



Congressman Warren Davidson Hosts Ohio's 8th District Service Academy Information Night

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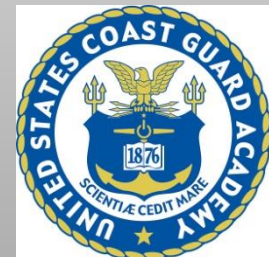
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

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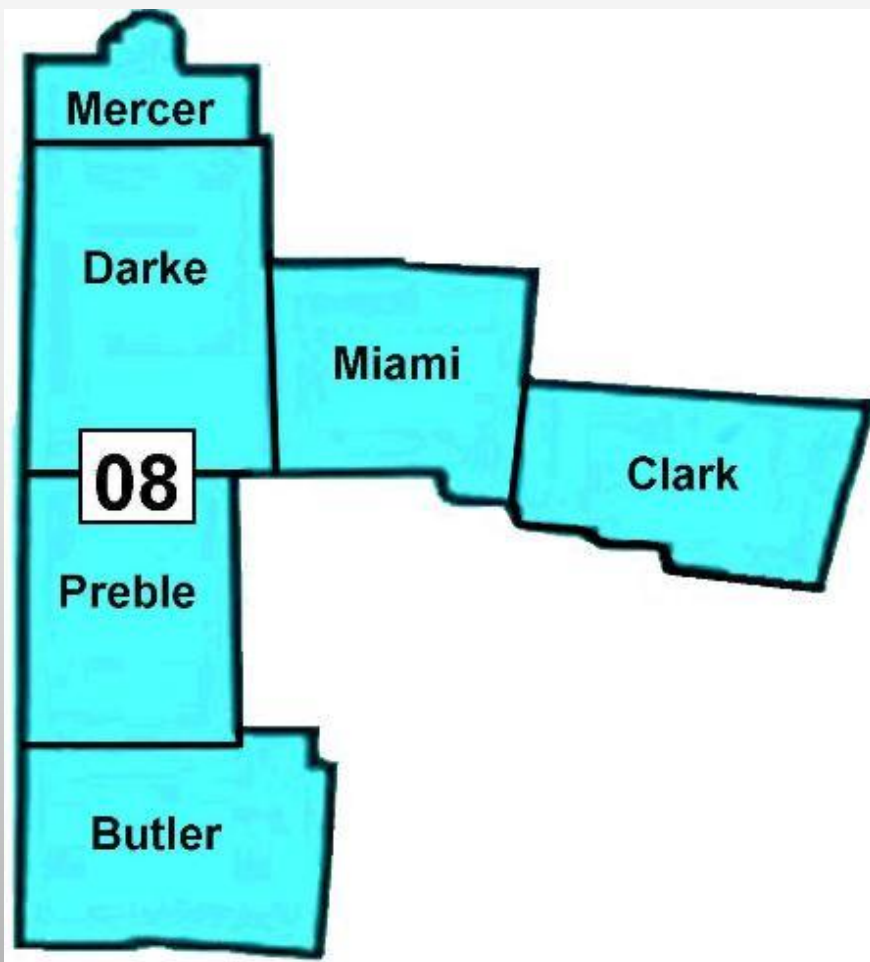


Rep. Warren Davidson grew up in SW Ohio and after high school, enlisted in the Army as an infantryman. His commanding officers recognized his leadership potential and helped him earn an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point via the Prep School. As an officer, he led in The Old Guard, the 75th Ranger Regiment, and the 101st Airborne Division.

When he returned home, he spent 15 years growing manufacturing companies in SW Ohio. He is married to Lisa and they have two children.



Ohio's 8th Congressional District



The Counties shown are those within OH-08 and Rep. Davidson may ONLY nominate for these residents.

Other Members will have a similar process as what follows, but applications must be made with the correct office. Be aware of the Member-specific rules and timelines.

IF you don't reside within OH-08, find your Member, at:

www.House.gov/

What are Service Academies?

- Federal Colleges for undergraduate education (B.S.) and training of commissioned officers for the United States Armed Forces: Military (West Point, NY); Naval (Annapolis, MD); Air Force (Colorado Springs, CO); Merchant Marine (King's Point, NY); Coast Guard (New London, CT).
- Tuition at these “Ivy League” level institutions is covered by taxpayers, and academy graduates must serve in the military for at least five years after their graduation. Scholarships are valued at around \$400,000.
- Must make application to the academy(s), just like traditional colleges.
- Requirements Include: Leadership, Medical, Physical, and Academic standards
- You are serving in the military while enrolled at an Academy; not a traditional college experience.
- Service Academies (except Coast Guard) require a Nomination as part of the application from: Member of Congress, U.S. Senator, Vice President, President.
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination.

