



U.S. Service Academy Nominations Frequently Asked Questions

From what offices may I request a nomination? You can request a nomination from Senator John Fetterman, Senator Bob Casey, and your Member of the House of Representatives. You may also request a nomination from the Vice President of the United States.

What do I need to do prior to applying for a nomination from Senator Fetterman? You must first apply with the Academy of your choice. Once you have done so, you are welcome to apply for a nomination with our office. Our online application can be found here: <https://oampublic.senate.gov/constituent/login/eeb3f6f1-395d-49d3-94bc-8b446488ae77/>

When should I begin the nomination process with Senator Fetterman's office? Our application opens on March 1, 2023, and closes on September 29, 2023, at 5 p.m. EDT. Please begin the application process early to allow yourself time to submit the required material.

What is the deadline for applying to Senator Fetterman's office? Application materials must be completed and submitted by 5 p.m. (EST) on September 29, 2023. You will not be considered for a nomination if your application is late or incomplete.

What key dates do I need to know?

- March 1, 2023 – Senator Fetterman's Service Academy application opens.
- September 29, 2023, 5 p.m. EST – Senator Fetterman's Service Academy application closes; **all materials must be submitted by this time.**
- Late October 2023 – Students with completed applications will be scheduled and notified of the date and time of their interview via email.
- November 4, 11, and 18, 2023 – Interviews are conducted.
- Mid-January 2024 – Applicants are notified of their nomination status with Senator Fetterman's office.

What information must I submit to Senator Fetterman's office? You are required to complete: The online application; An essay (minimum of 500 words) detailing 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 and/or ACT scores; and Three letters of recommendation from individuals who know you well. One must be from a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) teacher; none can be from a family member. All documentation must be received electronically, either by uploading it to our website, or by emailing it: academies@fetterman.senate.gov.

How do I make changes to my questionnaire? If you wish to make changes to your questionnaire, please notify our office at academies@fetterman.senate.gov.

What if my school will not give me a copy of my transcript? Your school may email it to our office at academies@fetterman.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 Fetterman's office? We will accept scores listed on school transcripts or submitted to us via email at academies@fetterman.senate.gov.

What if I am having difficulty with scheduling an SAT or ACT test because of the pandemic? SAT and ACT scores are still required this year; however, we can be flexible with their submission as we know the test scheduling is beyond your control. Please submit your PSAT scores as a placeholder in order to complete your application. Once the SAT and ACT scores are available, they should be submitted to our office via email at academies@fetterman.senate.gov.

Must the attachments be in a certain format? We require documents to be in PDF format.

How do I know if your office has received my application materials? You can check the status by logging in to your online application. 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 academies@fetterman.senate.gov

When will I be notified that I have an interview? Students who submit a completed applications by the deadline (5 p.m. EST September 29, 2023) will be notified of their scheduled interview date and time via email in late October.

How do I address concerns with the physical examination process? Questions about this process should be directed to the Department of Defense's Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) via email at usaf.usafa.dodmerb.mbx.helpdesk@mail.mil.

Does a Congressional nomination guarantee me an appointment to a Service Academy? A Congressional nomination does not guarantee an appointment to an Academy as it is just one requirement of the appointment process. Each Academy makes its own determinations on who to appoint.

How many candidates does Senator Fetterman nominate? Senator Fetterman nominates ten students to each Academy. Each Academy determines how many nominees they appoint.

If I am not nominated by Senator Fetterman, 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 complete a new application. Previous letters of recommendation and SAT and/or ACT scores can be reused, but you will need to provide the following: A new essay; An updated transcript from your 12th grade year and your current college; A new letter of recommendation; and A recent photograph of yourself.