U.S. Representative Bobby L. Rush

1st Congressional District of Illinois

United States Service Academy

Congressional Nomination Application

Information and Procedures

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I. General Information

Receiving a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies is a distinct honor. As a veteran I am humbled to take part in this process.

The 1st Congressional District of Illinois is especially competitive. Each year, the number of applicants grossly outweighs the number of vacancies. Each year, the high caliber of the applicants in this district create an esteemed field of candidates to choose from.

To assist me in selecting the most qualified candidates, I have formed an Advisory Board who will interview prospective nominees in November. Please be advised that interviews will only be scheduled for applicants who have submitted a complete application package to my office on or before the deadline. A detailed interview schedule will be announced at a later date.

The Advisory Boards will consider: SAT/ACT scores, Academy evaluations, the information contained in this application and the personal interviews in determining which candidates will be recommended to me for nomination. Note: We cannot recommend any candidates who have not started an application to the service academies. Visit their perspective websites to learn more about their application process.

This application packet includes: Application for Nomination with Affidavit of Residency, and an Application Check List. Please carefully read and follow the instructions on each form. Be sure that you complete each form accurately and that the completed forms along with all additional required documentation are received by my Chicago District Office no later than September 30, 2022. I strongly suggest that you to submit your package as early as possible and not wait for the deadline. All required documents must be submitted in one package.

*I will not be able to consider any individual for nomination who has not submitted a completed application (with all required documentation) to my office on or before September 30, 2022. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.*

I urge you to apply for nomination through every possible source including Senator Dick Durbin, Senator Tammy Duckworth, Vice President Kamala Harris, and if qualified, President Joe Biden. Please contact those offices directly for information on their requirements for nomination.
II. General Nomination Requirements

To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements established by law and be nominated from an authorized person including a Member of the United States Senate or the House of Representatives. I may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and are legally domiciled within the boundaries of the 1st Congressional District of Illinois.

- An applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to a service academy.
  Applicants are required to be between the ages of 17 and 22
- Applicants are required to be citizens of the United States
- Applicants must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents
- Applicants must have a record of outstanding participation and performance in high school activities (athletic and non-athletic)
- Applicants must have good moral standing
- Applicants must reside in the 1st Congressional District of Illinois

III. Service Academy Information

Please remember that in addition to applying for nomination through my Congressional office, you must submit an application directly to the academy (ies) of your choice. Most of the academies require that you apply via their website. Once you submit an inquiry, the academy will establish a Prospective Candidate File and send you pertinent information.

There are five Service Academies: The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), The United States Naval Academy (USNA), The United States Military Academy (USMA), The United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), and the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). Nominations are required for all but the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, to which appointments are made on the basis of an annual nationwide competition.

To assist you with your application, below are the names, addresses, telephone numbers and web sites of the service academies:

United States Air Force Academy, HQ USAFA/RSS, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200; USAF Academy, Colorado, 80840 (719) 333-3070 www.usafa.af.mil

United States Naval Academy, 117 Decatur Road, Annapolis, MD 21402 (410) 293-4361 www.usna.edu

United States Military Academy, Director of Admissions, Building 606 Thayer Road, West Point, NY 10996 (845) 938-4011 www.usma.edu

United States Merchant Marine Academy, Admissions Office, Steamboat Road Kings Point, NY 11024 (800)732-6267 www.usmma.edu

U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 31 Mohegan Avenue, New London CT 06320-8103 www.cga.edu (Congressional nomination not required)
APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

I. General

Applicant’s Legal Name:

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Home Address in the 1st District:

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Mailing Address (if different):

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Telephone Numbers (Home): _________________  (Cell): _________________

Email Address: ________________________________

Social Security Number: _________________ Date of Birth: _________________

High School: ___________________________ Expected graduation date: _________________

High School Academy Liaison Officer: ___________________________

College or Military Prep School (if applicable): ___________________________

Academy/Academies of Interest (Please Rank in order from greatest to least interest)

1) ___________________________  2) ___________________________

3) ___________________________  4) ___________________________

Please note: Due to the high number of individuals who seek nomination through my office, you will need to choose your preferred academy before or at the time an interview is scheduled with my Advisory Board. We cannot accommodate multiple interviews for nominations to different academies.
Has any immediate family member attended any U.S. Service Academy? If so, who and which academy did he/she attend:

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Has any family member served in any branch of the U.S. Military: If so, who and which branch:

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III. Extracurricular Activities

Please attach a resume listing your athletic, scholastic, community, and other extracurricular achievements and activities. Be sure to include scouting, athletics, team or group leadership, student government, JROTC or ROTC, community organizations, clubs, chorus and band, honors and awards received, and any other activity or involvement that demonstrates leadership and achievement.

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IV. Required Standardized Testing

List the dates when you took or will take the following tests along with the respective scores

Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT): ________________________________

American College Testing (ACT): ________________________________

_____ I have not taken the required test(s), but I plan to take them on the dates indicated:

SAT: ________________  ACT: ________________

Note: This office requires official notification of the test scores. The results may be provided in one of three ways: directly from the testing agency, on your high school transcript, or on a screen shot from the agency website.

If you send a screen shot from the agency website, the screen shot must also include your name.
V. Nomination from other sources:

I am also seeking a nomination through:

Senator: ____________________________  Senator: ____________________________

Other: ____________________________  Other: ____________________________

I have previously sought a nomination through (complete if applicable):

Name: ____________________________  Date: ____________________________

Results: ____________________________________________

VI. Affidavit of Residency and Certification of Information

I certify that I am a legal resident of the First Congressional District of Illinois. I further certify that all information contained in this application is complete and truthful. I understand that I will not be given final consideration for nomination if I have not submitted all the necessary data to the Chicago District Office by September 30, 2022.

______________________________  ____________________________
Signature                           Date

VII. Authorization to Publish Name and Photograph

Should I receive a nomination to a United States Service Academy, I hereby authorize the use and release of my name, school, photograph and Academy information to the press for possible publication. I further authorize the use of this information on the official Congressional website of Rep. Bobby Rush.

______________________________  ____________________________
Signature of Applicant                           Date

______________________________  ____________________________
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian                           Date

Office of Congressman Bobby L. Rush
Service Academy Congressional Nomination Application
Submission Deadline: September 30, 2022

DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST AND INSTRUCTIONS

Name: _______________________________________________________________

Please return your application package including this checklist and all required documentation to my office on or before September 30, 2022. This application package must be complete at the time of submission.

You will receive written confirmation from my office upon our receipt of the application package. It is your responsibility to ensure that any remaining allowable items not included in this package are sent directly to my office and received before the September 30, 2022 deadline. There will be no extension of this deadline.

CHECKLIST

Please check off all enclosed items:

_____ Checklist
_____ Completed Application
_____ Personal Resume with additional information on activities, awards and leadership roles
_____ Copy of Birth Certificate (include Certificate of Naturalization if applicable)
_____ Three (3) Letters of Recommendation (minimum)
   (Must be in sealed envelopes with signature of writer across the seal)
_____ Recent Photograph
_____ Short written statement (500 words) explaining the reasons you are applying to a United States Service Academy and the qualities that you have that would make you a good cadet and officer

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

_____ High School Transcript reflecting grade and cumulative GPA
_____ Official SAT/ACT scores

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