**UNITED STATES**

**SERVICE ACADEMIES**

**Nomination Application**

**Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman**

**New Jersey’s Twelfth Congressional District**



Please list the Academy or Academies for which you are seeking a nomination:

1st choice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3rd choice (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4th choice (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*If you are applying to multiple academies, we strongly encourage that you include them in your application. Listing multiple choices will include your application for consideration to multiple academies. Nomination to your top choice, or any nomination is not guaranteed. **You must have already started an application with the academy for which you are seeking a nomination.**

If you have received an LOA or athletic scholarship for an academy, please list below: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Legal Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 Street City Zip Code

\*To qualify for a nomination to USMA, USAFA and USNA, you must live within the 12th Congressional District.

Merchant Marines Academy applicants must live in the state of NJ. If you are unsure what district you reside in, please visit house.gov.

**Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ LinkedIn/Portfolio: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent 1 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2 Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**High School Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**High School Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Have you, or are you currently attending college?*If yes, print school name, years attended*

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Have you sought a nomination from our office before?*If yes, what year(s)* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Please provide your highest SAT scores or ACT individual score (you may superscore):

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

 ACT Math: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ACT ELA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ACT composite: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please note that we also require that you submit documentation of standardized test scores. Screenshots from the test provider’s website are acceptable when providing proof of test scores.

**I am also seeking a nomination through the office of: (check all that apply)**

* Senator Cory Booker
* Senator Andy Kim
* Vice Presidential Nomination
* Presidential Nomination
* ROTC
* Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If nominated, the office may use my name in a press release or social media post:**

* Yes
* No

**Do you plan on joining the military in the event you do not receive a nomination?**

* Yes
* No
* I plan on joining ROTC

**Please attach a current photograph of yourself below.**

**PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:**

I have read the Information Packet explaining the nominating procedures and am familiar with these requirements. I certify that I am a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the 12th Congressional District of New Jersey, at least 17 years of age and not yet 23 years old on July 1, 2026 (25 years of age for U.S. Merchant Marine Academy), that I am unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents. I understand that attendance at one of the U.S. Service academies obligates me to five years of military service. I certify that all the information I have submitted to Representative Watson Coleman is correct. I understand that if I have not submitted ALL specified materials by 5pm on October 10th, 2025, I will not be considered for a nomination. I give my permission for Representative Watson Coleman to use my name in a press release after receiving a nomination or an appointment.

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Signature Date

Please take the time to thoughtfully respond to the following short answer and essay questions. Answers to short answer questions should be limited to 1-2 paragraphs (100-250 words) and the essay question should be limited to 3-5 paragraphs (less than 600 words).

*Please type your answers in a separate document (YourName\_Essay) and submit it with your application.*

**Short Answer Questions – Choose Three:**

1. Describe a time when you demonstrated leadership under pressure, what was the outcome?
2. What part of academy life or military service do you think will challenge you the most, and how are you preparing for it?
3. Describe a situation where you had to make a difficult ethical or moral decision. What did you choose, and what did you learn about your values and leadership style?
4. When was the last time you took responsibility for something that went wrong, even if it wasn’t fully your fault?

**Choose one Essay Question to Answer:**

1. Discuss a global, national, or local issue you care deeply about. How would you use your training and future role as a military officer to address this issue?
2. Tell us about a moment that changed how you see leadership. What does good leadership look like to you?
3. What’s a personal belief you hold that has evolved over time? What caused that change?