



CONGRESSWOMAN  
**BETH**  
**VAN DUYNE**  
REPRESENTING THE 24TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

## **Academy Nomination Process**

1. Send a letter to Congresswoman Van Duyne expressing your desire to attend a United States Service Academy in the spring semester of your junior year. Please include the following:
  - a. Full Name
  - b. Name of school attending
  - c. Anticipated graduation date
  - d. Contact information (home address, phone, email, etc.)
2. The District Office will send out application packets in the spring to be returned to the office no later than **5:00 pm on October 3, 2025**.
3. Congresswoman Van Duyne's Academy Selection Board will review all candidate files in October/November to determine which candidates will be interviewed.
4. Interviews of selected candidates will be held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, **November 22, 2025**. Congresswoman Van Duyne's office will submit nominations no later than **December 19, 2025**. Notifications will be made shortly thereafter.
5. Since approximately 15,000 students apply each year to attend one of the five military academies and there are only approximately 1,200 slots per Academy, the Congresswoman always encourages you to have a "Plan B." It is essential to look at the various ROTC programs/scholarships available. If you truly desire to be a military officer, we encourage you to apply through some of these sources at the same time.

6. Each of the academies offers summer programs you can attend the summer following your junior year. This gives you a taste of what academy life is really like. Since many hundreds apply for the limited slots, it is imperative that you sign up for these sessions as soon as possible. Applications are available online at each of the academies and generally open in January of your junior year. Check the websites at each individual academy for details and exact dates.
7. **STAY IN SHAPE.** We cannot emphasize enough how important this is. If you do not participate in some kind of team or individual sport, you need to work with a trainer to develop a workout plan to ensure you can pass the physical test that is required of all applicants. Run, run and run some more. You need to be in top physical shape in order to get the most out of the training you have to take the first summer at an academy.
8. Begin taking the ACT/SAT early and often. These test scores are immensely important and gives our Board and the academies a first glance of your academics. It usually takes more than one time to get a score you will be happy with. In addition, our office requires **OFFICIAL** scores, meaning they must come **directly from SAT/ACT** or be reported on an **OFFICIAL high school transcript**. We will not accept copies, print screens or anything other than the two previous mentioned methods. Therefore, if you wait until the fall of your senior year to begin take the ACT or SAT, you will run a high risk of not being able to get an OFFICIAL score to our office by our deadline in October. We are happy to update your file if you have improved scores in the fall, but only IF we have an official score on file for you by the application deadline.
9. If you have further questions, please contact Rachel Garcia in my district office. She coordinates the nomination process. You can reach her by phone at 972-966-5500 or by email at [rachel.garcia@mail.house.gov](mailto:rachel.garcia@mail.house.gov).

## **Eligibility Requirements**

To qualify for appointment consideration, you must:

- Be at least 17 years old by July 1 of the year you enter the Academy
- Not have passed your 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year you enter the Academy
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be of high moral character
- Meet high leadership, academic, physical, and medical standards
- Be unmarried, with no dependents

## **Academic Performance**

Academic performance is based upon grades in high school and any college courses taken, rank in class, and college admission test scores. Math portions of ACT/SAT count more heavily than English. Extra credit is given for honors and AP courses.

Note: We suggest taking the SAT or ACT as many times as possible. To report your scores to our office, use **SAT Code: 4441 or ACT Code: 7705**.

### **SAT Test Dates 2025**

May 3, 2025

June 7, 2025

August 23, 2025

September 13, 2025

October 4, 2025\*

### **ACT Test Dates 2025**

June 14, 2025

July 12, 2025

September 6, 2025\*

October 18, 2025\*

\*Anticipated dates, not final. Check SAT/ACT websites for confirmed dates.

## **Academic Criteria for Service Academies**

Minimum SAT scores for the academies: 500 verbal and 500 math

Average SAT scores at the academies are 540 – 620 verbal and 630 – 710 math

Minimum ACT scores for the academies: 21 English, 19 Social Studies, 24 Math, 24 Natural Science

Average ACT scores are 23 – 27 English; 24 – 29 Social Studies; 27 – 32 Math; 28 – 32 Natural Science

\*Minimum and average scores are slightly higher for the Naval Academy.

# United States Service Academies Fact Sheet

United States Military Academy - West Point, NY

<http://www.usma.edu>

United States Naval Academy - Annapolis, MD

<http://www.usna.edu>

United States Air Force Academy - Colorado Springs, CO

<http://www.usafa.af.mil>

United States Merchant Marine Academy - Kings Point, NY

<http://www.usmma.edu>

United States Coast Guard Academy - New London, CT\*

<https://www.uscga.edu/>

\*Slightly different requirements. Admission does **not** require a nomination.

✓ 4-year scholarship valued at \$400,000+

✓ Commissioned as an officer of the U.S. Armed Forces

Candidates are selected based on:

- Academic Performance
- Leadership Potential
- Physical Aptitude
- Medical Qualification

Each individual must receive a nomination from an official source – U.S. Senator, U.S. Congresswoman, Military, or Presidential. Our applications are due by mid-October each year. Check website at <https://vanduyne.house.gov/> for exact date.

Contact Rachel Garcia in Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne's Office for more information at 972-966-5500 or at [rachel.garcia@mail.house.gov](mailto:rachel.garcia@mail.house.gov).