

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN TOM O'HALLERAN
Representing Arizona's 1st Congressional District
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U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Congressman O'Halleran nominates candidates only in his District (AZ-01). He uses the *competitive method* of nominating applicants to the U.S. Service Academies. Each Member of Congress utilizing this method may nominate ten candidates per year to each of the following academies: the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the U.S. Military Academy, and the U.S. Naval Academy. **Note:** Applicants wishing to attend the U.S. Coast Guard Academy do not need nominations and must apply directly to the academy.

Candidates may first apply for a Congressional nomination in their junior year of high school. A candidate must be a U.S. Citizen, age 17 to 23 (age 17 to 24 for the Merchant Marine Academy) as of July 1 of the year entering the academy and maintain a permanent Arizona residence. If a student is under 18 years of age, the parents' permanent state of residence must be in Arizona. You may also apply after completing high school. College credits are not transferrable. If you receive a nomination and an appointment you will be tested and placed at an appropriate academic level upon entering the academy.

Strong math and science courses in high school help prepare students for the academy curriculum. Considerations are given to academic record, class rank, extra-curricular activities, SAT/ACT test scores and leadership experience.

Since the standardized SAT/ACT tests are an important indicator of your academic ability, it is recommended that you take them as *early* and *as often as possible*. Each of these tests has a slightly different emphasis, so you should take both to reflect your true potential. The academies will consider the highest test score received in each category (Math and Critical Reading/English), regardless of when that score was received. If you wait until your high school senior year to take the tests, you may not have the opportunity to retake them if your scores are not at a competitive level. *At least one set of test results must be received by Congressman O'Halleran's office by the November 2020 deadline.* You may have the report sent directly to our office by designating Congressman O'Halleran's CODE: SAT #5950, ACT #7224. *It is the applicant's responsibility to provide the test results.*

Any inquiries should be directed to Congressman O'Halleran's Service Academy Administrator, Rudy Cota, in his Casa Grande Office via email at Ohalleran.Academies@mail.house.gov or via telephone at (928) 210-8165.

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