<u>Senator Rick Scott's Service Academy Nomination Process FAQs</u>

To assist you with any questions or concerns you may have, please refer to our frequently asked question section below. If you have any additional questions, please contact our office at nominations@rickscott.senate.gov.

Q: How do I submit my application and the required documents?

A: All application materials must be directly uploaded to your online application profile. Please note any other methods of submission will not be considered. To ensure your application and supporting materials are submitted correctly, please upload all applicable documents to your online application profile. Please do not send any of your application materials to our office through any mail carrier services, as they will not be accepted for review.

As the applicant you are responsible for submitting your questionnaire and directly uploading your high school transcript and headshot.

To meet the letter of recommendation requirement, you must enter your recommender's email address in the application portal. Once submitted, our office will email the recommender with instructions to upload the letter directly to your online application. To ensure timely completion before the application deadline, we strongly encourage you to coordinate proactively with your chosen recommenders throughout the application process.

To fulfill the official test score requirement, you are responsible for requesting official test scores submission through the College Board, ACT, or CLT. The respective testing agency will send your official scores directly to our office. Please note, it takes approximately six weeks for our office to receive official test scores. If your scores are not received by the deadline, you will be ineligible for consideration. As a reminder, please note, our office will not accept any late or alternative methods of submission, no exceptions.

Please note, we will not accept any additional documents outside of the application materials. To provide equal opportunity for all applicants, our office will not accept any late or alternative methods of submission, no exceptions.

Q: How do I upload my transcripts?

A: To fulfill the application transcript requirement, you must upload a scanned PDF of your unofficial transcript. We understand that some institutions do not distribute transcripts digitally. To accommodate, you may upload an unofficial transcript to your online application profile. If you've completed any courses at a college or university, please include unofficial transcripts for each of the academic institutions attended. Please note, AP courses will be included in your unofficial high school transcript, and will not require a separate college/university transcript. All documents must be submitted through digital upload in your applicant profile within the "Checklist Requirements" section in PDF format.

Q: How do I submit my official test scores?

A: Please submit your SAT/ACT test scores electronically to Senator Rick Scott's office by using the SAT test code of 0220 and ACT test code of 7118.

Please arrange for your CLT scores to be sent electronically to Senator Rick Scott's office through the CLT website using the following email address: cltscores@rickscott.senate.gov . Official CLT score reports must be sent directly from the CLT website to be accepted by our office.

Please note, it may take up to six weeks for our office to receive official scores. Once we have received your official scores, we will update your application profile to reflect the submission. If your application checklist indicates you are missing your test scores, we have not received them.

To provide equal opportunity for all applicants, our office will not accept any late submissions. **Our office will accept multiple official test score submissions received by the September 25th, 2026 deadline.** The listed date of completion featured in the "Checklist Requirements" section of your online application profile reflects the date the requirement was fulfilled. This date will not be updated to reflect any additional submissions.

Q: What are the requirements for the letters of recommendation?

A: High School/College Applicants: To fulfill the letter of recommendation requirements, each high school applicant must receive two separate recommendations. Preferred advocates may include school faculty/staff, community leaders, athletic coaches, and extracurricular advisors.

Active Duty Military: To fulfill the letter of recommendation requirements, each active duty military member must receive two separate recommendations-- one from your enlisted leadership and one from your commissioned officer leadership.

To meet the letter of recommendation requirement, you must enter your recommender's email address in the application portal. Once submitted, our office will email the recommender with instructions to upload the letter directly to your online application. To ensure timely completion before the application deadline, we strongly encourage you to coordinate proactively with your chosen recommenders throughout the application process.

Q: Is my application complete and submitted?

A: To determine the status of your application, please log into your online application portal to ensure you've completed and submitted each of the application requirements including your questionnaire, two letters of recommendation, unofficial transcripts, official test scores, and profile photo. Completed checklist requirements will be indicated with a checkmark and the statuses "Complete" or "Received". If your online application portal lists one of these requirements as "Incomplete" your application isn't finalized. To maintain eligibility for further consideration, you are encouraged to complete all of the application requirements by the

deadline. To provide equal opportunity for all applicants, our office will not accept any late or alternative methods of submission, no exceptions.

If you have fulfilled each requirement, your application is considered submitted. Please note, you may receive automated reminder emails throughout the remainder of the application cycle. **If college/university transcripts or "enlisted only" documents do not apply to you, then you are not required to submit documentation as they are listed as optional.**

Q: I have completed and submitted my questionnaire. What is the next step in the process?

A: Please allow our office until a minimum of the week of October 12th, 2026 to deliver initial decision notices on the status of your application. Please note, due to the competitive nature of this statewide process **applicants are not guaranteed an interview.** Applicants will be contacted via e-mail regarding interview status. Please be sure to add nominations@rickscott.senate.gov to your contact list to ensure our emails are not going to your spam folder.

Q: When will interviews be held?

A: Applicants will be notified via e-mail the week of October 12th, 2026 if they received an interview. Interviews will be conducted in-person on October 24th, 2026 in Tampa, Florida.

Q: Can I apply for a nomination through other congressional offices?

A: Yes. Due to the limited number of nominations available to each Senator, we strongly encourage applicants to apply for a service nomination through U.S. Senator Ashley Moody's office and their local member of the U.S. House of Representatives. Please find your local congressional office at the U.S. House of Representative's website HERE.

Q: Which U.S. Service Academies require a congressional nomination?

A: These schools include the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The fifth service academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, does not require a congressional nomination for appointment.

Q: I am interested in the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Where can I find more information regarding USCGA admissions process?

A: Please find information regarding the U.S. Coast Guard Academy HERE and please find your USCGA admission officer HERE. Please reach out directly to the Academy for questions regarding USCGA admissions.

Q: I am an enlisted member of the Navy OR Marine Corps. Can I apply for a US Service Academy Nomination through Senator Rick Scott?

A: Enlisted members of the Navy and enlisted members of the Marine Corps may apply for a nomination through Senator Rick Scott's office, however it is highly encouraged to pursue a nomination through the Secretary of the Navy. More information can be found HERE.

Q: I am an enlisted member of the Air Force. Can I apply for a US Service Academy Nomination through Senator Rick Scott?

A: Enlisted members of the Air Force may apply for a nomination through Senator Rick Scott's office, however it is highly encouraged to apply to USAFA via Air Force Form 1786. More information can be found HERE.

Q: I am an enlisted member of the Army. Can I apply for a US Service Academy Nomination through Senator Rick Scott?

A: Enlisted members of the Army may apply for a nomination through Senator Rick Scott's office, however it is highly encouraged to pursue a nomination through your company commanders. More information can be found HERE.

Q: Am I eligible for SAT/ACT/CLT Fee Waiver?

Please see the attached link HERE, which contains College Board Fee Waiver Eligibility criteria, Fee Waiver FAQs, and a link to apply for a fee waiver.

Please see the attached link HERE, which contains information on the ACT Fee Waiver Program.

Please see the attached link HERE, which contains information on CLT Financial Assistance Request Form.