

**Profile of Congressman Black's  
Class of 2019**



**Cumulative GPA**  
4.0 (4.0 Scale)

**Standardized Test Scores**  
**SAT**

Mathematics: 682  
Verbal: 616  
**ACT**  
Composite: 30

**Academic Course Profile \***

**Advanced Placement (AP)**

Honor Classes  
Dual Enrollment  
STEM Classes

**Leadership \***

Athletics  
Boys State Delegate  
ROTC  
Student Government

JROTC  
Boy Scouts  
Civil Air Patrol

**Community Service Based Clubs or Organizations**

*\* This is a compilation and not specific to all appointees.*



**Class of 2019**



For additional academy information go to  
Congressman Black's website at  
[www.black.house.gov](http://www.black.house.gov)

"Serving You" ⇔ "Military Academy Nominations"

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Sixth Congressional District of Tennessee

**United States**

**Service Academy**

**Nominations**

**for the**

**Class of 2020**



## The Ideal Candidate for a Service Academy

## Congressman Black's Service Academy Application Process

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Leadership

A qualified applicant must be a leader. The student must participate and show achievement in organized athletics, student body, class government, clubs and extracurricular activities, scouting, church, Boys/Girls State delegate, or other community-related activities demonstrate evidence of leadership potential. Candidates who have found it necessary to work to provide family support are considered to have demonstrated desirable leadership potential.

### Physical Aptitude

A qualified applicant must be physically fit. Participation in sports is highly recommended. Candidates will be measured for strength, endurance, agility and coordination and required to take the candidate fitness assessment. CFA is designed to determine each candidate's readiness to undertake the rigorous athletic and physical education program at the academies.

### Motivation

A qualified candidate must be motivated and wants to serve as an officer in the armed forces.

### Academics

A qualified candidate must excel in academics and be in the top quarter of their class. Advanced placement, dual enrollment and honors classes in STEM are highly recommended.

### Whole-Person Evaluation

All of the preceding factors are part of the "whole-person" evaluation used by each of the academies. These qualities are required of an individual in order to meet the challenges of the academy programs and, following graduation, as commissioned officers.

My application period opens on May 15th of each year for those candidates who will be seniors the following school year or who have already graduated.

The first step is to complete the application on my website, print it, sign it and return it to my Gallatin District office. The application can be found at:

<http://black.house.gov/serving-you/military-academy-nominations>

Once the application has been received the applicant file will be opened and the applicant will receive an email with important information and detailed instructions on the items needed for a complete file.

All items need for a completed file must be postmarked no later than October 15, 2015.

### Items required:

- Resume detailing academics, leadership, extracurricular activities and athletics in the approved resume format.
  - Short essay of less than 500 words on why you wish to attend a service academy
  - Recent photo.
  - Class ranking and class size
  - Certified copy of your official school transcript
  - Three letters of recommendation.
  - Certified copy of all ACT and SAT scores.
- Scores will be automatically forwarded to Congressman Black when you put the following codes on your test:  
ACT 7676; SAT 1966

*Candidates are encouraged to also apply for a nomination from the Vice President of the United States, Senator Lamar Alexander and Senator Bob Corker.*

### What is a nomination?

Members of Congress may nominate candidates who meet the criteria requirement established by law. A nomination is required for acceptance into a military service academy. By law, each member of Congress is only allowed to have five charged students attending each service academy at one time.

### Do I need to apply to all academies?

If you are serious about serving your country and receiving one of the best educations in the nation, then you should apply to all academies that you have an interest in attending. This will increase your chances of getting an appointment.

### What happens after I submit my application to Congressman Black's office?

Once your application has been received by my office, my Academy Coordinator will contact you and walk you through the steps of my application process and timeline. My coordinator is available to guide you and prepare you for my Academy Board interview.

### Process Timeline

- May - October 15, 2015: Application and required items are submitted to my Academy Coordinator.
- Mid-October - Mid-November 2015: Initial interviews are conducted with a member of my staff.
- Early December 2015: Academy Board meets and conducts interviews with each applicant.
- Early January 2016: Nomination letters are sent to all applicants
- Early Spring 2016: Academies make their final selections and Congressman Black personally calls the appointees to inform them of their appointment.