

# U. S. Senator Bill Nelson

## Academy Opportunities



**U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY**  
Annapolis, Maryland



**U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY**  
West Point, New York



**U. S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY**  
Kings Point, Long Island, New York



**U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY**  
Colorado Springs, Colorado



The deadline for file completion is **October 9, 2004**  
The Class of 2009 will begin **July 2005**



Florida  Democrat  
- Senator Bill Nelson -



Those individuals wishing to apply for nomination to one of the service academies must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Florida, and must never have been married. The U.S. Military Academy, Naval Academy, and Air Force Academy require that applicants must not have reached their 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of admission. Candidates applying to the Merchant Marine Academy must be at least 17 and have not passed their 25th birthday on July 1 of the year of admission.

Due to the large number of applicants you will be interviewed for **only** one academy. Therefore, careful consideration should be given to your choice of an academy. Academy designation may be changed any time prior to October 9, 2004. **Exception:** Naval Academy candidates may also be interviewed for the Merchant Marine Academy.

Each senator may have five Midshipmen or Cadets at each academy at any one time. For the 2005 admission year, Senator Nelson will be able to appoint one applicant to each of the service academies. All applicants should be advised that acceptance of any appointment commits them to a nine-year obligation to the service (four years at the academy and five years of active duty).

The deadline for submission of information to the senator's office is October 9, 2004. Submissions postmarked after this date **will not** be accepted. Those individuals meeting eligibility requirements will be notified of the date, time, and place to report for a personal interview by the regional board (Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tallahassee, Tampa). Nine board members are selected by Senator Nelson for each of the four regions. Members consist of business and community leaders, service academy graduates, active and retired military personnel and academia.

The review board will conduct a personal interview with each applicant who meets all requirements. Selections are made competitively on the basis of academic performances, leadership potential, personal statement, extra curricular activities, personal interviews and letters of recommendation. Ten nominees for each vacancy will be recommended to Senator Nelson by the state board. Senator Nelson will review and submit these recommendations to each service academy. Ten alternates for each vacancy also will be recommended to the senator. Alternates are not submitted unless requested by the academy. The final ranking and subsequent appointments will be at the discretion of the academies.

Officials at the academies advise individuals desiring nominations to request an application from the academy at the same time they seek nomination through Senator Nelson. **Contact with the admissions office of the academy of your preference is imperative.** Once contact is established, the academy will create a file for the candidate and transmit general information on the academy along with detailed admission requirements, including a Prospective Candidate Questionnaire.

## PERSONAL INTERVIEW

All applicants meeting eligibility requirements and residing in Florida will be interviewed on **November 5, 2004**, in either Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Tallahassee or Tampa. This **compulsory** interview will be in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Academy Selection Board. Interviews will be conducted in person and prospective applicants should plan accordingly. The personal interview is a **mandatory** element of the application process. Special arrangements can be made with dependents of active-duty military personnel who are located outside Florida.

## SAT / ACT SCORES

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and American College Testing Assessment Test (ACT) are the most important academic requirements of the academies. As a general rule, no combined score below 1080 will be considered competitive. Senator Nelson's SAT code is **0220** and ACT code is **7118**. **If they are not noted on your official academic transcript, SAT and ACT scores may be forwarded directly from the testing center to Senator Nelson's office located at 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410, Orlando FL 32801.** Should you receive an invitation for an interview, please bring any updated test scores with you. **NOTE:** Minimum SAT and ACT scores must be met by the postmarked deadline of October 9, 2004 to be eligible for an interview with Senator Nelson's nominating board.

ACADEMY	SAT	ACT
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY Director of Admissions Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840 Telephone: (800) 443-9266	580 Verbal 560 Math	24 English 25 Math
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY Director of Admissions 606 Thayer Road West Point, New York 10996-1797 Telephone: (845) 938-4041	560 Verbal 530 Math	24 English 23 Math
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY Admissions Office 117 Decatur Road Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5018 Telephone: (410) 293-4361	580 Verbal 590 Math	24 English 26 Math
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY Admissions Office Kings Point, New York 11024 Telephone: (866) 546-4778	550 Verbal 530 Math	23 English 23 Math

**NOTE:** No congressional nomination is required for entrance into the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Call (860) 444-8444 or write New London, Connecticut 06320 to obtain information or application forms.

