



U.S. Senator
Tom Cotton

Nomination Application

FOR THE
United States Service Academies

PLEASE READ BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION:

Accepting an appointment to a Service Academy involves four years of study followed by an eight-year minimum service obligation (with five years of active duty required). It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy and to request a nomination through all sources available to you: Presidential, Vice Presidential, Senatorial and Congressional.

OFFICIAL DEADLINE POLICY:

Application packets must be post-marked on or before FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016. Please contact Rebekah Hillmer if you should experience technical difficulties that might prevent you from meeting this deadline. *Applications that are postmarked after this NOVEMBER 4 deadline will automatically be disqualified.*

HAVE YOU CONTACTED YOUR LOCAL ACADEMY LIAISON?

The Senatorial nomination materials are separate from the materials you must provide to the academies. The service academies designate alumni within each congressional district to pre-screen candidates and assist with the academies' applications. To receive the academy's Candidate Kit or Application, candidates *must* directly contact the academies to open an admissions file.

If you are still unsure what this means or would like help contacting your liaison(s), please contact Rebekah Hillmer at **(501) 223-9081** or by e-mail at

rebekah_hillmer@cotton.senate.gov.

SECTION I.

Eligibility Requirements

As of July 1 of the year of admission, applicants must be:

- ✓ 17 years of age, but not yet 23
- ✓ A citizen of the United States
- ✓ Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent
- ✓ A legal resident of Arkansas

NOTE: If your father or mother served eight years in the military, or was killed in action, you may be eligible for a Presidential or Vice Presidential nomination. Please contact the Service Academies for more information.

SECTION II.

Interviews

Senator Cotton's Academy Liaison, Rebekah Hillmer, will review applicants who complete a nomination file on or before FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2016.

Eligible candidates will be invited to meet with Senator Cotton's Academy Nomination Board for an interview. This professional, non-partisan board ensures a fair and impartial process for all applicants.

Applicants are expected to dress appropriately for the military academy interviews. Young men may wear dress slacks and shirt, and a tie. A coat is optional. Young women may wear a dress or a skirt or dress pants with a blouse.

Nominations will be announced in January 2017.

SECTION III.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS INDEX

ITEMS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET:

- ✓ Application form (PAGES 4-6)
- ✓ Extra-curricular Activities Worksheet (PAGE 6-7)
- ✓ Interview Board Questionnaire (PAGES 7-8)
- ✓ TERMS OF AGREEMENT (PAGE 9)
- ✓ Final Checklist (PAGE 10)

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET:

- ✓ 3 Letters of Recommendation: Your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor should write one letter. The other letters may be written by teachers, coaches, scout masters, clergy or community leaders who can accurately comment on applicant's character, abilities and potential for success at an Academy.
- ✓ SAT/ACT Scores: Scores may be submitted with the candidate's official high school transcript. You are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT exams "early and often" in order to improve your academic competitiveness. Academies will accept the highest scores in each academic area, regardless of testing date.
- ✓ Official High School Transcript: Please include a copy of your senior class schedule. Senior grades may be submitted as soon as they are available. Counselors may fax or email them and only the senior grades may be forwarded after the November 4, 2016 deadline.

SECTION IV.

Office of U.S. Senator Tom Cotton Contact

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OFFICIAL NOMINATION APPLICATION

FULL NAME: _____
(First) / (Middle) / (Last)

DOB: _____ AGE: _____ GENDER: M / F

I wish to be nominated to the following academy(s) in this order of preference

*NOTE: Rank only the academies for which you have filed an application and intend to interview.

- U.S. Air Force Academy U.S. Naval Academy
- U. S. Military Academy U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

I am applying for a nomination from the following nomination resources (other than Senator Tom Cotton):

- Senator John Boozman
- Presidential
- Vice Presidential
- U. S. Representative*
- JROTC
- None

*If you have selected "U. S. Representative", please specify: _____

CONTACT INFO

APPLICANT INFO

Applicant's Cell: (____) _____
Permanent Mailing Address

Applicant's Email: _____
Temporary Address (if student is away)

County: _____

PARENT INFO

Father's Name: _____
Parent's Cell: (____) _____
Parent's Email _____

Mother's Name: _____
Parent's Cell: (____) _____
Parent's Email: _____

Name of High School: _____
HS Address: _____
HS Phone: _____ Counselor's Name: _____



