

Service Academy Timeline/Checklist

Sophomore year

- Inform your College Counselor of your interest in a Service Academy/ROTC
- Challenge yourself academically
- Develop leadership; make an impact in your club/sport/community
- Attend online Academy admissions events
- Take the PSAT

Junior year - 1st Semester

- Continue excelling in rigorous courses, with emphasis on math and science.
- Assume leadership positions in activities you are passionate about
- Reach out to local Academy representatives to get help with the application process
- Review Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA) requirements
- Review Medical Board (DODMERB) requirements
- Enroll in SAT prep course/hire a SAT tutor.

Junior year - 2nd Semester

- Complete the Pre-Candidate Questionnaire (also called "Candidate Questionnaire" or "Preliminary Application") with each Academy of interest. Opens as early as January of Jr year.
- Take the SAT/ACT 1st time
- Apply for Academy Summer programs. Due by Jan or Mar of Jr year.
- Visit website of your Congressional offices to learn about nomination procedures.
- Take SAT/ACT 2nd time
- Begin writing application essays
- Do mock interview
- Formulate a "plan B." Research ROTC scholarships.
- Visit Academy websites for deadlines. Academy applications open as early as July

Senior year - 1st semester

- Continue academic rigor, with emphasis on math and science.
- Submit Congressional nomination packages.
- Submit Academy application
- Perform Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)
- Schedule Academy liaison officer interview
- Complete ROTC scholarship applications due as early as Oct
- Apply for a Vice Presidential nomination due Jan
- Qualified candidates will arrange for DoDMERB medical exam

General Info

- Applying to an Academy is the equivalent of applying to 10 colleges. Seek a mentor to guide you through it.
- Most appointments occur between late January and April
- If you are denied Congressional nomination, there are other nomination sources (Vice President, President, Senator, Branch Secretary, Academy Superintendent)
- If you are denied admission, consider re-applying your freshman year of college.