

# U.S. Congressman Michael McCaul

*10<sup>th</sup> District of Texas*

## 2025 - 2026 Application for U.S. Service Academy Nomination



**Applications MUST be submitted to my College Station**

**office or postmarked by: Friday, September 19, 2025**

**Late applications will not be considered.**

We are **not** responsible for applications lost in the mail and recommend applications be sent in a traceable format.

Send applications to:

**Congressman Michael T. McCaul**

**Academy Coordinator: Destinee Vargas**

**[Destinee.Vargas@mail.house.gov](mailto:Destinee.Vargas@mail.house.gov)**

**175 Century Square Drive**

**Suite 210 College Station, Texas**

**77840**

**Phone: (979) 431-6480**

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### NOMINATION SELECTION PROCESS

Each Congressional office uses a selection process for academy nominations designed to fulfill its own criteria and standards. The various procedures can often become confusing to those who apply to more than one source. Misunderstandings and errors can be avoided by carefully reading the instructions of each office to which you apply for a nomination.

Congressman McCaul's academy nominations are handled by Destinee Vargas in the College Station office. Please feel free to contact Ms. Vargas at (979) 431-6480 or [Destinee.Vargas@mail.house.gov](mailto:Destinee.Vargas@mail.house.gov) should you have any questions or need assistance in completing the process.

**PLEASE NOTE:** By signing Congressman McCaul's application, you are acknowledging and accepting responsibility for the requirements set by this office. It is YOUR responsibility to submit all required application information by **Friday, September 19, 2025.**

Due to the competitiveness involved in receiving an academy nomination, you are encouraged to apply to every nominating authority available to you. You should apply to both U.S. Texas Senators, in addition to your Congressman. U.S. Senators nominate from an applicant pool based on the entire state and Congressmen nominate from applicants domiciled in their Congressional Districts. Applicants may apply to both of their U.S. Senators and their U.S. Congressman (only one nomination is necessary to receive an appointment). Applicants may also apply to the Vice President of the United States, who can nominate applicants from the country at large.

Candidates who apply to Congressman McCaul for a nomination will be considered based on merit, including evidence of character, motivation, scholarship, leadership, and physical aptitude. Candidates should also apply to other colleges or universities while working to secure his/her nomination and appointment at an academy. Not every applicant will receive a nomination, nor will every nominee be offered an appointment.

In addition, candidates should not limit themselves to only one academy, we recommend you apply to all the academies and decide which will be your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> choice. Each congressional office has a set number of nominations they can give to each academy.

To qualify for the final phase of the nomination process, applicants must complete their file by **Friday, September 19, 2025. If applicants do not meet the deadline, they are NOT eligible for a nomination.**

Once nominees are selected by congressional offices, those nominations are submitted to the academies. Each academy will then make the final determination of who will be offered appointments.

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### BIOGRAPHICAL

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NAME (Last, First, Middle)

Preferred Name

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PERMANENT *10<sup>th</sup> District of Texas* ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)

County

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MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip) *if different from above*

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**APPLICANT DAYTIME TELEPHONE#**

**APPLICANT EMAIL ADDRESS**

Please note – Applicants MUST be responsive to email during this process.

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BIRTHDATE

PLACE OF BIRTH (City, State, Country)

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AGE

SEX (M/F)

Are you a US Citizen (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a legal resident of the 10<sup>th</sup> District (Y/N)?: \_\_\_\_\_

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PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) NAME

DAYTIME PHONE#

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ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)

EMAIL ADDRESS

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### ACADEMY PREFERENCES:

***ONLY indicate preferences for academies where you would actually accept an appointment.***

***You MUST open a pre-candidate file at any academy you are interested in to receive a nomination.***

**Rank your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> preference(s), if applicable:**

Military (Army): \_\_\_\_\_ Navy: \_\_\_\_\_ Air Force: \_\_\_\_\_ Merchant Marine: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate all other sources to which you are applying:**

Senator Cornyn: \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Cruz: \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_ President: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you attended an Academy Summer Leadership Seminar (Y/N)?: \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered "Yes," which Academy Leadership Seminar(s) did you attend?

