

ACADEMY NOMINATION INFORMATION
(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

Consideration for nominations will be given to U.S. Citizens who are legal residents of the 8th District of Arizona who reach the age of seventeen, but do not exceed that of twenty-two (twenty-five for the Merchant Marine Academy), prior to July 1st of the year in which they seek entrance. Files must be complete in my Sierra Vista office by **November 3, 2009**. The following items are required to complete your file:

1. Application for nomination (attached).
2. Official High School Transcript (must be sent directly from High School)
3. Three letters of recommendation (one should be from a teacher, counselor or the principal of your school) with original signatures. Please follow up with my office to be sure the letters have been received before the deadline.
4. A recent color photograph. (Your picture is important to help me associate you with your file). Please print your name on the back of the photo so I can be sure the photo is associated with your file.
5. SAT/ACT Scores (originals, not copies). Be sure that your scores are mailed both to the academy *and* to my Sierra Vista office. Our code to insure we receive a copy of your ACT Scores is 7231 and for SAT, the code is 4376. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of taking these tests early. Not having any test scores in your file could prevent you from being considered for an interview with me and my committee. It is your responsibility to arrange for and take college entrance exams.
6. If you are a member of the National Honor Society, a copy of your certificate is required for your file.
7. Please be sure you have opened a file at the academies, this is your responsibility.

Nominations to the service academies will be made on a fully competitive basis. For each opening that is available to me, I will nominate up to ten applicants. The selection of these nominees will be determined primarily by high school scholastic records, ACT/SAT test scores, and a personal interview with my committee. Qualified candidates will be notified as far as possible in advance of their interview date.

Each academy will give equal consideration to the nominees following the receipt and evaluation of information derived from college entrance examinations, physical examinations and a review of high school records, and will make the final selections and appointments.

Although you are applying for a nomination to one of the service academies, you should, at the same time, pursue an alternative goal and apply for admission to the college or university of your choice. You might also check into the various ROTC programs available at many colleges and universities.

I strongly suggest that you contact my office well before the **November 3rd** deadline to ask if the required documents have reached my office. I will notify you of your nomination as soon as possible after the interview.

Please mail all information for your file to my Sierra Vista office at:

The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords
ATTN: Shay Saucedo
77 Calle Portal, Ste. B-160
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

If you have any questions, please call my office and ask to speak with Shay Saucedo at 520-459-3115. You may also call my Tucson office and leave a message for Shay at 520-881-3588.