



U.S. Senator for Pennsylvania

Service Academy FAQs

The Service Academy application process may sometimes be confusing. Below are frequently asked questions about the process:

From what offices may I request a nomination?

You may request a nomination from Senator Casey, Senator Pat Toomey, and your Member of the House of Representatives. If you do not know who your Representative is, please visit www.house.gov. Each Congressional office sets its own deadlines and other requirements, so it is important to speak with each one individually. You may also request nominations from the Vice President of the United States. Please visit www.whitehouse.gov for more information.

What do I need to do prior to applying for a nomination from Senator Casey?

We ask that you first apply with the Academy of your choice. Once you done so, you are welcome to apply with our office. While you may apply to multiple Academies directly, we ask that you only apply for a nomination to one Academy through our office. You will be able to indicate your choice on your application.

When should I begin the nomination process with Senator Casey's office?

Our application opens on March 1, 2022 and closes at 5 p.m. on October 7, 2022. Please begin the process as early as possible to allow yourself the maximum amount of time to complete the application. Please note that all transcripts must include final junior-year grades.

What is the deadline for applying to Senator Casey's office?

Applications must be completed and submitted by 5 p.m. on October 7, 2022. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

What key dates do I need to know?

March 1, 2022 – Senator Casey's Service Academy application opens.

5 p.m. on October 7, 2022 – Senator Casey's Service Academy application closes; all materials must be submitted by this time.

Late October 2022 – All students with completed applications by the deadline will be scheduled and notified of the date and time of their interview via email.

November 15, 16, and 17, 2022 – Interviews are conducted.

Mid-January 2023 – All applicants are notified of their status with Senator Casey's office. Appointees are notified by the Academies by April.

What information must I provide to Senator Casey's office?

All documentation must be received electronically, either by uploading it to our website, or by emailing it to Academy_Nominations@casey.senate.gov. Please do not mail your application materials. You will need to submit the following documents to our office:

The online application;

An essay about your desire to attend an Academy;

A recent photograph of yourself;

A signed Statement of Intent form;

An official transcript for all high schools, junior colleges, and colleges you have attended;

Your official SAT I and/or ACT scores; and

Three letters of recommendation from individuals who know you well. One must be from a science or mathematics teacher; none can be from a family member.

How do I make changes to my questionnaire?

If you wish to make changes to your questionnaire, such as adding school activities or updating your SAT and ACT scores, please notify our office at Academy_Nominations@casey.senate.gov. We will unlock your questionnaire so you are able to make those changes. Once unlocked, you will have 24 hours to make changes before your account will relock.

What if my school will not give me a copy of my transcript?

Your school may email it to our office at Academy_Nominations@casey.senate.gov. Your references may also send your letters of recommendation to this email address.

How can official SAT/ACT scores be submitted to Senator Casey's office?

*We will accept scores listed on school transcripts, submitted to us by the school, or score reports downloaded from the College Board and ACT websites. **Downloaded score reports must not be screenshots**; they must be on College Board letterhead. Sending SAT scores through the College Board may result in a delay. Downloading score reports and uploading them to the application is the quickest way to submit scores.*

What if I am having difficulty with scheduling an SAT or ACT test because of the pandemic?

We are still requiring SAT and ACT scores this year; however, we can be flexible with their submission as we know the test scheduling is beyond your control. We are asking our applicants to submit their PSAT scores as a placeholder in order to complete their application. Once the SAT and ACT scores are available, they should be submitted to our office. If you are in this situation, please contact us at Academy_Nominations@casey.senate.gov.

Must the attachments be in a certain format?

We can only accept documents in PDF format.

How do I know if your office has received my application materials?

Before calling our office to check the status of your application, please log in to your online application at OAM: Application (senate.gov), all materials received will have a green check mark indicating the document was received. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at Academy_Nominations@casey.senate.gov.

When will I be notified that I have an interview?

All students with completed applications by the deadline will be scheduled and notified of the date and time of their interview via email in late October. Due to the large volume of applications our office receives, we are unable to reschedule interviews and all students are expected to keep their scheduled interview appointment.

Is there anything else I need to know about COVID-19 related changes to the application process?

As we continue to adapt to the Pandemic, there may be a need for our office to work remotely which will cause delays with receiving mail and faxes. Because of this, please do not submit any materials via mail or fax. All documentation must be received electronically, either by uploading it to our website, or by emailing it to Academy.Nominations@casey.senate.gov.

How do I address concerns with the physical examination process?

As part of the application process, applicants must undergo a physical examination with the Department of Defense's Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB). Questions about this process should be directed to DoDMERB via email at usaf.usafa.dodmerb.mbx.helpdesk@mail.mil.

Does a Congressional nomination guarantee me an appointment to a Service Academy? A

nomination from a Congressional office does not guarantee an appointment to an Academy. Each Academy makes its own determinations on who to appoint. A Congressional nomination is just one requirement of the appointment process.

How many candidates does Senator Casey nominate?

Senator Casey nominates ten students to each Academy. Each Academy determines how many nominees they appoint.

If I am not nominated by Senator Casey, may I reapply?

If you are not nominated or appointed, you may reapply each year until you are 23. If you choose to reapply, you will need to begin another application online. We can reuse your previous three letters of recommendation and SAT and/or ACT scores, but you will need to provide the following:

A new essay;

An updated transcript from your 12th grade year and your current college;

Updated SAT and/or ACT scores, if applicable;

A new letter of recommendation; and

A recent photograph of yourself.