

Congressman
PETER J. VISCLOSKY
FIRST DISTRICT OF INDIANA

United States Service Academy Information Form

The United States Service Academies prepare men and women to be professional officers in the armed services and in the Merchant Marine. The academies are:

The United States Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

The United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

The Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York

United States Service Academy Admissions Process

Each academy has its own admissions program. To be considered for admissions to one of the service academies listed above, an applicant must attain a nomination. A nominating letter from a U.S. Representative or Senator is one type of nomination. Individuals seeking a nomination from Congressman Visclosky for the July 2015 session must submit a completed application form, in addition to the required supplemental materials, by **October 31, 2014**. An official application for a Congressional nomination is attached.

Applicants are also required to **apply directly to the academies they wish to attend**. The academy admissions process is initiated by filling out an application on their website. Applicants are urged to contact the academies of their choice and submit the online application as soon as possible.

Qualified individuals may also apply for other types of nominations. Please consult the academy catalogs for information on these nomination procedures.

Academy Eligibility Requirements

Candidates for admissions to a United States Service Academy must meet the following minimum requirements as of July 1, 2015:

1. The applicant must be a United States citizen.
2. The applicant must be at least 17 but not yet 23 years of age (applicants to the Merchant Marine Academy must be at least 17 but not yet 25 years of age).
3. The applicant must not be married, pregnant, or have legal obligation for child support of a child or other dependents.
4. The applicant must meet all other specific requirements as indicated in the academy information catalogs.

United States Coast Guard Academy

The United States Coast Guard Academy does not require a Congressional nomination.

Please direct inquiries to:

Director of Admissions
United States Coast Guard
New London, CT 06320
1-800-883-8724

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Congressional Nomination Requirements

Candidates wishing to receive an academy nomination from Congressman Visclosky must meet the following requirements:

1. The applicant must be a legal resident of Indiana's First Congressional District.
2. The Applicant must submit a completed application with the following materials to Congressman Visclosky by **October 31, 2014**:
 - A) Official high school and/or college transcript.
 - B) Three letters of recommendation (at least one must be from a Math teacher and one from an English teacher).
 - C) SAT or ACT scores. If so indicated, the Educational Testing Service will forward SAT and/or ACT scores directly to Congressman Visclosky. To forward SAT scores, students should use code 1888 on the SAT application form. To forward ACT scores, students should use code 7397 on the application form.
 - D) A typed essay of no more than 250 words detailing why the applicant would like to attend a service academy and become a professional officer in one of the services.

Completed applications should be sent to:
Congressman Peter J. Visclosky
7895 Broadway
Suite A
Merrillville, Indiana 46410
Attn: U.S. Academy Coordinator

Qualified applicants will be interviewed in November by Congressman Visclosky's Academy Selection Committee. The committee will screen applicants for scholastic ability, leadership potential, adequacy of preparation, and sincerity to attend a service academy. For further information, you may contact the Merrillville District Office and speak with the Service Academy Coordinator.

Indiana Senatorial Nominations

Applicants from Indiana's First Congressional District are also encouraged to apply to Senator Joe Donnelly and Senator Daniel Coats for service academy nominations.

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**Application for Congressional Nomination
to a United States Service Academy**
(Please print or type)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ U.S. Citizen: yes ___ no ___

Parents Name: _____

Parents Address: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank: _____

University: _____

Test Scores: SAT: Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

ACT: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Composite _____

Extracurricular Activities/Employment: Please list all school and/or community activities that you are or have been involved with. Also, list any employment history.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

(Please use a separate sheet, if needed.)

The Service Academy to which you are requesting a nomination:

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

References: Please list three personal references and ask each to submit a letter of recommendation to Congressman Visclosky. (Remember: at least one reference must be from a Math teacher and one from an English teacher).

I. Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

II. Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

III. Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

NOTE: All required materials must be received at Congressman Visclosky's office by October 31, 2014.