

# Important Dates for Admission to the U.S. Service Academies

## Junior Year Tasks

### December - January

- ✓ All candidates should inquire or sign up for a Summer Seminar at their desired academy.

### February - March

- ✓ Schedule SAT and/or ACT Standardized Test for the month of May and/or June.

### April - May

- ✓ Contact the service academy's admissions office to request an application package. You may apply to and be nominated to more than one academy.
- ✓ You may apply online (U.S. Military Academy at West Point: [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu), U.S. Naval Academy: [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu), U.S. Air Force Academy: [www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu), U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu), U.S. Coast Guard: [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu))

- ✓ Send a letter to Congressman Conaway requesting a nomination. In addition, you are strongly encouraged to send a letter requesting a nomination to the two U.S. Senators from Texas and the Vice President of the United States.

- ✓ As soon as you receive the application package, get started. The nomination process involves an interview with Congressman Conaway's Academy Selection Board, which consists of both civilian and military members. The interview will occur in the late Fall/early Winter of your senior year of high school.

### June

- ✓ Take the SAT/ACT again. The academies consider your **highest scores**, so it is advantageous for you to take the test several times. Also, they will take the **highest individual scores from different "sittings."** So, for example, if you take the SATs in May and in June and have the following scores:

May	June
630 Verbal	600 Verbal
600 Math	660 Math
<b>Total Score 1290</b>	

The Academies will use **630 Verbal** and the **660 Math** to arrive at the total score used to consider you for admission.

- ✓ Begin preparing for the Physical Aptitude Examination (PAE), which includes Push-ups, Pull-Ups, and a 300-Yard Shuttle Run. This test is used to gauge the overall fitness of candidates. You will take the PAE during the latter half of your senior year and it will be scheduled by you and a physical education instructor at your school.

### July - August

- ✓ Continue with physical fitness preparation.
- ✓ Continue to provide your Congressional/Senate offices with the required materials to complete the application process.
- ✓ Schedule SAT/ACT for October and/or November. Historically, students improve scores the more often they repeat the tests.

### Fall

- ✓ Your interview with Congressman Conaway's Academy Selection Board will be scheduled during the first Saturday in December. You are competing for a full scholarship with room and board, worth in excess of \$250,000 (over a 4-year period). Dress appropriately. Look sharp. Make a great first impression.

### Winter

- ✓ Congressman Conaway will personally contact successful nominees sometime around the New Year.

### Before June 1

- ✓ You will be required to take the Physical Aptitude Examination. The more you prepare for this test the better you will do. You will receive instructions from the Academy for completing the test.
- ✓ You will have to take a mandatory medical exam scheduled by the DoDMERB (the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board) at a facility designated by the DoDMERB. All candidates must be found medically qualified by the DoDMERB by June 1st of their senior year prior to the entrance to an Academy.





**"A nomination gives legal authority to the United States Service Academies to extend an offer of admission. Attending a Service Academy is a privilege and an honor. Thank you for your interest in accepting the challenge and good luck."**

**Congressman Mike Conaway**

**A Guide to**

**Applying for Admission to the U.S. Service Academies**



**Mike Conaway**  
Member of Congress  
Eleventh District  
of Texas

**Important Points to Remember:**

- ✔ Begin preparing for the Physical Aptitude Examination (PAE) as soon as you know you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy.
- ✔ Complete admissions package as soon as possible. If you apply early it is more likely you will be considered for an early appointment.
- ✔ You may apply for Early Decision, which requires that your completed application be on file at the Academy by November 1st of your senior year. The Academy will wait for your nomination from your Congressman.
- ✔ If you are not offered an appointment, you may be offered an opportunity to attend one of the Academy Prep Schools. While not a "guarantee" of entrance in the future, the Prep Schools have an excellent record of getting students into the Academies after the one-year Prep School Program.

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