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**U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES NOMINATIONS
GENERAL INFORMATION**

Congresswoman Lesko nominates candidates from Arizona's 8th Congressional District for consideration by U.S. Service Academies and uses the *competitive method* of nominating applicants. Each Member of Congress may nominate ten candidates each year to each of the following academies: **U.S. Air Force Academy** in Colorado Springs, Colorado, **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy** in Kings Point, New York, **U.S. Military Academy** in West Point, New York, and **U.S. Naval Academy** in Annapolis, Maryland. Note: applicants wishing to attend the **U.S. Coast Guard Academy** do not need a nomination and must apply directly to the academy. You may access the various academies' web pages via Congresswoman Lesko's web page.

Candidates may first apply for a Congressional nomination in their junior year of high school. A candidate must be a U.S. citizen, age 17 to 22 (age 17 to 24 for the Merchant Marine Academy) as of July 1 of the year entering the academy and maintain a permanent Arizona residence within the boundaries of the 8th Congressional District. If a student is under 18 years of age, the parents' permanent state of residence must be Arizona. You may also apply after completing high school. College credits are not transferable, however, if you receive a nomination and an appointment, you will be tested and placed at an appropriate academic level upon entering the academy.

Strong math and sciences courses in high school help prepare students for the academy curriculum. Consideration is given to academic record, class rank, extracurricular activities, SAT/ACT test scores and leadership experiences.

Because the standardized SAT/ACT tests are an important indicator of your academic ability, it is recommended you take them *early and as often as possible*. Each of these tests has a slightly different emphasis, so you should take both to reflect your true potential. The academy considers the highest test scores received in each category (Math and Critical Reading/English), regardless of when that score was received. If you wait until your high school senior year to take the tests, you may not have the opportunity to retake them. *At least one set of test results must be received in Congresswoman Lesko's district office by the October application deadline* of the year *prior* to entering the academy. You may provide a photocopy of an official report or have the report sent directly by designating Congresswoman Lesko's CODE: SAT #4647, ACT #7231. *It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the test results.*

Candidates are also required to open a file with the desired academy/academies. Upon opening a file with the academy, candidates who meet the academic standards are scheduled for a Candidate Fitness Assessment and a medical examination by the Department of Defense and Medical Evaluation Review Board (DoDMERB). At the time DoDMERB notifies you of the medical facility contact *you must schedule the exams as soon as possible*. It may take up to thirty days before the results are received and reviewed by DoDMERB and the academy. You must have completed your DoDMERB exams and be medically qualified by both DoDMERB and your desired academy/academies to be considered for a nomination.

A candidate file will be opened in Congresswoman Lesko's District Office upon receipt of the completed application form. An official high school transcript, *including cumulative GPA and class rank, will be required*. Three letters of recommendation will be required for your file. Letters should be written by persons who have known you personally for at least a year and may not be from relatives. Letters should provide information about your character and integrity. References to your academic record are not necessary since that information will be obtained from your school transcript and test scores. *All letters are required to have a handwritten signature*. The application packet will include additional information and a checklist for all required items. The deadline for application and completed file varies each year but is usually late October to early November and is shown on the instructions.

If the applicant's file with Congresswoman Lesko is complete and has opened a file with the desired academy/academies, and meets the minimum competitive nomination standards, a personal interview will be scheduled. Congresswoman Lesko's Academy Screening Committee *interviews the candidates on one day only*, and will occur in late October or early November.

The Academy Screening Committee recommends a slate of 10 nominees to each academy and the final decision is made by the academy. Only one nomination is required for an academy to offer an appointment, yet an applicant may increase nomination opportunities by applying through as many nominating sources as possible.

To request an application packet, contact Congresswoman Lesko's District Office at: (623) -776-7911. We are located at: 12515 W. Bell Rd. #104 Surprise, AZ 85378. Applicants must provide their *full* name (as it appears on their birth certificate), address, telephone number, date of birth, Social Security number, name of high school and year of graduation.

Questions? Please direct questions to Congresswoman Lesko's Surprise, AZ District Office at (623) 776-7911.



**U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN DEBBIE LESKO
U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES NOMINATION APPLICATION
INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECKLIST**

Congresswoman Lesko nominates candidates from Arizona's 8th Congressional District. A candidate must be a United States citizen, age 17-22 (age 17-24 for the Merchant Marine Academy) as of July 1 of the year entering the academy and be a legal resident of Arizona. Candidates of the proper age may first apply for a Congressional nomination in their junior year of high school.