A Day in the Life at an Academy

- 0600 Reveille (All Hands)
- 0635 Morning Inspection
- 0645-0730 Buffet Breakfast Served
- 0730 Morning Muster/Colors
- 0745 First Class Period Begins
- 1210 Muster for Noon Mess
- 1220-1250 Noon Mess (mandatory)
- 1300 Fifth Period Class Start
- 1700-1900 Athletics/Extracurricular
- 1730-1945 Buffet Dinner Served
- 2000-2200 Study Hall for All Classes
- 2200-0600 Lights Out/Quite Period

Your days at an academy will be very carefully scheduled. Everyone is an athlete, and, even if you do not play a varsity sport, you will participate in intramural and physical training groups.

Time is provided to complete your studies and you will have access to the instructors for additional help. You will wear a uniform and practice marching and line up for meals. Liberty must be granted, and holidays and summer vacations will be greatly curtailed.

You are in the military!

Service Academy Nominations

- A Nomination is only one step toward receiving an Offer of Appointment. Keep up with the Academies' requirements.
- Apply to as many nominating sources for which you qualify (Member, Senator, Vice President, President). Apply to multiple Academies to increase your chance of appointment.
- Each Nominator has their own process: read instructions carefully, only submit materials requested, adhere to deadlines—or be early!
- Do not get fancy or waste money, NO: staples, clips, binders, covers, heavy/colored/textured paper. Send complete packets to designated office. Materials may be scanned and emailed, but original copies are preferred. Keep in touch with the Academy Coordinator.

How to Prepare for an Appointment

START EARLY: Preliminary applications can start the middle of your junior year. Planning cannot start too early.

BE FIT: Be athletic, even if you're not an athlete. You must pass the Candidate Fitness Assessment for appointment – 6 specific physical tasks to test different types of fitness. Practice these skills.

ACADEMICS AND STANDARDIZED TESTS: Be an academic all-star. Tailor your coursework to challenge yourself and meet Academy ideals. Academies “superscore” for ACT/SAT; re-take tests to increase scores.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION: Apply to as many nominating sources as possible, follow directions/meet deadlines for each nominator. Treat this like a job application...IT IS. Practice interviewing. This is not the time to be modest.

MAKE THIS YOUR DECISION: Graduates enter military service. Do you want to be a military officer and serve your country?

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?: Keep a resume for your child's accomplishments. Keep separate folders for each Academy and Nominator's requirements. Don't fill out the application, or make sure they read it...they will be questioned on the contents.

Other Paths to Become an Officer

There are other ways to become a military officer other than a direct academy appointment. You may re-apply to the Academy until age 23. Other options include:

- **Prep School** – a one-year pre-Academy school, does not count toward 4-years of Academy classes.
- **ROTC** – get a traditional college experience and commission as an officer upon graduation.
- **Officer Candidate/Training School** – enlist and work your way up. Be prepared for opportunities.

Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.

- Seneca the Younger

Academy Eligibility Requirements

Academy

- ✓ **At least** 17 years of age, but not past your 23rd birthday on July 1st of the year of admission.
- ✓ **Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation** to support children or other dependents.
- ✓ **Must** be a citizen of the United States.
- ✓ **Must** be men and women of good moral character, and are trustworthy, emotionally stable, and ready to lead.

Residency

- ✓ **8th Congressional District:** includes all of Butler, Darke, Clark, Miami and Preble counties, and most of Mercer county.
- ✓ **Military Dependents:** required by law to apply for a nomination within the district of permanent residence.

Be a Competitive Candidate

- ✓ **Achieve** good grades in challenging courses; competitive spirit and fitness levels; and proven leadership skills in clubs and serving your community.

Rep. Warren Davidson's Application

- **Request Form:** complete this form to: 1 – get information on information sessions and opportunities (too young to apply); or, 2 – for Juniors to receive an application packet (spring).

<https://Davidson.house.gov/service-academy-nominations>

- Gather the required information listed in the packet:

Personal Information – Biographical, Photo, Extracurricular Activities, Essay.

Academic Data (form will be completed by a School Official) – Transcript, Full Senior-Year Class Schedule, ACT/SAT score (on transcript is acceptable).

Reference Letters – Two School (teacher, coach, counsellor) and two Non-School (minister, boss, non-school coach). NO peers or family-members.

DEADLINE

FOR CLASS OF 2026 APPLICATIONS:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

5:00PM

8857 CINCINNATI-DAYTON ROAD

SUITE 210

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

After the Packet: Board Interview

- Applicants who complete Rep. Davidson's nomination packet will be scheduled to interview with one of his Review Boards. The Boards make recommendations for nominations to the Congressman.
- Boards are made up of former military and academy graduates.
- Interviews are held in two sessions, one in Troy and one in West Chester. Applicants are usually assigned a location by their residence, but since a majority of applications come from Butler County, the first half of completed applications from Butler County residents will interview in West Chester and the rest will travel to Troy.
- Understand what you're applying for, especially sports recruits (not impressed with "desire to play football", looking for military leaders). Do you really want to attend a service academy? Are you ready and willing to serve your country?
- Treat this like a Job Interview, it is: dress professionally, practice interviewing skills, be prompt (early).
- Don't go to an academy if you're doing it under pressure from family or friends; go to an academy because it's something you truly want and desire.
- These schools are not for the faint of heart. Be prepared to be challenged academically, physically, and mentally.

