

U.S. Representative Bill Huizenga
Second Congressional District of Michigan



United States Service Academy
Nomination Application
Class of 2026

Congressman Bill Huizenga
4555 Wilson Ave, Suite 3
Grandville, MI 49418



Office of Congressman Bill Huizenga United States Service Academy Packet

Applicants should keep the following in mind as they proceed through the United States Service Academy Congressional Nomination application process:

1. Applying to a Service Academy is a two-tiered process. All applicants must first open an application with any and all academies they have an interest in attending. The applicant at the same time needs to apply for a Congressional Nomination through Congressman Huizenga's office.

Each Member of Congress is entitled to fill five vacancies at each Service Academy at a time. When a vacancy is filled, the cadet is then "charged" to the Second Congressional District of Michigan. Congressman Huizenga is allowed to nominate young men and women to a particular Academy when a vacancy occurs in one of these charged slots, either by reason of graduation or withdrawal.

2. For each vacancy, Congressman Huizenga is able to nominate up to ten candidates for admission. One of these nominees will then be offered an appointment to fill the vacancy, chosen at the selection of the Academy. The other nominees, assuming they meet the Academy's minimum requirements, are placed into a nationwide qualified candidate pool. At that point, the remaining slots for the incoming class are allotted at the discretion of the Academy.
3. All correspondence regarding a Service Academy appointment should be addressed to:

**Congressman Bill Huizenga
Attn: Sarah Lisman
P.O. Box 9
Jenison, MI 49429**

4. Applications **MUST** be received in my Grandville District office by **5:00pm November 1, 2021**. If October 31st falls on a weekend, the applications will be due the following Monday by 5:00pm. **Under no circumstances will Congressman Huizenga accept late applications.**
5. The applicant will be contacted regarding an interview with Congressman Huizenga's Academy Advisory Board once the application deadline has passed. Interviews will be scheduled for the first Friday in December.



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Contact Information:

Full Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

2nd District Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different): _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Social Security Number: ____-____-____ Date of Birth: _____

Are you a United States Citizen? YES NO Are you a Michigan Resident? YES NO

Father's Name: _____ Military Service? YES NO

Branch of Service: _____ Rank: _____ Years of Service: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Military Service? YES NO

Branch of Service: _____ Rank: _____ Years of Service: _____

Background Information:

Name of High School Attended: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Current GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ of _____

Name of College Attended (if applicable): _____

Number of Credits Completed: _____ Current GPA: _____

ACT: ____/____/____/____/____ SAT: ____/____/____/____
(English) (Math) (Reading) (Science) (Composite) (Reading) (Math) (Writing) (Composite)

Honors and School Activities: _____

Employment: _____

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: _____

Nominating Sources:

Have you applied for a nomination with Congressman Huizenga before? YES NO

If yes, when? _____ Did you receive a nomination? YES NO

Please circle all other nominating sources that you plan to pursue a nomination from.

Senator Debbie Stabenow

Senator Gary Peters

President Joseph Biden

Vice President Kamala Harris

JROTC

Academy Preference:

Please rank the following academies in order of your preference. If you have no interest in attending a certain academy please circle No. Also, please indicate if you have opened an application file at the preferred academies.

United States Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland

N 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
Opened a file? YES NO

N 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
Opened a file? YES NO

United States Military Academy
West Point, New York

United States Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York

N 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
Opened a file? YES NO

N 1st 2nd 3rd 4th
Opened a file? YES NO

List of Enclosed Letters of Recommendations:

(Please include name, occupation & phone number)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Essay:

(Please type on a separate piece of paper)

In 500-750 words, please describe why you want to attend a United States Service Academy. In this essay, please also include what makes you a qualified and unique candidate for a nomination.

Certification and Authorization for Release of Information:

I hereby declare that I am a United States Citizen and a legal resident of Michigan's Second Congressional District. I also declare that I have read, understand, and meet all of the requirements to attend a United States Service Academy and am eligible to receive a Congressional Nomination to such institutions.

