

2021 Service Academy Nominations-Best Practices for Students

- ✓ Send a letter or note of interest to Congressman Deutch to start the process as soon as the spring of your junior year. Our application window is May 3, 2020-October 29, 2021.
- ✓ When you are ready to apply with any elected official's office or academy, own the process. Avoid asking parents to act on your behalf.
- ✓ Do your homework:
Research the military academies, their admission requirements and career tracks.
Check out online service academy forums, as they are a great source of information.
Follow the academies on social media, and watch the admissions brief videos.
- ✓ Start an application early with your top 3 academy choices. Applying to just one academy is NOT recommended. Complete the applications as soon as you can, so admissions offices can consider you before the fall rush.
- ✓ Apply early with all nominating sources. (Member of Congress, both U.S. Senators, Vice President and President (if eligible). Application deadlines will vary, so check their websites for details.
- ✓ Train for and complete the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA) requirement.
- ✓ Maintain your academic performance at your personal best so you can be competitive.
- ✓ Take the SAT and/or ACT multiple times to allow for your best scores to be considered.
- ✓ Prepare a one-page professional resume, listing your:
Academic performance/awards
Athletics/awards
Scouting or JROTC involvement
Leadership roles/activities, such as Boys/Girls State
Community service
Employment
Languages spoken, unique experiences or skills that make you stand out
- ✓ Practice interview skills to prepare for the panel interview in the fall.
- ✓ Finally, turn in your application to this office before the deadline. Early application is considered to be an indicator of your motivation.