

**APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION TO A
UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY**

DEADLINE: All Applications must be received by Congressman Collins' Lancaster District Office by 5:00 PM, Friday, November 4, 2016.

CRITERIA: Applicants must be at least 17 years of age, but not yet 23 years of age. Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, unmarried, and have no legal obligations to support a child or dependent. The applicant must be a legal resident of the 27th Congressional District.

A complete applicant file will include:

- Congressman Collins' Service Academy application form.

Transcripts

- Applicants must provide a current transcript from the last high school attended and all college credits completed. These should be submitted in sealed envelopes.

SAT/ACT Scores

- The applicant is responsible for submitting test scores to Congressman Collins. These exams may be taken as many times as desired; only the best scores will be considered.

Three Letters of Reference

- Three letters of reference should be submitted in *sealed* envelopes from the individual writing the reference. All must be adults from outside your immediate family, and at least one must be from the last educational institute attended.

Two essays

- Please submit two separate essays. The first should describe how attendance at the U.S. Service Academy of your choice will meet your personal and career goals. The second essay should explain what service means to you and detail how the service of another person has inspired you. Each essay should be typed and not exceed 500 words.

Two recent photographs

Academy Review Board:

- All individuals seeking a nomination from Congressman Collins are required to participate in our Academy Review Board interviews, currently scheduled for **Saturday, November 19, 2016**. More information will be provided once your application has been processed. Please note, there are no exceptions to this requirement.