

Rep. Finkenauer's Checklist to Apply for US Service Academy

The following materials must be received in my office no later than October 31, 2020

- 1) **Application form**: Complete all applicable blanks. (Application is below)
- 2) **SAT or ACT scores**: You must submit an official record of your SAT or ACT scores. *Only official test score results sent directly to me from the testing service are accepted. "Copies" of your test scores included on your high school transcripts are not acceptable.* To ensure that test results are received in my office by the above deadline, you should take the exam at the earliest possible date. Contact your school guidance office for details about the exams.
- 3) **Letters of recommendation**: You must submit at least three (3) letters of recommendation
 - a. At least two letters must come from someone who is familiar with your academic record such as a teacher, your school principal, or school superintendent.
 - b. At least one letter must come from someone in your community such as church leader, employer, etc.— *people who know you well, but are not related to you.*
 - c. Please provide the enclosed Service Academy Recommendation Form (below) to the person writing your letter of recommendation. *It is your responsibility to ensure all letters of recommendations are received in my office by October 31st, 2019.*
 - d. You may submit additional letters of recommendation if you wish, but no more than a total of five (5) letters will be considered.
- 4) **High school (and college, if applicable) grade transcript**, Transcript must include grades at least through the junior year for high school students and the most recent semester successfully completed for college students. It should also include your grade point average on a four-point scale and your class rank. Because not all schools include grade point average and class rank, you should contact your school registrar to ensure that these figures are provided.
- 5) **Motivational essay**: A one-page summary of your reasons for pursuing a career as a military officer through an academy (500 words or less)
- 6) **Extracurricular Activities**: Please include details of your participation along with any leadership positions held and any awards or honors received.
 - a. Community service.
 - b. School activities (athletics, academics, student government, arts, clubs etc.).
 - c. Employment (include the number of hours per week you have worked, whether after school or during the summer).
 - d. Military service.
 - e. Any other extracurricular activities.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Elaine Klein at (563)-557-7789. You can also e-mail her at elaine.klein@mail.house.gov

Abby Finkenauer

Representing Iowa's 1st Congressional District



U.S. Service Academy Congressional Nomination Application

All application materials MUST be received by October 31 at 5 pm.

Please note you should contact the academies you are applying to BEFORE completing this application.

Legal Qualifications:

- Must be a United States citizen
- Must be a resident of Iowa's 1st Congressional District
- Must be at least 17 years of age, but not yet 23 years of age, by July 1 of the year of admission
- Must be unmarried, not pregnant and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents

To Apply:

Complete this application with supplemental materials by **October 31** to:

Congresswoman Abby Finkenauer
Attn: Academy Nominations Committee
1050 Main Street
Dubuque, IA 52001

Supplemental Materials:

- Three letters of recommendation (no family please)
- **OFFICIAL** Transcripts from all high schools, preparatory academies and colleges attended
- Resume (this should include any extracurricular activities, community service)
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Motivational Essay (essay should be approximately 500 words and explain your purpose for seeking a nomination and why you would be a highly qualified candidate)

If you have any **questions**, please contact **Elaine Klein** at (563)-557-7789 or Elaine.klein@mail.house.gov

Applicant Information:

First, Middle and Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Social Security Number:

Gender:

Email Address:

Street Address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name(s):

Relation:

Phone Number:

Address (If different from above):

Academy Information:

Date you opened an admission file:

- Air Force Academy
- Merchant Marine Academy
- Military Academy
- Naval Academy

Academy Preference (Rank 1-4):

- Air Force Academy
- Merchant Marine Academy
- Military Academy
- Naval Academy

Did either of your parents or guardians serve in the United States military?

- Yes
- No

Please indicate everywhere you are seeking a nomination:

- United States President
- United States Vice President
- Senator Joni Ernst
- Senator Chuck Grassley

**Interested applicants are encouraged to seek a nomination from every available source to increase their chance of receiving a nomination.

Education:

High School:

Graduation Date:

GPA (4.0 scale):

Class Rank:

Indicate where you are currently enrolled:

- High School Senior
- Academy Prep School
- College, please list school:
- Other, please explain:

Community Service/Employment	Hours per Week	Dates Worked

Please list any other awards or honors received:

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18)

Date