I understand that in addition to this application, I am also required to submit the items on the application checklist. I further understand that Congressman Huizenga's Grandville Office must be in receipt of all application materials no later than **5:00 p.m., November 1, 2021.**

I release this information to the Office of Congressman Bill Huizenga for the sole purpose of its use in the selection of Nominees to the Service Academies. Use of this information for any other purpose is strictly prohibited. Should I receive a nomination, I authorize Congressman Huizenga to release my name as a Nominee to the press.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____



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U.S. Air Force Academy

Office of Admissions
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2300
USAF Academy, CO 80840
Phone: (800) 443-9266
<https://www.academyadmissions.com>

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Congressional Nominations are not required for admission. For admission policies, please contact the Academy at: (800) 883-8724
<https://www.uscga.edu/admissions/>

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Office of Admissions
300 Steamboat Road, Wiley Hall
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
Phone: (800) 732-6267
<https://www.usmma.edu/admissions>

U.S. Military Academy, West Point

Office of Admissions
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
Phone: (845) 938-4041
<https://westpoint.edu/admissions>

U.S. Naval Academy

Office of Admissions
Halsey Field House
52 King George Street
Annapolis, MD 21402
Phone: (410) 293-1858
<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>

PLEASE NOTE: A Congressional Nomination is only part of the process leading to admission to a U.S. Service Academy. It is the responsibility of the student to initiate a pre-candidate file at each Academy to which they are seeking a nomination. We encourage you to apply for all Academies that may be of interest of you. If qualified, you may be eligible for a nomination to more than one Academy, if space is available.



Office of Congressman Bill Huizenga United States Service Academy Packet Nomination Checklist

Nomination Requirements:

1. Completed Application
2. Completed Essay
 - In 500-750 words, please describe why you want to attend a United States Service Academy. In this essay, please also include what makes you a qualified and unique candidate for a nomination.
3. Official Academic Transcripts
 - Please submit an Official Transcript from any high school and college attended since 9th grade.
 - Include class rank
4. ACT/SAT Scores
 - May be included on official transcripts
 - SAT Code: 1634
 - ACT Code: 7466
5. A current photograph of the applicant
6. Three Letters of Recommendation
 - Only 3, no more or less.
 - Letters of Recommendation should arrive in sealed envelopes within your application packet.
 - Those persons used as references should not be relatives of the applicant. High school instructors, high school guidance counselors, coaches, and former employers are preferred.
7. A current resume
8. Signed Authorization Form
 - Last page of application

Notes:

- All application materials should be submitted together in a single package (with the potential exception of official SAT/ACT scores). The enclosure of unsolicited material may not be used in consideration for a Congressional Nomination. Please contact Sarah Lisman at (616) 570-0917 or at Sarah.Lisman@mail.house.gov if you have any questions.
 - *If you have any concerns regarding standardized testing availability due to COVID-19, please contact Sarah Lisman.*



Office of Congressman Bill Huizenga United States Service Academy Packet Nomination Timeline

April 2021	Application packets available for high school graduating class of 2022 or current college students
July 1 - Nov 2, 2021	Applications for nominations accepted at our Congressional Office
November 1, 2021	Application <u>DEADLINE</u> - 5:00pm (No late applications will be accepted)
Nov 2 - Nov 30, 2021	Applications are reviewed and Congressional staff notifies each candidate of their interview time and location
December 3, 2021	Interviews with Congressman Huizenga's Academy Board
December 4 - 31, 2021	Congressional office to notify candidates about their nomination status
December 2021	Nomination forms are prepared and sent to each academy, and nominees' names are released to the press
February - April 2022	Academies release admission decisions
June - July 2022	Cadets/Midshipmen from the Class of 2026 report to respective academy

Please send completed application packets by **November 1, 2021** to:

Congressman Bill Huizenga
Attention: Sarah Lisman
P.O. Box 9
Jenison, MI 49429



Office of Congressman Bill Huizenga United States Service Academy Packet Congressional Nomination FAQ's

Frequently Asked Questions on Service Academy Nominations

What are the basic eligibility requirements?

