



## U.S. Service Academy Nominations Frequently Asked Questions

**From what offices may I request a nomination?** You can request a nomination from Senator John Fetterman, Senator Bob Casey, and your Member of the House of Representatives. You may also request a nomination from the Vice President of the United States.

**What do I need to do prior to applying for a nomination from Senator Fetterman?** You must first apply with the Academy of your choice. Once you have done so, you are welcome to apply for a nomination with our office. Our online application can be found here:  
<https://oampublic.senate.gov/constituent/login/d6869af2-8c74-4f01-9d7e-c6f1443bccb3/>

**When should I begin the nomination process with Senator Fetterman's office?** Our application opens on February 26, 2024, and closes on September 20, 2024, at 5:00pm (ET). Please begin the application process early to allow yourself time to submit the required material.

**What is the deadline for applying to Senator Fetterman's office?** Application materials must be completed and submitted by 5:00pm (ET) on September 20, 2024. You will not be considered for a nomination if your application is late or incomplete.

### What key dates do I need to know?

- February 26, 2024 – Senator Fetterman's Service Academy application opens.
- September 20, 2024, 5:00pm (ET) – Senator Fetterman's Service Academy application closes; **all materials must be submitted by this time.**
- October 2024 – Students with completed applications will be scheduled and notified of the date and time of their interview via email.
- October 26, November 2 and 16 – Interviews are conducted.
- Mid-January 2025 – Applicants are notified of their nomination status with Senator Fetterman's office.

**When will I be notified that I have an interview?** Students who submit a completed applications by the deadline, September 20, 2024, 5:00pm (ET), will be notified of their scheduled interview date and time via email in late October.

**What information must I submit to Senator Fetterman's office?** You are required to complete: The online application; An essay (minimum of 500 words) detailing your desire to attend an Academy; A recent photograph of yourself; A signed Statement of Intent form; An official transcript for all high schools, junior colleges, and colleges you have attended; Your official SAT and/or ACT scores; and Three letters of recommendation from individuals who know you well. One must be from a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) teacher; none can be from a family member. All

documentation must be received electronically, either by uploading it to our website, or by emailing it: [academies@fetterman.senate.gov](mailto:academies@fetterman.senate.gov).

**How do I make changes to my questionnaire?** If you wish to make changes to your questionnaire, please notify our office at [academies@fetterman.senate.gov](mailto:academies@fetterman.senate.gov).

**What if my school will not give me a copy of my transcript?** Your school may email it to our office at [academies@fetterman.senate.gov](mailto:academies@fetterman.senate.gov). Your references may also send your letters of recommendation to this email address.

**How can official SAT/ACT scores be submitted to Senator Fetterman's office?** We will accept scores listed on school transcripts or submitted to us via email at [academies@fetterman.senate.gov](mailto:academies@fetterman.senate.gov).

**What if I am having difficulty with scheduling an SAT or ACT test because of the pandemic?** SAT and ACT scores are still required this year; however, we can be flexible with their submission as we know the test scheduling is beyond your control. Please submit your PSAT scores as a placeholder in order to complete your application. Once the SAT and ACT scores are available, they should be submitted to our office via email at [academies@fetterman.senate.gov](mailto:academies@fetterman.senate.gov).

**Must the attachments be in a certain format?** We require documents to be in PDF format.

**How do I know if your office has received my application materials?** You can check the status by logging in to your online application. All materials received will have a green check mark indicating the document was received. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at [academies@fetterman.senate.gov](mailto:academies@fetterman.senate.gov).

**How do I address concerns with the physical examination process?** Questions about this process should be directed to the Department of Defense's Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) via email at [usaf.usafa.dodmerb.mbx.helpdesk@mail.mil](mailto:usaf.usafa.dodmerb.mbx.helpdesk@mail.mil).

**Does a Congressional nomination guarantee me an appointment to a Service Academy?** A Congressional nomination does not guarantee an appointment to an Academy as it is just one requirement of the appointment process. Each Academy makes its own determinations on who to appoint.

**How many candidates does Senator Fetterman nominate?** Senator Fetterman nominates ten students to each Academy. Each Academy determines how many nominees they appoint.

**If I am not nominated by Senator Fetterman, may I reapply?** If you are not nominated or appointed, you may reapply each year until you are 23. If you choose to reapply, you will need to complete a new application. Two of your previous letters of recommendation and SAT and/or ACT scores can be reused, but you will need to provide the following: A new essay; An updated transcript from your 12th grade year and your current college; One new letter of recommendation; and A recent photograph of yourself.