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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Date of Graduation: _____ Estimated Class Rank & Class Size: ____/____
Grade Point Average: _____ Grade Scale Used: _____
SAT Scores: Total: _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____
ACT Scores: Total: _____ Math: _____ English: _____ Date: _____
Reading: _____ Science Reasoning: _____

*Grade point Average, Scale, Class Rank & Size must be included on your high school transcript.
Home schooled students – simply mark rank in class as 1 of 1 if official ranking is unavailable.
ACT/SAT scores reported on your official certified transcript are acceptable.*

College (if applicable): _____
Grade Point Average: _____ Hours Completed: _____ Major: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Starting with most recent - use additional sheets if necessary.

Place of employment: _____
Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____
Motivation for Working: _____

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES: Mark "JV" Junior Varsity or "V" Varsity in the appropriate space. Also specify with an "L" if you lettered in the sport.

HIGH SCHOOL	9	10	11	12
Baseball/Softball	—	—	—	—
Basketball	—	—	—	—
Cheerleading	—	—	—	—
Cross Country	—	—	—	—
Drill Team	—	—	—	—
Football	—	—	—	—
Golf	—	—	—	—
Soccer	—	—	—	—
Swimming/Diving	—	—	—	—
Tennis	—	—	—	—
Track/Field	—	—	—	—
Volleyball	—	—	—	—
Wrestling	—	—	—	—
_____	—	—	—	—
_____	—	—	—	—
_____	—	—	—	—

NON-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Baseball	___
Basketball	___
Football	___
Golf	___
Gymnastics	___
Running	___
Karate	___
Racquetball	___
Skiing	___
Soccer	___
Softball	___
Swimming	___
Tennis	___
Track/Field	___
Volleyball	___
Wrestling	___

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Mark an "X" to indicate involvement.

Student Body Representative	___
Scouting	___
Church Activities	___
Band/Orchestra	___
Music/Singing	___
Drama	___
School Yearbook/Newspaper	___
Key Club	___
Language or Science Club	___
Jr. ROTC	___
Civil Air Patrol	___
_____	___

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Boys/Girls State	___
Student Body President	___
Class President	___
Student Body Officer	___
Athletic Team Captain	___
Eagle Scout	___
Jr. ROTC	___
Other Military Officer	___
Other School Club Officer	___
Non-school Club Officer	___
Editor, Yearbook/Newspaper	___
_____	___

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Honor Society	___
_____	___
_____	___

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

_____	___
_____	___
_____	___



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INTERVIEW BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

*Answer the following questions in the space provided below. Please type or print legibly in **blue or black ink** and return your responses to Senator Cotton's office on or before November 4, 2016.*

Why are you interested in attending a military service academy? What have you done to learn more about what a commitment to one of the academies entails?

What do you feel is your strongest personal attribute?

What characteristic do you perceive to be a personal weakness and what do you do to compensate and/or improve it?

What role does competition play in your life?

What qualities do you feel are important in a leader? Describe a leadership role you have held and how you've exhibited any of these leadership qualities.



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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

List three individuals who will write a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination. Your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor must write one letter.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title /Organization</u>
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

I *certify* that I have read the terms of the document that I am signing.

I understand the deadline for the receipt of the application packet, official high school transcript, college aptitude test scores and all recommendation letters is **November 4, 2016**.

I understand that application packet must be submitted to the Little Rock, Arkansas, Office of U.S. Senator Tom Cotton on or before November 4, 2016. I also understand that if my packet is post-marked after November 4, 2016, I will automatically be disqualified from Senator Tom Cotton's Nomination Application cycle for the year 2016.

I am a legal resident of the State of Arkansas.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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FINAL CHECKLIST

Please complete before submitting application.

1) ___ Photo Attached to Application*

Photo Policy:* Unless specifically requested, photographs will **not be returned to the candidate.

2) ___ Completed Application Form (PAGES 4-6)

3) ___ Extra-curricular Activities Worksheet (PAGES 6-7)

4) ___ Interview Board Questionnaire (PAGES 7-8)

5) ___ High School Transcript

6) ___ Senior Class Schedule

7) ___ ACT/SAT Scores (may be on Transcript)

8) ___ Three Letters of Recommendation (PAGE 9)

*Please mail your completed application,
Required attachments and recommendations to:*

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