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### EDUCATION

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NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL	DATE OF GRADUATION
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ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)	TELEPHONE #
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SCHOOL COUNSELOR	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE #
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High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (This **MUST** be converted to a 4.0 scale)

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Top \_\_\_\_\_ %)

SAT: Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_

ACT: English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently an active participant of any of the following?:

JROTC: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scouts/Eagle Scout/Gold Award: \_\_\_\_\_ Mission Field: \_\_\_\_\_

Civil Air Patrol(CAP): \_\_\_\_\_ National Honor Society: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select your academic status as of November 2025:**

High School Senior: \_\_\_\_\_ Attending Academy Prep School: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a high school graduate, please tell us where you are currently attending school:

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COLLEGE/INSTITUTION

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ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)	TELEPHONE #
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College Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ College GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Armed Forces (ROTC, National Guard, Reserves, Active Duty) (Y/N)?: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch:

Are you the dependent of an active or retired member of the United States Military (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

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### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(School Affiliated/Non-Sport): (List Organization/Activity, Positions Held/Office and Special Recognition.)

Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_

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Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

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Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES** (Sports: School or Club/Marching Band):

(List all sports you have participated in either as an individual or part of a team. Include Sport/Activity, School or Club, Position/Specialty and Awards/Recognition/Letter.)

Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_

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Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

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Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

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### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Non-School Affiliated)

(List Organization/Activity, Positions Held/Office and Special Recognition. Include civic, church, hobbies and special interest groups.)

Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_

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Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

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Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

(Please list any part or full-time jobs you have held since you have been in high school. Note:

List dates worked for each employer.)

Employer	Position	Hours per Week	Dates Worked
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### REFERENCES:

- **Do not send more than the required three. If you send more, three will be randomly selected for your file.**
- Recommendation letters **MUST** be placed in an envelope by the author, and sealed with their signature across the envelope flap. Request them to return the sealed envelope to you for inclusion in your application packet.

REFERENCE 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME TELEPHONE # EMAIL

REFERENCE 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME TELEPHONE # EMAIL

REFERENCE 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME TELEPHONE # EMAIL

Have you ever been arrested, charged or indicted in conjunction with a misdemeanor or felony (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, why and what was the outcome?

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Service Academy Contact Information

The academies provide specific guidelines for applicants who may be eligible to be considered for an appointment. A candidate must be an American citizen by the date of induction into an academy and be of good and moral character. If you have not already done so, you **MUST** open a pre-candidate file with each service academy you are interested in attending. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, you should contact them directly:

<b>U.S. Air Force Academy</b> Admissions Office Colorado Springs, CO 80840 (800) 443-9266 <a href="http://www.usafa.edu">www.usafa.edu</a>	<b>U.S. Naval Academy</b> Admissions Office 117 Decatur Road Annapolis, MD 21402 (888) 249-7707 <a href="http://www.usna.edu">www.usna.edu</a>
<b>U.S. Merchant Marine Academy</b> Admissions Office Kings Point, NY 11024-1699 (866) 546-4778 <a href="http://www.usmma.edu">www.usmma.edu</a>	<b>U.S. Military Academy</b> Admissions Office 606 Thayer Road West Point, NY 10996-1797 (800) 822-2769 <a href="http://www.usma.edu">www.usma.edu</a>

Congressional nominations are not required for the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). If you are interested in attending the USGCA, please contact the academy directly at:

#### **United States Coast Guard Academy**

Admissions Office  
New London, Connecticut 06320-4195  
(203) 444-8501  
[www.uscga.edu](http://www.uscga.edu)

**NOTE:** *Graduation from a United States Service Academy obligates you to serve 5 years of Active Duty Service.*

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### SAT and ACT Test Dates

In order for your application to be considered complete, you must have the college boards send your scores to my office. The test scores on your transcript will NOT meet the application requirement. The codes to have the testing centers send your scores directly to me are:

**SAT- 4439 / ACT-7691.**

**ALL TEST SCORES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, September 19, 2025.** However, your test scores can be updated if you score higher on a later test. Updating your scores will only be permitted for students who submit their first score(s) on or before the official deadline to complete their files.

