



**U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth**  
**Application for Nomination to a Service Academy**  
**2018-2019**  
**Academy Class of 2023**

**APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST**

The following items are **all required** and **must be sent in one complete mailing** to Senator Duckworth's Springfield office postmarked by **September 28, 2018**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination.**

- APPLICATION FORM** with CURRENT 4in. x 6in. Color Photo.  
This form must be typed, or legibly written, and **signed** by the applicant. A completed application must be submitted for each academy for which you would like to be considered.
  
- RESUME AND LIST OF ACTIVITIES**  
Summarize interscholastic athletics, school activities, community involvement (volunteer or work experience), awards and honors, and any other activities you find noteworthy. Include specific leadership positions and recognitions of achievement, as well as dates of involvement in each activity.
  
- PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORMS (3)**  
Completed by counselors, principals, teachers, religious leaders, coaches, employer or community leaders, a minimum of three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms are required. Completed forms must be accompanied by written letters of recommendation. Applicants should be mindful that Personal Recommendation Forms tend to be the chief cause of delays in completing an application packet. Start this process early to ensure your application packet is postmarked by the **September 28, 2018** deadline.
  
- OFFICIAL COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**  
Ensure transcript includes courses currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank.
  
- OFFICIAL COPY OF COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT** (if applicable)
  
- OFFICIAL COPY OF SAT/ACT SCORES**  
Carefully consider the dates that you are registered to take the SAT and/or ACT. In order for an application packet to be considered complete, an official copy of your scores must be included in the application packet **OR** applicants should ensure the testing centers send scores directly to Senator Duckworth's Springfield office using score report codes by the **September 28, 2018**, deadline. Scores printed by an applicant from a testing center's website will **not** be accepted. *Official test scores already on file with Senator Duckworth may be updated after **September 28, 2018**, only if applicant has previously submitted a complete application packet by the deadline.*  
Senator Duckworth's Score Report Test Codes - **SAT: 1136 ACT: 7125**

Completed applications must be postmarked no later than **September 28, 2018**.  
(Applications submitted electronically will not be accepted)

**Mail to: U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth**  
**Attention: Academy Nominations**  
**8 South Old State Capitol Plaza**  
**Springfield, IL 62701**

It is in an applicant's best interest to apply for a nomination with **both** of their U.S. Senators, their U.S. Representative and the Vice President of the United States. Contact each office for more information on specific application procedures and deadlines, as each office's process will vary.



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**APPLICATION FORM**  
Please type or print legibly.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Preferred First Name)

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street / P.O. Box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

Illinois Residence: *(If you listed a Post Office Box or a temporary address above, please provide permanent Illinois address.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Gender:  M  F

Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the dependent of an active or retired member of the United States military?  Yes  No

Are you currently or formerly enlisted in the United States military?  Yes  No If yes, which branch:

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(School Phone Number)

Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ High School GPA: \_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
*(Please convert to 4.0 scale.)*

Official copy of SAT and/or ACT scores will be provided by:  SAT/ACT sending directly to Senator Duckworth's office  
 Mailing with application packet

SAT: Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_

ACT: English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_ Composite \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for a nomination from Senator Duckworth?  Yes  No If yes, when:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently an active participant of any of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ JROTC \_\_\_\_\_ Civil Air Patrol (CAP) \_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scouts/Eagle Scout/Gold Award

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMY PREFERENCE**

Indicate below the academy you wish to attend. Applicant must mail a completed application packet for each respective academy. It is highly recommended that each applicant take ample time to thoroughly research the purpose and mission of each U.S. Service Academy before making this selection.

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Air Force Academy

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Naval Academy

Confirm other nomination sources you will be applying with:

Representative \_\_\_\_\_  Senator Durbin  Vice President  President

**APPLICATION AGREEMENT**

Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements.

*I affirm that all of the information on this form and all attachments are accurate. I also affirm that I am a United States citizen (or will be prior to entering the service academy); a resident of Illinois; have good moral character; and will be at least 17 years old and will not have passed my 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year I wish to enter the service academy.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**COLOR PHOTO  
(size 4x6)**  
Please permanently attach a current 4x6 size photograph here. It is recommended that applicant also include his/her name and hometown written on the back of photo should the photo become detached during processing.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_



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**PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE AND ESSAY**

Due to the volume of applicants, Senator Duckworth is unable to conduct personal interviews. This questionnaire is an applicant's best opportunity to demonstrate his/her strengths and character. All answers will be carefully reviewed. To ensure thorough answers to all the questions, please utilize additional page(s) to complete the questions below. **Each question should be answered in 150 words or less.**

1. SERVICE ACADEMY STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET MANY DEADLINES. PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU MANAGE YOUR SCHEDULE TO ENSURE DEADLINES ARE MET.
2. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE AND WORK ETHIC.
3. ACCEPTANCE INTO A SERVICE ACADEMY CHANGES YOUR LIFE IN MANY WAYS. TELL US HOW YOU FEEL ACCEPTANCE INTO A SERVICE ACADEMY WILL IMPACT YOUR FUTURE.
4. HAVE YOU DISCUSSED WITH YOUR PARENTS YOUR INTEREST IN ATTENDING AN ACADEMY? HOW DO THEY FEEL?
5. WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL GOALS? HOW DO YOU EXPECT THE ACADEMY TO ASSIST YOU IN ACHIEVING THOSE GOALS?
6. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE WILL BE YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGE IN ADJUSTING TO ACADEMY LIFE?
7. DESCRIBE A SPECIFIC ROLE YOU PLAYED IN A RECENT SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY EVENT.
8. WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF TEN YEARS AFTER YOUR ACADEMY EDUCATION IS COMPLETE?



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**PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM**

**To the Applicant:** This form is to be completed by a teacher, counselor, principal, religious/community leader, employer, or other individual who is familiar with your desire and qualifications to attend a military service academy. Three Personal Recommendation Forms and corresponding recommendation letters must be included with the complete application packet you submit to Senator Duckworth’s Springfield, IL office, postmarked by September 28, 2018.

**To the person making the recommendation:** The service academies provide a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following graduation. Each student must submit three personal recommendation forms as a part of their completed application packet. Please keep the September 28, 2018 deadline in mind as you return this form and recommendation letter to the applicant. Letters of recommendation must address each of the following questions:

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Describe the applicant’s talents, strengths, and leadership ability.
3. How could this applicant improve in order to rise to the challenges presented by a service academy?
4. Do you believe the applicant plans to pursue military service as a career? Does he/she possess the maturity to fulfill the commitments and obligations that accompany a service academy education?
5. How does the applicant handle challenging situations and/or failures?
6. Do you know of any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant’s performance at a service academy?
7. Please select the phrase that best applies to this applicant:

\_\_\_\_\_ EXCELLENT  
*(will excel, stands out in peer group)*

\_\_\_\_\_ ABOVE AVERAGE  
*(has great potential to excel)*

\_\_\_\_\_ FAIR  
*(has many fine qualities)*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Printed Name: (Mr. /Mrs. /Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_