Senator Bill Nelson  
 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410  
 Orlando, FL 32801

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION ON BOTH SIDES**

**Submit Completed Application Package Only**

**Choice of Academy (list one only):**

**PERSONAL DATA**

<b>Full Legal Name</b>		<b>Social Sec. #</b>	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>		<b>City</b>	<b>State</b> <b>Zip Code</b>
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Legal Address in FL</b>		<b>City</b>	<b>State</b> <b>Zip Code</b>
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>County</b>	<b>Home Phone</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
<b>Place of Birth</b>	<b>U. S. Citizen</b>		<b>Height</b> <b>Weight</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>		<input type="text"/>
<b>Father's Name</b>		<b>Daytime Phone #</b>	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
<b>Mother's Name</b>		<b>Daytime Phone#</b>	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
<b>Name of School</b>		<b>Date of Graduation</b>	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
<b>Counselor</b>		<b>School Phone #</b>	
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	

**ACADEMIC DATA**

<b>SAT Scores</b>		<b>ACT Scores</b>	
V _____	M _____	E _____	M _____
<b>QUALIFYING SCORES MUST BE MET BY POSTMARKED DEADLINE</b>			
Please Circle: <b>Honor Classes</b> Y / N <b>AP Classes</b> Y / N <b>IB Program</b> Y / N			



## ACADEMY CHECKLIST

### INSTRUCTIONS

Read all material carefully, then with equal care, complete the required forms and provide all requested data by **October 9, 2004**. **All required information must be submitted in a single mailing.** Your application is considered complete when the application and the following materials are received by my Orlando, Florida office:

#### I. In a large envelope, return the following items (I, II, III, IV):

- Completed application
- Checklist with interview location noted
- Two (2) letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes with signatures across seal
- Personal statement typed, outlining why you wish to attend a service academy (1 page only)

#### II. Official High School, Junior College or College Transcripts

High School and College transcripts are used to measure an individual's scholastic achievements, interests and progress. **Transcripts must show your final junior year grades, GPA and approximate class rank.** An official, sealed transcript from all high schools, junior colleges or colleges you have attended should be returned to you in a sealed envelope. A report card copy will not be accepted as a substitute.

#### III. Applicant Test Scores

SAT or ACT scores are required as part of the nomination process. Submitted scores must meet the minimum levels indicated on page two by the postmark deadline. The last SAT test that will be considered for eligibility is June 5, 2004 and the last ACT is offered on June 12, 2004. If you have not taken the test before the postmark deadline, you will not be eligible for nomination during this cycle. **If they are not noted on your official academic transcript, test scores may be forwarded directly from the testing center to my Orlando, Florida office by October 9, 2004.**

#### IV. Personal Interview Location

Personal interviews will be conducted on Friday, November 5, 2004. Please select your county of residence. If qualified, you will be notified of the interview time.

- **Fort Lauderdale** (Broward, Collier, Hendry, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Palm Beach, St. Lucie Counties)
- **Orlando** (Brevard, Flagler, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia Counties)
- **Tallahassee** (Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Nassau, Okaloosa, Putnam, Santa Rosa, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, Washington Counties)
- **Tampa** (Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota Counties)



Bill Nelson  
Florida

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**UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS  
2004 SCHEDULE**

<b>Thursday, April 1, 2004</b>	Application process opens.
<b>Saturday, October 9, 2004</b>	Postmark deadline for file completion. Deadline for submission of information.
<b>Friday, October 22, 2004</b>	Interview notices mailed.
<b>Friday, November 5, 2004</b>	Personal interview.
<b>Friday, December 10, 2004</b>	Nominee notification of status by mail begins.

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**Send All Correspondence Regarding Service Academy Nominations To:**

Senator Bill Nelson  
Attention: Service Academy Coordinator  
225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Telephone: (407) 872-7161 or (888) 671-4091  
Fax: (407) 872-7165

***Applications sent to office locations other than the Orlando, Florida office may cause delays in processing.***