process before it can be received and opened. Consequently, mail sent directly to the Washington, D.C. Office may not be received for four to six weeks.
- Applications sent to other office locations may be forwarded to the Orlando office. However, there is no guarantee the application will arrive prior to the postmark deadline. If your application is sent to a location other than the Orlando office, is forwarded and arrives in Orlando after the postmark deadline, it may be considered late and possibly will not be accepted for the current nomination cycle.
- Keep the interview date open on your calendar. Interviews are held on the date published in the application. There are no make-up or alternate dates.**
- Presentation materials are not necessary when assembling your application. All staples, binders, jackets, plastic sleeves, report covers or other materials used to assemble applications are removed and discarded prior to presenting them to board members for review.
- The Academy Checklist is an integral part of the application and must be completed and returned with the rest of your application materials.
- Applications received without all supporting documents within the same envelope are considered incomplete. When approaching individuals who will provide information for your application, let them know you need the information back in a signed, sealed envelope. Additionally, let them know your application must be submitted with all supporting documents.

- Official SAT or ACT test scores are accepted directly from the testing facility or as listed on high school or college transcripts. Student copies are not accepted as official test scores.
- If you have not taken your SAT or ACT tests prior to the following testing dates, you may not receive your scores prior to the postmark deadline of Friday, September 24, 2010.  
SAT - June 5, 2010                      ACT - June 12, 2010
- The application listed at <http://billnelson.senate.gov> is a fill-in form. This means that you may type directly into the application, print and sign it to prepare it for mailing with the rest of your supporting documents.
- Obtaining a Congressional Nomination is an extremely competitive process. You are encouraged to apply to more than one academy to increase your chances of obtaining a congressional nomination. Additionally, it is strongly recommended that you apply to both Senatorial offices as well as your Congressional office. However, you may only submit one application to our office for one academy only.
- You may find your Congressional District at <http://www.house.gov>.
- Contact and register with each Service Academy in which you have an interest. Applying to one academy does not mean you have applied to all four service academies.
- Throughout the application process, review board members and academies will be looking at the following factors: character, academics, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, goals and motivation. These qualities are required to meet the challenges of the academy programs and, subsequently becoming a commissioned officer.
- Upon graduation from a Service Academy, you are obligated to serve five years of active duty.
- All questions should be directed to the Senator Nelson's Orlando office at (407) 872-7161 or (888) 671-4091 (*toll free in Florida only*).