

U.S. Service Academies:

The United States Military Academy (USMA) in West Point, New York, founded in 1802

The United States Naval Academy (USNA) in Annapolis, Maryland, founded in 1845

The United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) in New London, Connecticut, founded in 1876

The United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) in Kings Point, New York, founded in 1943

The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) in Colorado Springs, Colorado, founded in 1954

Visit the academy of your choice online for each academy's particular qualifications.

To verify your Member of Congress go to www.house.gov



The deadline to submit an application for a congressional nomination from the 51st District is:



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Admissions to the United States Service Academies



Representative Juan Vargas

Serving the
51st Congressional District in
San Diego and Imperial Counties



Junior Year Tasks

Visit your preferred Academy’s website to look for summer programs offered. You may also want to consider participating in extracurricular programs; including academic camps in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics and/or sports camps.

January

Submit summer program application if interested.

March

Submit pre-candidate questionnaire online by going to the service academies designated website.

April/May/June

Schedule your SAT, ACT or both. The academies will accept your highest individual section scores. It is to your advantage to take the test as often as possible.

July/August

Prepare for the Candidate Fitness Assessment. Take your Medical Exam as soon as you are notified by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board. All applicants must meet medical standards prior to entrance to the Academy.



The United States service academies are federal academies for the undergraduate education and training of commissioned officers for the United States Armed Forces, the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines.



Presidential, Congressional and Service-Affiliated Nominations

Applicants to all service academies, except the United States Coast Guard Academy, are required to obtain a nomination to the schools. Nominations must be made by your Congressional Representative, U.S. Senators, the Vice President, the President or from the secretary of your branch of service if on active duty. To apply for a Congressional Nomination from Representative Vargas, you must be a constituent of the 51st District. To verify your Member of Congress go to www.house.gov.

Admissions

The admissions process to the U.S. service academies is an extensive and very competitive process. The U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Air Force Academy all require an applicant to submit an on-line file and proceed through pre-candidate qualification before an application is provided by the academy. All these schools have an extremely competitive application process and are ranked annually as one of the most selective colleges and universities in America. The average acceptance rate for each of these schools is between 8-15 percent.



Senior Year Tasks

*Please note that application due dates vary from year to year.

September/October

Complete and submit nomination applications to all nominating sources where you qualify. Nominating sources include:

- **President:** may nominate children and legally adopted children of career officer and enlisted personnel of the armed forces, active or reserve component
- **Vice President:** authorized to nominate without geographical restrictions including U.S. citizens living abroad
- **U.S. Senator:** may nominate applicants from their entire state
- **U.S. Representative:** may nominate applicants domiciled in their districts
- **Secretary of the appropriate service:** may nominate active and reserve members of the appropriate component, ROTC, JROTC and JROT programs that have been designated as Honor Units with Distinction

November

Upon submitting a properly completed nomination application packet the candidate will be scheduled for an interview by Congressman Vargas’s Academy Nominee Selection Board. Be sure to keep your application file at the academy up-to-date at all times.

December

Congressman Vargas usually notifies candidates of their nomination prior to the end of December.