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- Age: Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday
- Citizenship: Must be a U.S. citizen
- Marital Status: Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents
- Residence: In order to receive a nomination from Congressman Huizenga, applicant must reside within the boundaries of the 2nd Congressional District of Michigan
- Skill / Fitness / Academic: Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy

What is a nomination?

Members of Congress may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. A candidate may seek a nomination from the following:

- A member of the U.S. House of Representatives who represents the congressional district in which the candidate resides
- Both U.S. Senators from his or her state
- The Vice-President of the United States

It is in your best interest to request a nomination from any available source.

What is the difference between a nomination and an appointment?

A nomination is the authority from a nominating source (see above) for a candidate to be considered for entrance by an academy. An appointment is the actual slot for admission from the candidate's preferred academy.

Who do I contact to request an application for nomination from Congressman Huizenga?

Contact Sarah Lisman in Congressman Huizenga's Grandville Office at (616) 570-0917 or at Sarah.Lisman@mail.house.gov to request a nomination application packet. The packet can also be found online at Huizenga.house.gov.

When do I apply for a nomination?

Nomination application period opens April of each year for those candidates who are high school juniors and will be seniors the following school year, or who have already graduated.

What is the deadline for completing a nomination file?

The deadline for submitting a nomination packet to my District Office is **November 1, 2021** for students entering academies in the summer of 2022.

Does Congressman Huizenga accept late applications?

No, in fairness to all applicants, Congressman Huizenga does not accept nomination applications after November 1st.

What must be included in my nomination file?

A complete nomination file consists of the following *ordered* items:

- Completed Application
- Completed Essay
- Official Academic Transcripts from all schools you attended (High School and College)
- ACT/SAT Scores (May be included on Official Academic Transcript)
- A current photograph of the applicant
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- A Current Resume (include extracurricular activities and employment dating back to 9th grade)
- Signed Authorization form

What happens after I have completed my nomination file?

Applicants who submit a completed nomination file will be scheduled for an interview on the first Friday in December. After the interviews (typically within 2-3 weeks), candidates will be notified in writing of the result of their nomination.

What criteria are used in selecting candidates?

Nominations are based on a "whole person" evaluation. Factors such as academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character, motivation, and interview performance are taken into consideration and compared with other applicants.

Does Congressman Huizenga automatically nominate everyone who applies?

No. Applicants will be evaluated and only offered a nomination if their application is competitive.

Can I be nominated by Congressman Huizenga to multiple academies?

Yes. You can be nominated to multiple academies depending on how well you have competed among the year's pool of candidates. It is also possible to receive multiple appointments. Be sure to rank on your application the academies which you would like to attend if nominated.

How many academies are there?

There are five service academies.

- [*U.S. Military Academy \[at West Point\], New York*](#)
- [*U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland*](#)
- [*U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs*](#)
- [*U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York*](#)
- [*U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut*](#)

Are the requirements the same for all service academies?

No. Although many of the qualifications are similar, each academy operates under its own admissions guidelines. Visit the academy of your choice via their website for each academy's admissions qualifications. It is not necessary to seek a nomination to the Coast Guard Academy as the U.S.C.G.A. accepts candidates based on their own testing criteria.

Who should I ask to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf?

Some of the people applicants typically seek recommendations from include:

- Teachers
- Counselors
- Employers
- Coaches
- Clergy
- Scout Leaders

Will I automatically be selected by the academy after I receive a nomination?

No. You will be placed among a select group of nominees, and the academy will make the final decision. If selected, you will receive an offer of admission (an appointment) directly from the academy.

When will I know if I have been offered an appointment by an academy?

Academies will begin to notify candidates of their admission status in February. All offers of appointment are generally sent out by May. Several academies offer rolling appointments, and you may know as early as October or as late as May if you are receiving an appointment.