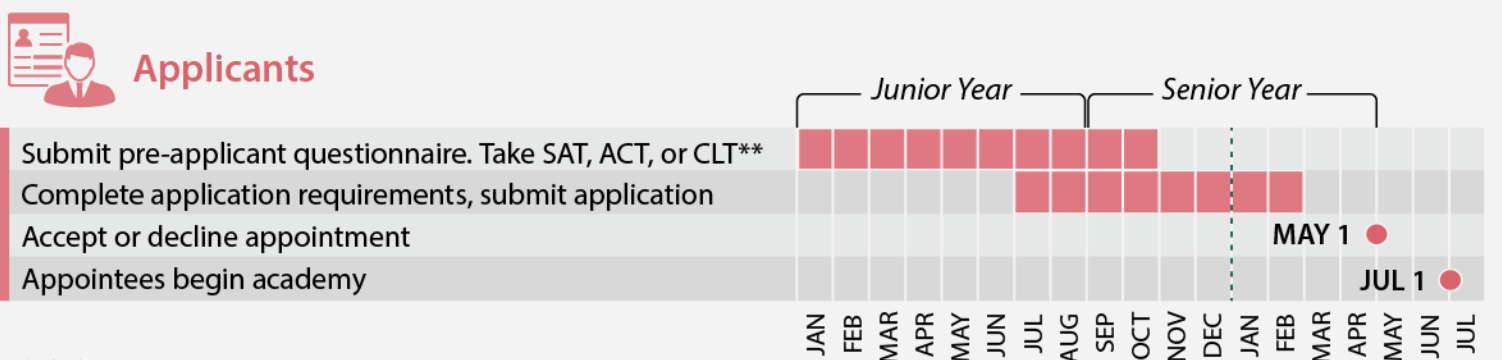
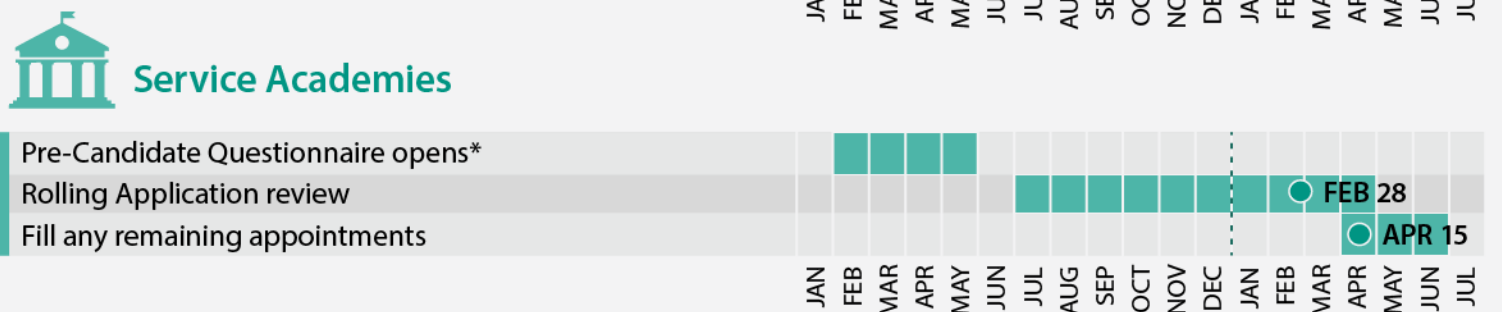
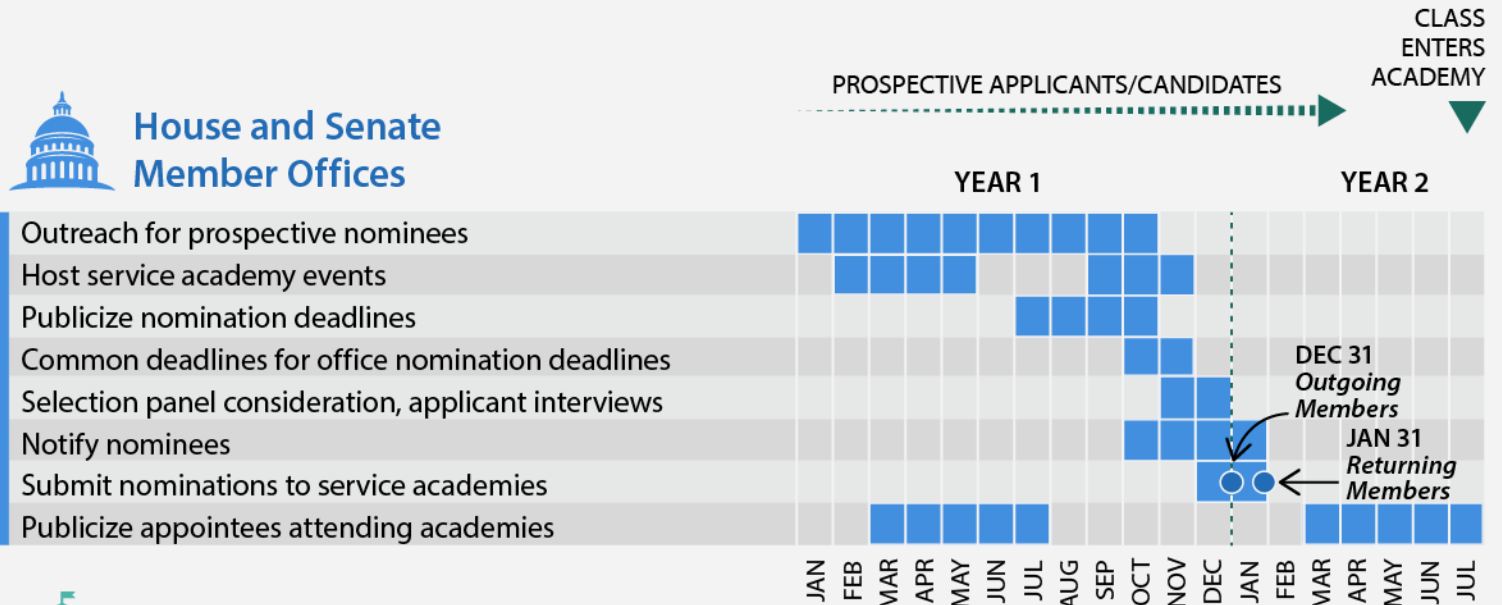


