



U.S Representative Raúl M. Grijalva

Arizona Congressional District 7

FAQs on Applying For A Congressional Nomination To A United States Military Academy

- **Q: When is the deadline?**
- **A:** Applications must be received in Congressman Grijalva's district office in Somerton on or before October 31, 2024, for those wishing to attend an Academy the following fall semester. The application can be downloaded by visiting grijalva.house.gov/military-academy-nominations.
- **Q: What are the Academies and what are their Web addresses?**
- **A:** The Academies that you can apply to are:
 - [The United States Military Academy at West Point](#)
 - [The United States Air Force Academy](#)
 - [The United States Naval Academy](#)
 - [The United States Merchant Marine Academy](#)
 - [The United States Coast Guard Academy](#) (*Congressional nomination not required*)
- **Q: What are the criteria?**
- **A:** Applicants must be at least 17 years old, but not have passed their 24th birthday by July 1 of the year of entry to an academy. Applicants must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents. Evaluations are based on the "whole person" concept and take into consideration academic, leadership and physical abilities.
- **Q: What do I have to do to be considered for a nomination?**
- **A:** In order to be considered for a nomination, you must complete an application and include the following:
 - 1) The application can be downloaded from my [website](#).
 - 2) **High School and/or College Transcripts:** Applicants must provide a current official transcript from the last high school attended and all college course work completed at the college/university. **School registrar MUST send to my district office in a sealed envelope.**

- 3) **SAT/ACT scores:** Please make sure your test scores are sent to Congressman Grijalva's district office. To have scores sent directly to Congressman Grijalva's office, **use SAT Code 4155**. If taking the **ACT**, **use Code 7230**. The exams may be taken as many times as desired. Only the best scores will be considered. For more information on the exams and the dates of when they will be offered, consult your high school guidance counselor. ***You are allowed to send our office a copy of the scores along with your application.***
 - 4) **Three letters of reference:** Three supporting letters of reference **MUST** be forwarded directly from the individual writing the reference or they will not be accepted. All must be from adults outside your immediate family, and at least one must be from a representative of the last educational institution attended, preferably from a math or science instructor.
 - **Essays:** On separate pages, include three one page essays that answer the following questions: Describe how attendance at a U.S. Military Academy will meet your career and personal goals? Describe your extracurricular activities including honors, awards, affiliations, employment, special accomplishments, athletics, etc. Why should the Congressman nominate you for such an exclusive opportunity?
 - A **recent small photograph of yourself**: If you wish, you may include a head shot photograph with your application. This is optional and entirely at your discretion.
- **Q: When will the interviews occur?**
 - **A:** Applicant interviews with Congressman Grijalva's Academy Advisory Committee will be scheduled during the first Saturday of December 2024. Upon completion of your file, you will be notified of an interview date and time.
 - **Q: How are the nominations and appointments graded?**
 - **A:** Nominations will be given using the competitive method, with all nominees submitted unranked to the Academy. The Academy will contact the candidates, evaluate each applicant and extend the final offer of appointment. This will allow equal opportunity for all nominees. If nominated. If offered an appointment, you will receive notification from the Academy. If not selected, you may apply again for a nomination the following fall.
 - **Q: Q: What if I have more questions or need more information?**
 - **A:** If you have any additional questions, you can contact Martha Gonzalez at (928) 343-7933 or via email at Martha.Gonzalez@mail.house.gov.