



Congressman Joaquin Castro
Representing the 20th Congressional District of Texas

Service Academy Nomination Application Packet

Packet Checklist and Requirements

Nomination application information for U.S. Service Academy admissions for Fall 2026

*All required information must be mailed or delivered to Congressman Castro's District Office by **6:00 PM on November 6, 2026***

The Honorable Joaquin Castro
Attn: **Emily Chavez**
727 E Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., Suite B-124
San Antonio, Texas 78206

Checklist:

1. Application Form
2. High school transcript with ranking and college transcript (if applicable)
3. Three signed letters of personal recommendation from your teacher, counselor, coach, or clergy. Your letter of recommendation must be from someone who can describe your achievements and skills but must not be from a family member. **Letters will be subject to verification.**
4. A **one-page** essay describing why you would like to attend a Service Academy
5. Resume outlining your extracurricular activities
6. Two recent passport style photographs. (A professionally paid passport photo is not required. A self-taken photo is acceptable.)
7. Latest SAT/ACT scores sent directly by the College Board. If you indicate code number **6240** on your SAT test and code number **7701** on your ACT test, the College Board will forward the scores directly to Congressman Castro's office. Please note that copies of your official scores and scores printed on high school transcripts are also acceptable.
8. Media Release Form (**optional**) The release grants permission to share your names in any press-related material upon nomination or appointment to an Academy.

Please submit the entire packet all at once. Once your packet has been reviewed and deemed complete, you will receive written confirmation by E-mail.

To receive a congressional nomination, you must have an open admission file at the academy/academies of your choice prior to submitting your packet to Congressman Castro's office.

You must start an admission file at each academy you are interested in attending. If you have not done so, the websites provided below will guide you through the process of completing the preliminary application online.

U.S. Military Academy (USMA) at West Point

<http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Home.aspx>

U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA)

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)

<http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)

<http://www.usmma.edu/admissions>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact **Ms. Emily Chavez**. She may be reached at (210) 348-8216 or via email at TX20.nominations@mail.house.gov.

Please print clearly or type the following information:

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ M.I. _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ GENDER: ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CURRENT LEGAL ADDRESS: _____
(STREET NUMBER AND NAME)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE) (COUNTY)

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM LEGAL ADDRESS)

(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE) (COUNTY)

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) ____-____ CELL PHONE NUMBER: (____) ____-____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

FATHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: (____) ____-____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: (____) ____-____

LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF APPLICABLE): _____ PHONE NUMBER: (____) ____-____

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF THE 20TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS? ☐ YES ☐ NO

ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "NO," WILL YOU BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN AT THE TIME OF YOUR ENROLLMENT? ☐ YES ☐ NO

ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL ONLY FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES):

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| ☐ WHITE (NON-HISPANIC) | ☐ AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE |
| ☐ ASIAN | ☐ NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER |
| ☐ BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN (NON-HISPANIC) | ☐ TWO OR MORE ETHNICITIES |
| ☐ HISPANIC OR LATINO | ☐ OTHER |

II. ACADEMY PREFERENCE

PLEASE RANK EACH OF THE ACADEMIES OF YOUR CHOICE IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE FOR ATTENDANCE, WITH 1 BEING YOUR FIRST CHOICE AND 4 BEING YOUR LAST. **RANK ONLY THE ACADEMIES TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.** YOU MAY LEAVE ONE OR MORE OF THE ACADEMIES BLANK.

USAFA_____ USMA (WEST POINT)_____ USNA_____ USMMA_____

ARE YOU SEEKING A NOMINATION FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE: [] YES [] NO

VICE PRESIDENT_____ SEN. CRUZ_____ SEN. CORNYN_____ OTHER_____

HAVE YOU BEEN CONTACTED DIRECTLY BY AN ACADEMY? [] YES [] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," WHICH ACADEMY? _____ NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

HAVE YOU EVER SERVED IN THE MILITARY IN ANY CAPACITY? [] Currently Serving [] YES [] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," WHAT IS THE HIGHEST RANK YOU HELD? _____

HAS EITHER PARENT SERVED IN THE MILITARY? [] YES [] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," STATE BRANCH OF SERVICE AND RANK: _____

HAVE YOU ATTENDED AN ACADEMY SUMMER SEMINAR? [] YES [] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," WHICH ACADEMY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR(S) DID YOU ATTEND? _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY ATTENDING AN ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL? [] YES [] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," WHICH ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL ARE YOU ATTENDING? _____

ARE YOU CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

JROTC_____ BOY SCOUTS/EAGLE SCOUTS/GOLD AWARD_____ MISSION FIELD_____ CIVIL AIR PATROL_____

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY_____

III. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

(SCHOOL ADDRESS)

(CITY)

(STATE)

(ZIP CODE)

(____)_____-_____
(SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER)

(COUNSELOR'S NAME)

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: _____ / _____ / _____

HIGH SCHOOL GPA: _____

PLEASE HAVE YOUR COUNSELOR CONVERT THIS TO THE 4.0 SCALE

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS RANK _____ OUT OF _____ CLASS SIZE

SAT SCORES: READING_____ MATH_____ WRITING_____ COMPOSITE_____

ACT SCORES: ENGLISH_____ MATH_____ READING_____ SCIENCE_____ COMPOSITE_____

ARE YOU SCHEDULED TO RE-TAKE ANY OF YOUR TESTS? [] YES [] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," WHEN: _____

IV: ESSAY

IN A ONE PAGE ESSAY, EXPLAIN WHY YOU WANT TO ATTEND A SERVICE ACADEMY.

V: PRIVACY STATEMENT

I HAVE READ THE PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN ADDITION TO THIS APPLICATION, I AM ALSO REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE APPLICATION CHECK-LIST. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO'S DISTRICT OFFICE MUST BE IN RECEIPT OF ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS NO LATER THAN **6:00 PM ON NOVEMBER 6, 2026**.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____