



Congressman Deluzio's Military Academy Nomination FAQ

What is a nomination?

Members of Congress may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. A candidate may seek a nomination from the following:

- A member of the U.S. House of Representatives who represents the congressional district in which the candidate resides.
- Both U.S. Senators from his or her state
- The Vice-President of the United States

Congressman Deluzio's office offers competitive nominations to the academies. The nominations are submitted unranked to the academies.

What are the basic eligibility requirements for a nomination?

Each applicant for a nomination with the office of Rep. Chris Deluzio must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- **Age:** Be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years old, age 25 for the Merchant Marine Academy
- **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen and a permanent resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- **Marital Status:** Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- **Residence:** Must reside within the boundaries of the 17th Congressional District of Pennsylvania
- **Skill / Fitness:** Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy.

How do I request a nomination?

Nomination applications are available on [my website](#). You may also contact PA17ServiceAcademyNominations@mail.house.gov for more information.

What is the deadline for applying for a nomination?

The deadline for submitting ALL nomination application materials is 5:00 pm EST on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. Applications must be submitted electronically via [the web portal](#) or by email. You must also apply directly to the academy or academies of your choice to be considered for appointment. The application deadlines vary by academy; please reach out to the academies directly for more information.

What must be included with my nomination application?

A complete nomination file consists of the following items:

- Current photo
- High school transcript (including final junior year grades)
- ACT/SAT scores
- 500-word essay stating why you would like to attend a service academy
- Three letters of recommendation
- Signed statement of intent
- You may also include a resume of extracurricular activities

Do I still need to apply to the service academy?

Yes. You must apply directly to the service academy for nomination and appointment consideration.

What happens after I have completed my nomination application?

Applicants must submit a completed application by the deadline. Candidates who submit late or incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination.

Applicants who submit a complete nomination application will be scheduled for an interview, tentatively planned on November 5th (virtually) and November 7th and 8th (in-person in the Pittsburgh area). You will receive an email with the details of their interview. Interviews will be conducted by the Congressman's Academy Nomination Panel. Interviews will last approximately 45 minutes and will take place in-person in the Pittsburgh region. If you are not available, you may opt for a virtual interview, but candidates are strongly encouraged to appear in-person.

The Nomination Panel will recommend qualified individuals for each vacancy to the Congressman for nomination. The final appointment decisions will be made by the academies

Who should I ask to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf?

Applicants typically seek recommendation letters from any of the following:

- Teachers
- Counselors
- Employers
- Coaches
- Clergy
- Scout Leaders

Your parent or guardian **may not** write your recommendation letter.

Will I automatically be selected by the academy after I receive a nomination?

No. Congressman Deluzio's office offers competitive nominations, which means that the appointment decisions are made by the academies.

Can I apply for a nomination to more than one academy?

Yes. You may apply for nomination to more than one academy and you may receive nomination to more than one academy. Candidates for nomination will be asked to rank their academies in order of preference. You do not have to rank more than one.

How will I know if I have received a nomination?

The office of Congressman Deluzio will make nomination notifications by phone. Please make sure to include your best phone number in your application.

How will I know if I have received an appointment?

Either the nominating office or the academy will notify you of an appointment. Appointment notifications depend on the academies' deadline