Prepare for the Interview

- Be aware of the Honor Codes of the academies, generally: I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate any among us who do. Think about how this may impact your actions and what this requires of you in difficult circumstances.
- Think about experiences where you did not have the title of “leader”, but you provided leadership.
- Review Your Packet: are there any adverse items on your transcript – excessive absences, low grade(s), low SAT/ACT scores; recommendation letters, your essay.
- Why are you qualified, and why do you have the desire, to lead men and women, potentially into harms way?
- Are you more comfortable being on a team of all-stars or being on an all-star team? What are the differences?
- Why should you be awarded one of the limited number of nominations?
- Learn about the different majors and tracks of military career (job descriptions) available.
- Explore ALL of the Academies and understand what each branch offers.

WHY? (In conjunction with next table)

- Why do we encourage you to **apply to multiple nominating sources**? Because this is a very competitive process, and each office has limited openings to fill. The Vice President, each U.S. Senator, and a Member of Congress each have the SAME number of nominations available, but Members have a smaller area from which to draw candidates. And just because you complete a nomination application does not ensure you will receive an interview or a nomination.
- For the same reason, you should **apply to multiple academies**. There are limited nominations allowed each year and there are usually more applicants than openings (2020 was an anomaly). The academies also have limited slots to offer to incoming cadets. An application must be started with an academy before a nomination will be given. It is best to have these applications underway before you submit your completed packet.

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Why apply to multiple nominating sources and academies?

<u>Nominator</u>	<u>2020 Spots</u>	<u>Requests</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Interviewed</u>	<u>Nominated</u>
VP Pence	50 Worldwide, no geographic restrictions				
Sen. Brown	50/Ohio	330+	230+	200+	50
Sen. Portman	50/Ohio	400+	260+	200+	50
Rep. Davidson *	50/OH-08	55	18	18	** 17
* Receives the same number of openings for a much smaller geographic area!					
** Not all completed applications will receive a nomination					
OH-08 Statistics					
Academy Class of 2025 (may include multiple nominations/applicant)					
<u>Academy</u>	<u>Requests</u>	<u>OH-08 Spots</u>	<u>Nominated</u>	Appl by County	
Air Force	8	10	7	Butler - 12	
Merchant Marine	1	10	** 1	Clark - 2	
Military	7	10	7	Darke - 2	
Naval	11	20	11	Mercer - 0	
Fewer Requests than Openings, wasted opportunity				Miami - 2	
Most years, there are more Requests for certain Academies than openings, making some disappointed applicants				Preble - 0	
** By the time of the interview, four more applicants were interested in the USMMA, but had NOT filed an application, so NO nomination was given.					

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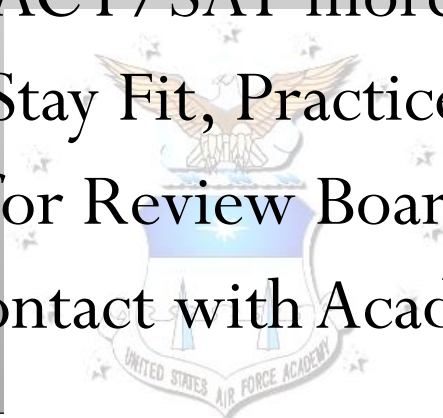
8th District Application Procedure

- ✓ **Request a Packet** – in writing, by using the request form found on the website. If you're too young to apply, fill out the request form and we'll keep you in the loop.
- ✓ **Application Packet** – packets will be mailed or emailed. Read instructions carefully.
- ✓ **Standardized Test Results** - complete the SAT and/or ACT before the end of September, using the appropriate code(s) for the 8th Congressional District. If your school provides these scores on official transcripts, separate reports are not required. Superscores.
- ✓ **Deadline** - Materials must be received by **Thursday, September 30th, by 5:00 p.m.**
- ✓ **Interview** - Applicants will be notified of their interview date and time shortly after the deadline. Interviews will be held in October.
- ✓ **Keep your Academy applications current** - we see your status on our portal.

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Encourages You To:

- ✓ Visit the Academies (websites and locations)
- ✓ Weigh the positives of each Academy
- ✓ Attend Summer and STEM Sessions
- ✓ Make this YOUR choice
- ✓ Understand the Commitment
- ✓ Complete Application(s) Early
- ✓ Take the ACT/SAT more than once
- ✓ Get and Stay Fit, Practice CFA Tasks
- ✓ Prepare for Review Board Interview
- ✓ Stay in contact with Academies and Rep. Davidson





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Thank You!

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