U.S. Service Academy Nominations and Appointments

General Timelines for Congress, Academies, and Applicants

Members of Congress are authorized by law to nominate candidates for appointment to four U.S. service academies: the U.S. Military Academy (**USMA**); U.S. Naval Academy (**USNA**); U.S. Air Force Academy (**USAFA**); and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (**USMMA**). In the 18 months prior to the enrollment of new academy classes, congressional Member offices, the service academies, and applicants are involved in a series of events and actions to carry out their respective roles and responsibilities. This Infographic presents approximate timelines of when typical events and activities occur.

These timelines present generalized information, representing when these events and activities most frequently occur. Many applicants are high school students and apply during grade levels corresponding with "Junior Year" and "Senior Year." Other applicants are not high school students, including some active duty and reserve military members seeking appointment, though the timelines remain relevant.



Typical Deadlines

- Outgoing Member offices submit nominations to academies
 - DEC 31
- Deadline for submission of applications to academies
 - FEB 28
- Applicants accept or decline appointment
 - MAY 1
- Returning Member offices submit nominations to academies
 - JAN 31
- Most congressionally nominated appointments are completed
 - APR 15
- Appointees begin academy
 - JUL 1

*Timing varies by academy.

** All four academies accept SAT and ACT results. USMA, USNA, and USAFA accept CLT results.

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