



United States Congressman



Stephen L. Fincher

Proudly Serving Tennessee's 8th District

Application- U.S. Service Academy Nomination

Application Due: November 21, 2014

For class entering July 2015 (Class of 2019)

Number in order of preference (#1 first choice, etc.). Mark only those academies you are interested in attending.

- _____ Air Force Academy
- _____ Merchant Marine Academy
- _____ Military Academy
- _____ Naval Academy

To begin processing your application, please print the following information:

Name: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS IN TENNESSEE: _____
(NUMBER AND STREET)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County of Legal Residence: _____

Phone Number(s) – Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

TEMPORARY ADDRESS/TELEPHONE (IF APPLICABLE): _____
(NUMBER AND STREET)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Sex: MALE: _____ FEMALE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION:

Father's Name: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Name of School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Telephone Number: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Have you attended college? _____

If so, give date, school name, address, phone number, and highest level obtained:

(If you have attended college, please attach additional information regarding your GPA, college transcript, extracurricular activities, and other pertinent information for consideration by the Academy Selection Committee.)

MISCELLANEOUS

Have you applied directly to each academy in which you are interested? YES ____ NO ____

Is yes, which one(s)? _____

Are you requesting a nomination from another source? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, from what source? Vice President _____ Military (Service) _____

Senator Alexander _____ Senator Corker _____

Are you employed? If so, state job, location, hours per week, and any outstanding circumstances.



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PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I give my personal authorization to Congressman Stephen L Fincher and/or his staff representative, designated by him, to obtain the necessary information from my records for use in his academy selection procedures. By signing this application, I permit discussion of pertinent information with my school, my parent (s) and/or legal guardian (s), the academy, the Academy Selection Committee, and the news media. I also certify that I am legally domiciled in the Eighth District of Tennessee.

(Signature of Student)

(Signature of parent or legal guardian if student is under 18)

(Date)

(Date)



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U.S. Service Academy Nomination: Instructions

1. Complete the enclosed application form.
2. Submit a one-page list of extracurricular activities, including athletics, leadership roles, honors and awards, employment, etc.
3. Have a guidance counselor or principal complete the appropriate form and return it along with a copy of your high school transcript.
4. Submit THREE letters of recommendation (in addition to guidance counselor/principal's form). Give each recommender an "Instructions for Recommendations" sheet.
5. Submit a recent photograph or school picture.
6. Submit a one-page personal statement on "Why I Want to Attend a US Service Academy."
7. You may also attach a brief explanation of any extraordinary or unusual personal or family circumstances that the Academy Selection Committee should consider.
8. Only students eligible to enter an academy in the Summer of 2014 should apply for a nomination at this time.
9. Apply separately for admission to each academy in which you are interested.
10. Please TYPE the list of extracurricular activities and personal statement.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Congressman Stephen L. Fincher
ATTN: Marianne Purcell
12015 Walker Street
Arlington, TN 38002

APPLICATION DUE NOVEMBER 21st 2014

If you have questions, please contact Marianne Purcell at (901) 682-4422.



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U.S. Service Academy Nomination: Information Form

TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL

Please include a copy of the student’s transcript and return before November 21st 2014 to:

Congressman Stephen L. Fincher
ATTN: Marianne Purcell
12015 Walker Street
Arlington, TN 38002

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of School: _____

APPLICANT’S ACADEMIC STANDING:

Numerical Junior Year Class Rank: _____ Out of: _____

Current GPA: _____

SAT Score: Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____

ACT Score: (Composite): _____ (E) _____ (M) _____ (R) _____ (SR) _____

GENERAL COMMENTS: Please discuss the applicant’s overall fitness for US Service Academy admission and for a military career as an officer in our armed forces. The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, goals, and motivation in determining each applicant’s “whole person” evaluation.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____



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U.S. Service Academy Nomination: Instructions for Recommendations

- ❖ NOTE TO CANDIDATE: Please give a copy of this sheet to three people who agree to write a letter of recommendation for you.
- ❖ NOTE TO RECOMMENDER: Please write a letter of recommendation on your letterhead or personal stationary (be sure to include a return address). Please send the recommendation letter before November 21st, 2014 directly to:

Congressman Stephen L. Fincher
ATTN: Marianne Purcell
12015 Walker Street
Arlington, TN 38002

This student has expressed desire to attend a US Service Academy, such as the Military Academy at West Point or the US Naval Academy. Admission to these academies is extremely limited, highly competitive, and an appointment is an esteemed honor and achievement. After successfully completing a rigorous four-year program in one of these competitive schools and receiving a first-rate education, a successful graduate will be pledged to serve a term as an officer in our armed forces.