Congresswoman Lesko's application form is due October 4, 2024, for the class entering the academy in July 2025. Note: Deadlines differ for each Congressional office.

- __1. Open a pre-candidate file with the academy/academies of your choice.
- __2. Complete and mail or deliver the enclosed ***original*** application form to Congresswoman Lesko's Surprise District Office.

A file will not be opened for you until the original application form is received.

The following items must be forwarded to Congresswoman Lesko's district office **not later than October 4, 2024. Do not send any additional items, certificates, or documents, other than those listed below. Once the required items have been received by Congresswoman Lesko's office, you may update information and test scores.**

- __3. *Official* high school transcript for Grades 9, 10, 11, or if in college, your final high school transcript.

Cumulative GPA and Class Rank are required.

- __4. SAT and/or ACT test scores. *Take these exams as early and as often as possible.* One set of test scores must be provided to Congresswoman Lesko's Surprise office *prior* to the **October 4, 2024** deadline. *It is the applicant's responsibility to provide a copy of the test scores.* You may provide a photocopy of an official report or have the report sent directly by designating Congresswoman Lesko's CODE: SAT #4647, ACT #7231.

- __5. Three, *and only three*, letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation may not be provided by relatives of the student. ***Letters must bear the handwritten signature of the author.***

- __6. A resume of all extra-curricular activities. Including sports, student clubs/associations, civic/religious activities, and employment.

- __7. Personal statement as to why you desire to attend a U.S. service academy.

To be considered for a nomination, items #2 through #7 must be sent or delivered to Congresswoman Lesko's Surprise District Office and *you must have a file open with the academy/academies of your choice*. If you have met the minimum competitive nomination standards (GPAs, test scores, and academies' ratings), you will be scheduled for a personal interview with members of Congresswoman Lesko's Academy Screening Committee on a Saturday in mid-November to early December. Applicants selected for an interview will receive a letter with the time and place of the interview. Applicants are required to confirm their attendance.

Congresswoman Lesko uses the *competitive* nomination method. Her Academy Screening Committee interviews and recommends a slate of nominees to each academy. When the slates of nominees have been submitted to the academies, **it is the academy's decision as to who will receive an appointment.**

Academy admission inquiries should be directed to Congresswoman Lesko's Surprise District office.

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U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM FOR CLASS ENTERING 2025

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Please indicate your rank order of preference below:

- () AIR FORCE ACADEMY () NAVAL ACADEMY
() MILITARY ACADEMY () MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

NAME _____
Last First Middle (Type or Print in Ink)

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____
Street Unit # City Zip Code

PARENTS' ADDRESS _____
Street Unit # City Zip Code

APPLICANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE NUMBER _____

FATHER'S NAME _____ Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____ Phone (W) _____ (H) _____

APPLICANT'S MAILING ADDRESS (If Different) _____
Street Unit # City State, Zip Code

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? _____ BIRTH DATE _____ SOCIAL SECURITY # _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____
Name Address City Phone

GRADUATION YEAR _____ CUM. GPA Weighted _____ Unweighted _____ CLASS RANK _____ of _____

HIGHEST TEST SCORES: SAT-CRITICAL READING _____ MATH _____ ACT-ENGLISH _____ MATH _____
Test Date(s) _____

**THIS FORM AND ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS MUST BE
POSTMARKED OR HAND DELIVERED NO LATER THAN **OCTOBER 4, 2024.****

As soon as you have *any* required documents, mail or deliver those items to Congresswoman Lesko's district office promptly. Once the required items are received by Congresswoman Lesko's office, you may update the information as necessary. *Do not wait to complete your file before mailing.* Designate "ACADEMY NOMINATIONS" on all envelopes.
NOTE: Timeliness and compliance with instructions is a factor in consideration for an academy nomination.

I certify that I am a U.S. citizen, a legal resident of the State of Arizona and Congressional District Eight, and that I am not applying through the offices of U.S. Senators or Congressmen from any state other than Arizona. Further, I certify that *I have applied to the following U.S. Service Academies:* AIR FORCE _____ NAVAL _____ MILITARY (West Point) _____ MERCHANT _____.
Should I receive a nomination and/or an appointment to one of the U.S. Service Academies, I hereby authorize Congresswoman Lesko to release information to the media and/or U.S. Congressional members of the Arizona Delegation.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____