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### CHECKLIST

All required items must be sent to my College Station office postmarked by **Friday, September 19, 2025**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATION FORM** completed and signed by applicant. This must be typed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **OFFICIAL COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT** with an embossed seal that includes courses currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank. Should your school not rank students, you must have a counselor or principal denote this on your transcript. Your counselor **MUST** convert your score to a 4.0 scale.

\_\_\_\_\_ **OFFICIAL COPY OF COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (if applicable)** including courses currently in progress and GPA.

\_\_\_\_\_ **THREE (3) LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** completed by teachers, counselors, religious leaders, coaches, employers or community leaders. Please do not have family members write the letters of recommendation on your behalf. It is your responsibility to ensure these letters of recommendation are submitted in a timely manner and included in your packet. **NOTE: Recommendation forms from other offices will NOT be accepted in lieu of recommendation letters.** All letters of recommendation must be postmarked by the **Friday, September 19, 2025** deadline.

\_\_\_\_\_ **OFFICIAL SAT/ACT SCORES** sent directly from the college boards – **No copies will be accepted.** **NOTE: Test scores must be postmarked by Friday, September 19, 2025.** To be considered for a nomination, you must have taken the SAT/ACT prior in order to meet the **September 19, 2025**, deadline.

**Test scores may be updated after this date only if the student had already submitted scores by the deadline.** Carefully consider the dates you are taking tests! My score report codes are: **SAT-4439 / ACT-7691.**

**Please note that there are minimum test scores that must be attained to even be considered for an appointment by a service academy. Check each service academy's website for its minimum requirements.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** A typed (double-spaced), well-written 250 word essay (12-point Times New Roman font ONLY) detailing why you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy and why you want to be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Armed Forces. Place full name on essay. Please use NORMAL margins for this essay.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TYPED RESUME** describing your involvement in athletics, school activities, the community, or other activities you consider important, as well as all awards and honors.

\_\_\_\_\_ **CURRENT COLOR PHOTOGRAPH (wallet size)** with your name, hometown, written on back.

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO STAPLES:** If you are not submitting your application digitally, please do not staple your document. **NOTE:** Applications that fail to follow instructions will not be accepted.

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS** (Please read carefully before signing.)

- The information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I fully intend to accept an appointment, if offered. I am a U.S. citizen, or will be by July 1, 2026. I am or will be at least 17, but not yet 23 years of age (USMMA: 25 years of age), on July 1, 2026. I am unmarried, not pregnant and have no child support obligation. I am a legal resident of the 10<sup>TH</sup> Congressional District of Texas.
- Provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974 are waived to the extent of sharing this information with the Service Academies and their representatives as well as members of Congressman McCaul's Service Academy Advisory Board. I request Congressman McCaul to monitor my progress in seeking an appointment to an Academy, and hereby consent for the Academy to divulge information from my records for this purpose.
- I have a pre-candidate file open with the following academies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that my application file must be completed by the **Friday, September 19, 2025, deadline**. If I have not completed and postmarked or delivered to the COLLEGE STATION office **ALL** the required information and documentation by that date, I understand that my application will not be considered.
- I understand that all information in my candidate file for Congressman McCaul's office including, but not limited to, recommendation letters, evaluations forms and notes is privileged and not accessible to the candidate.
- In the event that I do receive a nomination / appointment, I authorize Congressman McCaul's office to release this information to the news media and the public.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_