In order to apply to a service academy, an applicant must obtain a nomination from an authorized source, and this applicant has requested a nomination from Congressman Stephen Fincher, Representative of the Eighth District of Tennessee. Congressman Fincher and his Academy Selection Committee would appreciate your thorough and honest evaluation of the applicant's fitness for US Service Academy admission and ensuing military career. The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, and goals and motivation in determining each applicant's "whole" person" evaluation.

Congressman Fincher, his designated staff, and his Academy Selection Committee will hold your comments in the strictest confidence. Thank you and we appreciate your assistance.



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U.S. Service Academy Nomination: Basic Fact Sheet

Before a candidate can receive an offer of appointment to a service academy, the candidate must obtain a nomination from an authorized source. Congressman Stephen Fincher is honored that as a U.S. Congressman, he is able to submit nominations from his constituency. A student can also apply for nominations through U.S. Senators and the Vice President. If a parent is presently on active duty and has served in the military for at least eight years or is retired, a student may apply for a presidential nomination through the military. Children of deceased or disabled veterans or children of Medal of Honor winners may apply for a nomination directly from the service academies.

Acceptance of an offer of appointment from an academy involves at least a nine-year obligation to military service- four years at the academy and five years of active duty service.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each member of Congress may nominate only persons legally domiciled within the boundaries of his/her district. If you are unsure of your district of residence, contact your local election commission.

Each member of Congress may nominate as many as ten students per each allotted vacancy to the Air Force, Military, and Naval Academies.

Each member of Congress may nominate statewide, ten persons to compete for an appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Nominations are not required for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. A student applies directly to the academy.

ACADEMY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

THE APPLICANT MUST:

1. be at least 17 years old by not have passed the 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year entering the academy (except for the Merchant Marine Academy).
2. be a U.S. citizen.
3. be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents (except for the merchant Marine Academy)

NOMINATION PROCESS

THE APPLICANT MUST:

1. apply for admission directly to each academy in which he/she is interested. The student must take the responsibility to contact the academy (ies) and complete a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire to begin the application process.
2. complete an application package for Congressman Stephen Fincher's congressional nomination which this office provides.
3. be interviewed by Congressman Fincher's Academy Selection Committee.

GENERAL ACADEMY ADMISSIONS & NOMINATION STANDARDS

THE APPLICANT MUST:

1. have evidence of good moral character
2. have record of acceptable scholastic achievement
3. have participated in extracurricular activities
4. be physically fit
5. be medically qualified

6. be motivated to attend the academy and serve in our armed forces.

TIMELINE FOR THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Nomination applications are due on November 30th, 2013 to Congressman Fincher's Dyersburg office. Congressman Fincher will then submit his nominations to the academies in December or January. Academies make all decisions on offers of appointment for admission during the spring. Final decision on admission rests with the academies. Applicants will be notified of the academies' decision throughout this period. The new classes will enter in the summer.

If you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact Marianne Purcell in Congressman Stephen Fincher's Memphis office at (901) 682-4422.

CONTACT THE ACADEMIES

Contact information for the Admissions Offices of the five U.S Service Academies is listed below. Please contact the academy or academies you are interested in applying to obtain admission information and to begin the admissions process. Include your full name, address, phone number, Social Security number, and expected year of graduation in your correspondence with these offices. Website information is also included.

US AIR FORCE ACADEMY
Admissions Office
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 210
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
Phone: (719) 333-3070
Website: www.usafa.edu

US COAST GUARD ACADEMY
Admissions Office
31 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-8103
Phone: (860) 444-8501
Website: www.cga.edu

US MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY
Admissions Office
300 Steamboat Road

Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
Phone: (866) 546-4778
Website: www.usmma.edu

US MILITARY ACADEMY
Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
Phone: (914) 938-4041
Website: www.usma.edu

US NAVAL ACADEMY
Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 31402-5019
Phone: (401) 293-4361
Website: www.usna.edu