*20251*

U.S. Representative

Mike Kelly (PA16)

**U.S. Service Academies**

Congressional Nomination Application



1. Qualifications
2. Required Materials Checklist
3. Congressional Nomination Application Form

1. QUALIFICATIONS:

**To be eligible for a nomination from U.S. Representative Mike Kelly you must meet the following criteria:**

* Be a citizen of the United States by the time you enter a military academy.
* Be a legal resident of Pennsylvania’s 16th Congressional District. If you have a question regarding the district, please call 724-342-7170 and ask for Chookie LaCamera or visit <http://www.house.gov/> and enter your ZIP code.
* Be at least 17 years old, but not yet past your 23rd birthday on July 1st of the year you enter a military academy.
* Have at least STARTED an application at the military academy/academies where you are seeking a nomination.
* Have earned an above average academic record.
* Have achieved competitive standardized test scores (ACT/SAT).
* Have scored near or above the published averages on the Candidates Fitness Assessment (CFA).
* Be medically qualified as determined by the Department of Defense Medical Evaluation and Review Board (DoDMERB).
* Have unquestionably strong moral character and display uncompromising integrity.
* Be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

2. REQUIRED MATERIALS LIST:

* **Application (typed out) for nomination**
* **Materials from your school**
  + Current (senior year) class schedule (may be included on transcript).
  + Official academic transcripts from high school and college (if applicable).
  + High school disciplinary records – If you do NOT have any disciplinary records on file, please provide a letter from a school administrator stating that.
  + High school attendance records – showing each year individually (may be included on transcript).
* **Standardized Test Scores (ACT/SAT)**
  + Must be an OFFICIAL copy of test scores. However, if the test scores are showing up on your OFFICIAL high school transcript, that is sufficient.
  + ACT institution code: 7650
  + SAT institution code: 2752
* **Resume**
  + Include extracurricular activities starting in 9th grade and complete employment history.
* **Essay – “Why I want to attend a military academy”**
  + Please keep the essay to 500 words or less.
* **Letters of Recommendation**
  + You must include three (3) letters.
  + Letters should be from people who know you personally, and should attest to your character, motivation to serve and integrity.
  + One of the letters must be from a CURRENT principal, dean or teacher at your high school or college.
  + Letters can be mailed directly to Congressman Mike Kelly’s office (address below).
* **A current photo(actual photo), no larger than wallet size**
* **One-page explanation of your felony charges and/or convictions (if applicable)**

**THE TYPED APPLICATION DEADLINE IS**

**OCTOBER 1, 2025**

All materials must be received or POSTMARKED

by this date, at the very latest.

**\*MAIL ALL MATERIALS TO:**

The Honorable Mike Kelly

ATTN: Chookie LaCamera

3877 East State St.

Hermitage, PA 16148

**LATE SUBMISSIONS**

**WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

If you have any questions, please contact Chookie LaCamera

at (724) 342-7170 or [francis.lacamera@mail.house.gov](mailto:francis.lacamera@mail.house.gov)

3. CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION TYPED APPLICATION:

**UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES**

Congressional Nomination Application (PA16)

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| **CANDIDATE INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | |
| **FULL NAME:** | | | | | | | | | |
| **CURRENT AGE:** | | **DOB:** | **HEIGHT:** | | | **WEIGHT:** | | | **GLASSES?** |
|  | |  |  | | |  | | | **YES / NO** |
| **CELL PHONE:** | | | **EMAIL ADDRESS:** | | | | | | |
| **HOME ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP):** | | | | | |  | | |  |
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| **PARENTS/GUARDIANS INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | |
| **PARENT/GUARDIAN 1 FULL NAME:** | | | | | | |  |  | |
| **PARENT/GUARDIAN 1 CELL PHONE:** | | | **PARENT/GUARDIAN 1 OCCUPATION:** | | | | | | |
| **PARENT/GUARDIAN 2 FULL NAME:** | | | | | | | | | |
| **PARENT/GUARDIAN 2 CELL PHONE:** | | | **PARENT/GUARDIAN 2 OCCUPATION:** | | | | | | |
| **ACADEMIC INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | |
| **NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL:** | | | | | | | | | |
| **GUIDANCE COUNSELOR NAME:** | | | **GUIDANCE COUNSELOR PHONE:** | | | | | | |
| **GPA:** | | | **CLASS RANK: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** out of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | | | | | | |
| **HAVE YOU TAKEN THE SAT?**  **YES / NO** | | | **IF NOT, WHEN DO YOU PLAN ON TAKING THE SAT?** | | | | | | |
| **IF YES:** | **SAT TOTAL SCORE:** | | **READING/ WRITING SCORE:** | | | | | | **MATH SCORE:** |
| **HAVE YOU TAKEN THE ACT?**  **YES / NO** | | | **IF NOT, WHEN DO YOU PLAN ON TAKING THE ACT?** | | | | | | |
| **IF YES:** | **ACT COMPOSITE SCORE:** | | | | | | | | |
| **NOMINATION INFORMATION** | | | | | | | | | |
| **INDICATE ACADEMY PREFERENCES BY NUMBERING (1-4) BELOW**  *\*ONLY NUMBER THE ACADEMIES WHERE YOU PLAN TO APPLY/HAVE ALREADY APPLIED* | | | | | | | | | |
| ***United States Air Force Academy (USAFA)*** | | | | |  | | | | |
| ***United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)*** | | | | |  | | | | |
| ***United States Military Academy (USMA)*** | | | | |  | | | | |
| ***United States Naval Academy (USNA)*** | | | | |  | | | | |
| **United States Coast Guard Academy(USCGA)** | | | | |  | | | | |
| *Keep in mind, the USCGA does NOT require a congressional nomination for admission – We simply ask you to include it in your preferences, if appropriate, for our knowledge.* | | | | | | | | | |
| **HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A NOMINATION THROUGH ANY OTHER OFFICE?** | | | | | | | | | |
| **IF YES, TO WHOM?** | | | | | | | | | |
| **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** | | | | | | | | | |
| *You must furnish 3 Letters of Recommendation along with your application in order to be considered for a congressional nomination. ONE of these MUST be a current principal, dean or teacher at your High School or College. Please give the names and titles of the three adults who you will be writing a letter on your behalf:* | | | | | | | | | |
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| **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** | | | | | | | | | |
| *I hereby state that I am a United States Citizen and a legal resident of Pennsylvania’s 16th Congressional District. In signing this application, I request that Congressman Mike Kelly consider my application for a congressional nomination to one or more of the U.S. Service Academies. I understand and accept that all applications and requested materials must be postmarked by October 1, 2025 and I acknowledge that LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.* | | | | | | | | | |
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| *SIGNATURE* | | | | *DATE* | | | | | |