



**SERVICE ACADEMY
NOMINATION 2026 APPLICATION
PACKET Class of 2031**



**DUE OCTOBER 19, 2026, BY 5:00 P.M. CST
Submit DIGITALLY OR HAND DELIVERED TO MCKINNEY OFFICE**

Congressman Keith Self
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972-202-4150

Service Academy Application for Nomination

For your application packet to be considered, please follow the process outlined here. For more information, please log onto our website: www.kethself.house.gov – Services- Military Academy Nominations. Please **hand deliver completed packets** to the McKinney District Office OR scan required documents separately and email to Self.Nominations@mail.house.gov. Please do not mail your materials, as mail is easily lost or delayed. **Please name the documents as designated in the parenthesis below e.g. (last name, first initial_Application).** Please convert all documents to PDF.

Please ensure that your address/home of residence is within District 3, except for applicants for USMMA. You may utilize the following website to verify: www.house.gov/representative/find-your-representative.

Items to submit as your final application packet:

- Final Application Packet
- Resume (mandatory template included)
- Essay
- Short Answer Questionnaire
- Three Letters of Recommendation (PDF)
- Copy of your Senior Class Schedule and ranking
- Official High School transcripts (HS and college credits if applicable)
 - Electronic version sent from the school or sealed physical copy
- ACT/SAT scores – to be submitted via portals electronically (SAT-6061/ACT-7684)
- YouTube video
- See full checklist on page 3
- **Please email all documents separately!**

Recommendation letters should be scanned and submitted directly to our McKinney office in PDF format from the person completing the recommendation at Self.nominations@mail.house.gov and **CANNOT BE INCLUDED BY YOU IN YOUR PACKET. When a letter of recommendation has been received, we will confirm receipt with the sender.**

Please note, our application deadline is **October 19, 2026, at 5pm CST**. This means we must have every document for your application before that time – including recommendation letters and ACT/SAT scores. There will be FOUR separate documents in total, plus the three LOR's from the recommenders. Each portion may be submitted separately or together, as your time permits.

Before submitting your packet, utilize the following checklist to ensure you have followed the instructions.

Timelines:

- ✓ **March 2, 2026** – Application for Class of 2031 opens
- ✓ **September 19, 2026 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM - TX-03 Service Academy Information Forum- Collin College McKinney Conference Center: 2400 Community Avenue, McKinney, TX 75071**
- ✓ **Two optional meet & greet dates** (opportunity to meet the Selection Board)- October Week 1: You must have submitted at least 3 required components of your application to receive an invitation. *****Attendance is Highly Recommended.**
- ✓ **October 19, 2026, at 5PM CST**- All application materials must be received by the office of Rep. Self
- ✓ **November/December 2026**- Applicant review process by Selection Board & in-person interviews for all qualified candidates
- ✓ **January 31st, 2027, at 5PM CST**- All Congressional nominations will be finalized & submitted to the Academies

Required Application Checklist:

- ✓ Completed & signed application packet- may be digital signature on the fillable pdf
- ✓ Resume (last name, first initial_Resume)
 - Your personal resume, must use provided resume template
- ✓ Essay Word Document (last name, first initial_Essay)
 - Essay not to exceed 700 words on why you wish to attend a service academy.
 - Essay include your first and last name at the top and should be 12-point font, in Times New Roman. Please place a word count at the bottom of your essay. Your essay should include your first and last name at the top and word count at the bottom of the page.
- ✓ Short Answer Questionnaire (last name, first initial_Questionnaire)
 - Essay should be 12-point font, in Times New Roman. Length is not limited – you may include as many pages as needed.
- ✓ School Documents
 - Official School Transcripts *- obtained from school(s)
 - GPA, Class Ranking, Class Size, & Graduating Year
- ✓ Copy or copies of official SAT and/or ACT scores (we will compile your superscore) *
 - SAT Math, Writing, Critical Writing, Composite - SAT Score Reporting DI Code is 6061
 - ACT Math, Reading, Science, Composite - ACT Score Reporting DI Code is 7684
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation **sent by the recommender** to Self.Nominations@mail.house.gov, **in PDF format ***
 - Three completed personal recommendation letters:
 - One from a School Representative (Teacher, Principal, School Administrator, Director, Coach, Counselor, or other school representative)
 - One from a Community Member (Neighbor, family friend, employer, scout leader, etc.)
 - One from a Religious or Service Organization Leader (Religious leader, rotary member, etc.)
- ✓ **BE SURE TO RANK THE ACADEMIES 1-4- FOR THE SCHOOLS YOU PLAN TO SUBMIT A FULL ADMISSIONS PACKET TO ONLY**
- ✓ 2 minute or less YouTube video (unlisted) about YOU. Email link to:
Self.Nominations@mail.house.gov

* Items marked with an asterisk should come from a transcript site, another person, or the SAT/ACT portal. We understand this and do not expect to see them in your website submission, but we understand some cases will be different.

