



Are you a *high performing student with strong leadership skills* looking for an opportunity to *serve your country*?

Considering applying to one of the five U.S. Service Academies!

U.S. Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth of the Illinois 8th District is currently seeking nomination applications through November 1st, 2013. **In order to apply to a Service Academy, you must be nominated by a U.S. Congressperson.**

What and where are the five U.S. Service Academies?

1. U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York (<http://www.usma.edu/admissions/SitePages/Home.aspx>)
2. U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland (<http://www.usna.edu/Admissions>)
3. U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado (<http://www.academyadmissions.com>)
4. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York (<http://www.usmma.edu/admissions>)
5. U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut* (<http://www.cga.edu/admissions>)

**does not require a Congressional nomination*

Why a service academy?

The U.S. Service academies are *prestigious, competitive, and highly selective* institutions that offer students a unique opportunity to serve their country by training to become an officer in one of the branches of the United States Armed Forces, while receiving free tuition, expenses, and room and board.

Who can apply for a nomination from Congresswoman Duckworth? As of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy, anyone who:

- Is at least 17 years old, but not over 23
- Is a US citizen
- Is unmarried, not pregnant, without a legal obligation to support children or other dependents
- Is willing to serve a mandatory five year obligation in the military upon graduation
- Resides within the boundaries of the 8th Congressional District of Illinois.
- Meets the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy.

How can you apply for a Congressional nomination? Send the following to the Office of Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth:

- High school transcript
- ACT or SAT results
- Resume of extracurricular activities
- An essay stating why you want to attend a service academy (500 words or less)
- One letter of recommendation
- Complete the online nomination form found on the Congresswoman's website, <https://duckworth.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations>

For more info, contact the District Office at (847) 413-1959
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Note: You must also apply directly to the Academy which you wish to attend