

In the nomination process, we hope to learn about each candidate as a whole. Test scores, transcripts and activity lists tell us only so much information about you as a person. Accordingly, the following essay question will help us better understand you and your motivation for attending a United States Service Academy. Please remember that there are no right or wrong answers.

Submit your response to the essay question on additional pieces of paper. Please make sure your name is on the top, right hand corner of each page.

Essay Question: Please write about your desire to attend a United States service academy. For example, you may wish to describe the event(s) that made you interested in attending a service academy. Furthermore, you may want to write about a family member or friend who was influential in your decision-making. Whatever topic you chose, paint a clear picture for us of why attending a U.S. Service Academy is right for you. (The average essay length is between one and three pages.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this form, I swear that the material contained therein is truthful, accurate, and the written material is my own.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION NO LATER THAN October 2nd, 2026 TO:

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