



U.S. Senator Rob Portman – Service Academy Nomination Process

As a United States Senator, I am honored to have the privilege every year of nominating a number of Ohio's top young achievers for entry into one of our nation's military academies. These include the Military Academy at West Point, the Air Force Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy, and the Naval Academy. Our military academies offer the education, training, and leadership skills proven to provide each branch of the military with the best, brightest and most dedicated officers in the world.

If you are a junior in high school and you are inspired to serve your country in this way, please visit my website, www.portman.senate.gov, or call my academy coordinators in Columbus at (614) 469-6774 or 1-800-205-OHIO to request an application packet. The deadline to submit your completed application is Friday, September 18, 2015 by close of business.

To be considered for a nomination, an applicant must be:

- ∞ A U.S. citizen and legal resident of Ohio
- ∞ Between the ages of 17 and 23 by July 1st of the admission year

Applicants are encouraged to apply for a nomination from all nominating sources:

- ∞ Members of Congress (both U.S. Senators and your U.S. Representative)
- ∞ The Vice President of the United States
- ∞ The President of the United States (Service Affiliated Nomination)
- ∞ ROTC/JROTC Commander

Requirements for a completed application packet:

- ∞ Complete application form
- ∞ Official SAT and/or ACT scores
- ∞ Three letters of recommendation
- ∞ Official High School/College transcript
- ∞ 1-2 page essay explaining why you want to serve as an officer in the military

A review board will select the final candidates; members of this board help my office make sure that only the most qualified applicants are nominated for admission to the academies. If selected, you will be invited to interview before my service academy review board in Columbus, Ohio during the months of September to Mid-November.

Again, I encourage you to reach out to my academy coordinators with any questions at 614-469-6774 or 1-800-205-OHIO.