

Why U.S. Service Academies?

The U.S. Service Academies are designed to educate, train, and inspire the young men and women of today to become tomorrow's military leaders. The goal of all Academies is to provide a free quality education experience within the context of the Honor Code. This Code is essential in developing the necessary character and leadership.

It is important for applicants to seriously consider why they are interested in a U.S. Service Academy, as well as for parents to understand their support role. The application process itself is a good way to prepare for Academy life and responsibilities. Therefore, it is highly recommended that students take the lead in managing their own interview process.



As a member of Congress, I have the honor of nominating outstanding and deserving students from the Second Congressional District of Colorado to our U.S. Service Academies. To be considered, you must meet eligibility requirements established by law and receive an official nomination from your member of the House of Representatives. You may also seek a nomination from your U.S. senators and from the vice president of the United States. I recommend that you explore these options as well.

*Jared Polis
Member of Congress*

For information and our application process, please direct all questions to:

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United States Service Academies

The Congressional
Nomination Process



Congressman Jared Polis
Second Congressional District of
Colorado

Eligibility Requirements

These basic eligibility requirements must be met as of July 1 of the year of admission to a U.S. Service Academy:

- Reside in the 2nd Congressional District to receive a nomination from Congressman Polis;
- Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed your 23rd birthday (25th birthday for the Merchant Marine);
- Be a United States citizen; and,
- Be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligations to support children or other dependents

Visit polis.house.gov for an application

Student Benefits Include:

Top Tier Education • Scholarships Plus Stipend • No Student Loans • Academically Challenging • Leadership Opportunities • Guaranteed Employment Upon Graduation



Congressional Nominations

Based on recommendations from a Congressional panel, Congressman Polis will nominate up to 10 applicants for each U.S. Service Academy vacancy. This panel, along with staff, will review applications and conduct interviews. Once this process is complete, Congressman Polis will review the recommendations and confirm the final nominations. At all times, the U.S. Service Academy has the ultimate responsibility to appoint based on several “whole person” factors such as: academic record; extracurricular activities; community service; athletic activities; critical skills; physical aptitude; ACT and/or SAT scores; leadership potential; medical qualifications; and, diversity in perspective. The purpose of this process is to nominate qualified and diverse candidates to our U.S. Service Academies.



2011 Candidate Deadlines

October 7: Candidate applications due to Gina Salazar at the Thornton office

October 29 and November 5, 12,19: Candidate interviews, dates are tentative and based on the number of applicants

January 14, 2012: Candidate selections submitted to the U.S. Service Academies

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Please remember to also begin the application process with the Academy/Academies of your choice, in addition to your U.S. senators and/or the vice president of the United States.

United States Air Force Academy

719.333.8807 • www.academyadmissions.com

United States Military Academy

845.446.2096 • www.usma.edu

United States Merchant Marine Academy

516.773.5000 • www.usmma.edu

United States Naval Academy

410.293.6250 • www.usna.edu/admissions

If you are interested in the United States Coast Guard Academy or the Reserves Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), you do not need a Congressional nomination. However, Congressman Polis can provide a letter of recommendation on your behalf once you have completed our process.

United States Coast Guard Academy

800.883.8724 • www.cga.edu

Reserve Officers' Training Corps

303.492.3549 • www.colorado.edu/arotc

