



# CONGRESSWOMAN DONNA F. EDWARDS

4TH CONGRESSIONAL  
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND



## APPLICATION FOR A NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY

If you are interested in applying to one of the United States Service Academies and are seeking a congressional nomination, please read the important dates and information below.

**2014 Service Academy Application and Instructions may be found at  
[www.donnaedwards.house.gov](http://www.donnaedwards.house.gov)**

### IMPORTANT DATES

Applications for Nominations to a Service Academy Due **Friday, October 10, 2014**

**Send application and all other materials to:**

Service Academy Application  
Office of Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards  
5001 Silver Hill Road  
Suite 106  
Suitland, MD 20746

### November 2014

Qualified applicants will be interviewed by Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards' Service Academy Review Board on **November 15 & 16, 2014**, in the Prince George's County District Office.

### December 2014

Nominations will be announced

### January 2015

US Military Service Academy Reception

**Questions may be directed to** Leticia Forrest at 301-516-7601



## West Point

The United States Military Academy has been educating, training, and inspiring leaders of character for our United States Army and for the nation for more than 200 years. West Point provides a 47-month leader-development program steeped in academic rigor, military discipline, and physical challenges, all built upon a moral-ethical foundation. The academy is an internationally recognized institution for academic, military and physical excellence, and we are proud that today's cadets will become tomorrow's military, public and private-sector leaders.

## Naval Academy

As the undergraduate college of our country's naval service, the Naval Academy prepares young men and women to become professional officers of competence, character, and compassion in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. Naval Academy students are midshipmen on active duty in the U.S. Navy. They attend the Academy for four years, graduating with Bachelor of Science degrees and then commissioning as Ensigns in the Navy or Second Lieutenants in the Marine Corps. Naval Academy graduates serve at least five years in the Navy or Marine Corps.

## Air Force

The United States Air Force Academy offers a four-year program of instruction and experience designed to provide cadets the knowledge and character essential for leadership, and the motivation to serve as Air Force career officers. Each cadet graduates with a bachelor of science degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

## Coast Guard

The US Coast Guard Academy is one of the five federal service academies. Located in New London, CT, the USCG Academy's mission is to produce leaders of character for service to the nation. About 300 high school graduates enroll annually, leaving four years later with a Bachelor of Science degree and commission as an Ensign.

## Merchant Marine

United States Merchant Marine Academy is a federal service academy that educates and graduates licensed Merchant Marine officers of exemplary character who serve America's marine transportation and defense needs in peace and war. With 95 percent of the world's products transported over water, these leaders are vital to the effective operation of our merchant fleet for both commercial and military transport during war and peace. Academy graduates abide by the motto "Acta Non Verba" - deeds not words, and are leaders that exemplify the concept of service above self.

### **SERVICE ACADEMIES MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

To apply for a nomination to the Air Force, Military and Naval Academies, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must reside in the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Maryland
- You must not be married, pregnant, or have any dependents
- **You must be at least 17 years of age but not older than 23 years of age as of July 1 of the year of admission to an academy**

To apply for a nomination to the Merchant Marine Academy, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must reside in Maryland
- **You must be at least 17 years of age but not older than 25 years of age as of July 1 of the year of admission to an academy**