Application for Nomination to a U.S. Service Academy

Congressman Keith Self

Name:

Last _____

First _____

Middle _____

Preferred _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Media (List ALL Accounts):

Facebook _____

LinkedIn _____

Tik Tok _____

Gender: _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):

Father/Guardian _____

Father/Guardian Phone Number _____

Father/Guardian Email Address _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____

Are you a legal resident of the 3rd Congressional District? _____

A nomination to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy only requires a Texas residency. Candidates for all other academies must reside in the 3rd district. Use this link to verify <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Address of Record:

Street _____

City/State _____

County _____

Zip Code _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Twitter _____

Instagram _____

Other _____

Mother/Guardian _____

Mother/Guardian Phone Number _____

Mother/Guardian Email Address _____

Academy Information

Please rank the academy or academies for which you would accept an appointment and intend to open an application. Please place a number 1 by the academy you most prefer, rank others accordingly to your least preferred, or do not rank. Leave 0 if not interested in a particular academy.

U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) U.S. Military Academy (USMA)

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)

You must open a pre-candidate file at any academy you are interested in attending. Which academies have you opened application files with?

U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA) U.S. Military Academy (USMA)

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)

Check all other offices to which you are applying for a nomination:

Senator Ted Cruz

Senator John Cornyn

Vice Presidential

Presidential

Have you received a Letter of Assurance (LOA) or a Letter of Qualification (LOQ)? _____
If yes, which letter, and from which academy?

Have you completed a medical exam through the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB)? _____

Please DO NOT submit exam results.

Have you taken the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)? _____

This assessment is administered by an academy qualified tester, not through Congressman Self's office.

Have you passed the Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA)? _____

Please DO NOT submit exam results.

Education Information

Indicate your academic status as of October 19, 2026

High School Senior

College

Military Preparatory Academy

Other

If other, describe:

Have you attended any college or university, even on a part-time/concurrent basis?

College/University/Academy Prep School Information

School Name

Phone Number

Dates Attended

Number of hours currently enrolled

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Credit Hours Earned

GPA (4.0 scale)

High School Information

School Name

Phone Number

Counselor's Name

Graduation Date

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Class Rank/Total Number of Students in Class

GPA (4.0 scale)

SAT (super score)

Reading

Math

Writing

Composite

(SAT Score Reporting DI Code is 6061)

ACT (super score)

English

Math

Reading

Science

Composite

(ACT Score Reporting DI Code is 7684)

List courses taken or are currently enrolled in with the subject areas:

Honors Classes

AP Classes

IB Program

Dual Credit Classes

Application Agreement

Please thoroughly read the following before signing. Your digital signature indicates your agreement with the following statements.

The information on this application and included in my packet is all true and correct to the best of my knowledge. It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I fully intend to accept an appointment, if offered. I am a U.S. Citizen or will be by July 1, 2026. I am or will be at least 17, but not yet 23 years of age (USMMA: 25 years of age) on July 1, 2026.

I waive the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 to allow the sharing of information with the Service Academies and their representatives, as well as members of Congressman Self's staff and the 3rd District Academy Nomination Advisory Board. I hereby authorize these parties to disclose, discuss, inspect, and copy any information regarding my application and information provided. I also authorize and release any third parties to discuss/disclose any information to verify my prior employment, activities, or criminal history.

I have read this entire application and all required material included. I understand I must submit my signed and completed application by **5:00 PM, October 19, 2026**, deadline. If not submitted by this time, I understand that my application will not be considered.

In the event I receive a nomination, I authorize Congressman Self's office to release this information to the news media and public. I also acknowledge that my nomination is contingent upon the completion of my applications to the service academies and agree to keep my nomination confidential. Furthermore, I confirm that I will not discuss the nomination process or outcome with outside sources or the media. Likewise, in the event I receive and accept an offer of appointment, I authorize Congressman Self's office to release this information to the news media and public.

Signatures

Applicant

Signature

Printed Name

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature (If applicant is under 18 years old)

Signature

Printed Name

Date