

**Tim Burchett**

**U.S. Congressman**

**Representing Tennessee’s 2nd District**

**Service Academy**

**Nomination Application**

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**Please print clearly or type the following information filling ALL fields. Indicate (N/A) if not applicable:**

**I. Application Information**

Last Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_First:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Middle Initial:\_\_\_\_

Suffix:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Preferred Name/Nickname:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_D.O.B.\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Work/Cell Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Staff Use Only

Permanent Mailing Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_State:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Zip Code:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Temporary Mailing Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Gender: Male\_\_\_\_\_ Female\_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

You will be at least 17 but not yet 23 years of age by July 1 of the year you are admitted:

YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Contact Information:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for a nomination from any other source?

YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

If yes, then whom?

President\_\_\_\_ Vice President\_\_\_\_ Senator Hagerty\_\_\_\_ Senator Blackburn\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

It is in your best interest to request a nomination through all sources available to you. If your father or mother is active duty military, retired military, or was killed in action, you may be eligible for a Presidential or Vice-Presidential nomination.

Will you be a United States citizen at the time of enrollment? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Are you a resident of the 2nd Congressional District of Tennessee? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

Have you applied for a nomination in a previous year? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

**II. Academy Preferences**

Please rank each of the Academies **you wish to attend** in order of your preference for admittance, with one being your first choice. **Please do not rank any academies that you have not submitted an application to.**

\_\_\_\_\_Air Force \_\_\_\_\_Army \_\_\_\_\_Navy \_\_\_\_\_Merchant Marine

Have you been contacted by an Academy? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If yes, which one and what purpose (sports or other)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**III. Academic Qualifications**

High School:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Mailing Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Counselor:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Graduation Year:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Test Scores:

SAT Verbal\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SAT Math\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SAT Composite\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

or

ACT English\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ACT Math\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ACT Reading\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ACT Science/Reasoning\_\_\_\_\_\_

ACT Composite Score\_\_\_\_\_\_

Are you scheduled to re-take any of your tests? YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

If yes, when? Date(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Class Percentile: Top 1% 5% 10% 50%

Grade Point Average (unweighted):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(weighted):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Submit college entrance examination board scores – ACT and/or SAT scores as well as high school or college transcripts. ACT/SAT scores reported on your **official certified** transcript are acceptable. **Our office code for ACT scores is 7672.**

Advanced Placement Courses Taken and AP Score:

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Academic Awards or Special Achievements:

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Any additional explanations concerning your transcript or test scores you want Mr. Burchett to know:

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**If already attending College:**

College Attended:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Years Attended:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hours Completed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Grade Point Average:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Sport | Number of Years | Number of Varsity Letters | Years of Special Recognition | Years of Team Leadership |
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**IV. Athletic Activities** Grades 9-12 and college (if applicable)

Athletic Awards or Special Achievements:

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**V. Non-Athletic Activities**

List non-athletic activities / leadership positions:

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Non-athletic awards or special achievements:

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**VI. Prior Service**

Have you had any prior service with the military? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_Active \_\_\_\_Guard \_\_\_\_Reserve

Branch:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Years:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Has family member attended a Service Academy?

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Academy:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Yr.\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Academy:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grad. Yr.\_\_\_\_

**VII. Employment History**

(Present to Past Order)

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| Place | Dates | Position | Hours Worked Per Week |
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**VIII. Privacy Statement**

**I certify that the information provided is correct. It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy; I am a U.S. citizen, at least 17 but not yet 23 years of age, unmarried, not pregnant, have no legal obligations to support any child or other dependents, and reside in Tennessee’s 2nd Congressional District. I understand that the deadline to request nomination is October 30th. I am also required to submit all the items on the application check-list and that if I have not submitted all requested information before these deadlines that my application may not be given full consideration. I authorize Congressman Burchett or his staff to obtain information about my status with the service academies. This includes inquiring with the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board about any medical conditions that may prevent my receiving a nomination or appointment to one of the Service Academies.**

**Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES**

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS TO SERVICE ACADEMIES**

Individuals seeking nomination to one of the service academies from Congressman Tim Burchett, Second Congressional District of Tennessee are encouraged to apply in the spring of their junior year. Submit the following information to:

The Honorable Tim Burchett

Attn: Sarah Fansler

800 Market Street, Suite 110

Knoxville, TN 37902

1. Completed “Application for Nomination to the United States Service Academies.”
2. Official SAT or ACT scores certified copy.
3. Official high school transcript (sent by applicant’s guidance office) and college transcript (if applicable).
4. Résumé of extracurricular activities: It is very important to be thorough and include all information for each year of high school. Include both school related and outside activities; note leadership positions held, scholastic honors, and any part-time or full-time jobs you may have held.
5. Recent photograph.
6. Personal statement addressed to Congressman Burchett stating what motivates you to attend a United States Service Academy (one typed page is sufficient).
7. Three letters of recommendation.

