Military Academy Nominations

Congressman Jake Auchincloss
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Massachusetts 4th Congressional District

Attleboro, Bellingham (Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4), Berkley, Brookline, Dighton, Dover, Easton, Fall River (Ward 4, Precinct C; Ward 5, Precinct B1 and C; Ward 6, Precinct C1; and Wards 7, 8, and 9), Foxborough, Franklin, Freetown, Hopedale, Hopkinton, Lakeville, Mansfield, Medway, Milford, Millis, Needham, Newton, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Norton, Plainville, Raynham (Precincts 1A, 2A, 3, and 4), Rehoboth, Seekonk, Sharon, Somerset, Swansea, Taunton, Wellesley, Wrentham

https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/MA/4
The Congressional Nomination Process

Every year, each Member of Congress is authorized to nominate candidates for appointment to four U.S. service academies:

- United States Military Academy at West Point
- United States Naval Academy
- United States Merchant Marine Academy
- United States Air Force Academy

In addition to **applying directly to a service academy**, all applicants are required to obtain a nomination. Nominations may be awarded by United States Senators, United States Representatives, and the Vice President. Additional nomination sources include Reserve Officer Training Corps Units, children of deceased or disabled veterans, and children of Medal of Honor recipients.

Every Senator and Representative uses different criteria when awarding academy nominations.

Congressman Auchincloss uses a holistic approach, taking into consideration an applicant’s academics, leadership, and service to determine who receives a nomination.

Congressman Auchincloss utilizes an independent panel to review student applications and award nominations.

*Individuals interested in applying to the United States Coast Guard Academy are not required to receive a nomination.*
Candidates seeking a nomination to a service academy from Congressman Auchincloss must meet the following eligibility requirements:

❖ Residency- Reside in the Fourth Congressional District*
❖ Age- At least 17 years old but not have passed your 23rd birthday
❖ Citizenship- Must be a U.S. citizen
❖ Marital Status/Dependents- Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligations to support children or other dependents
❖ Skill/Fitness- Meet medical, physical, and academic skill requirements of the Academy

*Individuals seeking a nomination to the USMMA may reside outside the district.
# Application Checklist

- Complete initial application on [our website](#) and submit to our Newton Office
- Personal statement - why you want to attend a Service Academy
- Official High School Transcript - Sent directly from school officials
- Official SAT Scores
- Official ACT Scores
- Resume of extracurricular activities
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Schedule interview with Congressman’s Academy Panel

All materials must be postmarked to our Newton office by Friday October 29th
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Resume 101

Include GPA, graduation year, and school information
Include extracurriculars, volunteer experiences
Include Honor Societies, Leadership Conferences
Include Military Service, Military Academy Seminars/Programs

Include hobbies/interests
Forget to spell check
Lie about experiences
Selection Process

- After a thorough review of application material, each applicant will receive a final score.
- Applicants with a top ten final score for each academy will receive a “competitive” nomination from Congressman Auchincloss.
- Students who do not earn a top ten score for their first academy choice may still earn a top ten score for their second academy choice.
- Each service academy will independently review every applicant who receives a congressional nomination and issue offers of appointment at their discretion.
Congressional Nomination Timeline

- Application Goes Live
  May 1, 2021

- Applications Due
  October 29, 2021

- Interviews
  Late November/Early December

- Nomination Decisions
  Late December/Early January
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Questions?

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