



2026 MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Note to Applicants: Please enter your name below and deliver or mail this form to the person who will write your recommendation. Ask your recommender to enclose this recommendation form or a letter of recommendation on letterhead (if appropriate) that they completed on your behalf, seal the envelope, sign across the seal, and return this to you. Do not open this envelope or break the seal. Submit the sealed envelopes with your application

Name of Applicant (Last Name, First Name): _____

Recommender's Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Address/Telephone/Email: _____

Note to Recommender: The person whose name appears above is applying for a nomination for admission to one of the United States service academies. The purpose of the academies is to provide a college education leading to a career as an officer. **The questions below suggest the kind of information which would be helpful in the selection process, but this form is provided as a guide, and I welcome your comments in whatever form you believe is suitable (i.e. letter of recommendation, etc.)** I realize that your time is valuable, and this is a lot to ask of you, but your opinion of the candidate is crucial in assisting my Academy Committee in determining who are best suited to receive nominations to the service academies.

Also, if you are providing a letter of recommendation for multiple students who are seeking a nomination through this office, please provide a unique letter for each student, as the Committee would like to know your personal views and assessment of the candidate.

This recommendation is to be sealed in the envelope provided, and you will sign over the seal to ensure that it has not been opened. Please mail/return to the applicant.

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity:

What do you consider the applicant's strengths and weaknesses with regard to leadership potential?

Do you feel that the applicant is motivated to attend a service academy because he or she truly wants to attend or do you believe he/she is interested due to family/friends/other outside influences?

Do you know of any circumstances/issues that might affect the applicant's performance at a service academy? If yes, please explain:

How does the applicant handle stressful situations?

Please provide an appraisal of the applicant in terms of the qualities listed below. Leave blank those that you feel you cannot accurately assess.

	Outstanding	Superior (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 15%)	Good (Top 1/3)	Average (Mid 1/3)	Poor (Bottom 1/3)
Intellectual Ability						
Ability to Work with Others						
Leadership Qualities						
Imagination and Creativity						
Motivation						
Maturity						
Overall Character						

Please comment on the ratings that you have assigned above and make any additional statements about the applicant's record, potential, or personal qualities which you believe would be helpful to the Academy Committee in considering this application. Please feel free to provide this information on a separate sheet if needed:

Recommender's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please seal in the provided envelope, sign the seal, and return directly to the applicant as soon as possible