The following materials necessary to complete the application process are enclosed:

* Application
* Instructions for Candidates
* General Academy Information
* Instructions for Recommender Sheet

**The deadline for submission of completed files to this office is October 15.**

**No application will be considered unless you have an open application with the academies to which you are seeking nomination.**

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Fansler at (865) 523-3772.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTERS OF RECCOMENDATION FOR**

**UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY –**

**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION**

**Candidate:**

Please give a copy of this sheet to three people who agree to write a letter of recommendation for you.

**Recommender:**

This student has expressed the desire to attend a United States Service Academy (i.e. the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, or the Air Force Academy). Admission to these academies is extremely limited and competitive and an appointment is an esteemed honor and achievement. After successfully completing a rigorous four-year program in one of these competitive schools and receiving a first-rate education, a successful graduate will be pledged to serve a term as an officer in the armed forces.

In order to apply to a service academy, an applicant must obtain a nomination from an authorized source and this applicant has requested a nomination from Congressman Tim Burchett, the Representative of the Second District of Tennessee. Congressman Burchett would appreciate your thorough and honest evaluation of the applicant’s fitness for the U.S. service academy admission and ensuing military career. The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, goals, and motivation in determining each applicant’s “whole person” evaluation.

Congressman Burchett and his staff will hold your comments in the strictest confidence and thank you for your assistance.

Letters of recommendation should include a return address and phone number for contact purposes and be written on either letterhead or personal stationary. Please send the letter, before November 1st, directly to:

The Honorable Tim Burchett

Attn: Sarah Fansler

800 Market Street, Suite 110

Knoxville, TN 37902

Or, you may seal your letter in an envelope and return to the candidate for him/her to include with their completed packet.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Fansler at (865) 523-3772.

**General Academy Nomination Information**

**Air Force Academy U.S. Naval Academy**

Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840 Annapolis, Maryland 21402

[www.academyadmissions.com](http://www.academyadmissions.com) [www.usna.edu/admissions](http://www.usna.edu/admissions)

**U.S. Military Academy U.S. Merchant Marine**

West Point, New York 10996 Kings Point, New York 11024

[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu) [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

There are no Congressional Nominations to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. To obtain information and/or apply, contact them at:

**U.S. Coast Guard Academy**

New London, Connecticut 06320

www.cga.edu

**Eligibility**

Nominees to the service academies must be United States citizens and applications to Congressman Burchett’s office must be permanent residents of Tennessee’s 2nd Congressional District. Candidates must be at least 17 years of age but not 23 years of age by July 1st of the year of admission. Candidates must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support any dependents. These stipulations have been established by the service academies.

Prior to applying for a nomination, each candidate should contact the academies directly to request a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire. Upon completion and return of this form to the academy, the candidate will be informed of academy requirements, such as medical examinations, and physical aptitude tests. It is also recommended that each candidate attempt to visit the academies to meet with admissions representatives, talk to cadets, and view the respective academy’s facilities.

**DODMERB**

All academies require the candidate to pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). Candidates who meet the minimum scholastic standards will be scheduled to take a service academy qualifying medical examination. The academy to which you have applied will initiate the scheduling of the examination; once taken the results may be used for all service academies. Candidates who have questions about their medical examination results should contact:

DODMERB

8034 Edgerton Drive, Suite 132

USAF Academy, Colorado 80840-2200

(719) 333-3562

Medical scheduling and evaluation are time consuming processes, especially if consolation, retesting, or corrective action is required. The process may take from six weeks to four months.

**Method of Nomination**

The law pertaining to congressional nominations stipulates that each Member of Congress is allowed a maximum of five “charges” at each academy in any given year (Merchant Marine is an exception). When a “charge” graduates, a vacancy is created that the Member may fill.

Due to the competitiveness of the selection process, it is strongly recommended that each candidate apply to their U.S. Senators, their Representative, and the Vice President.

**Additional Information**

A Congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance to the service academies, but only assures that the applicant’s application will be considered first by the review boards. The applicant should submit a completed application to each academy that he/she is considering during or before the first semester of the applicant’s senior year.

Academically, the majority of students accepted to the academies are in at least the top twenty percent of their class, with higher than average test scores. Most students who receive appointment offers are active at school and in their community and hold leadership roles in sports and other extracurricular activities.

Acceptance of an offer of an appointment from an academy obligates you to at least a nine-year commitment – four years at the academy and five years of active duty service.