



U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown  
2011 National Service Academy Nomination Program

**How to Apply**

**1. Request an Application**

You may request an application through Senator Brown's website (<http://brown.senate.gov>) during the spring of your high school junior year or any time thereafter. The application will then be sent to your email address. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call Senator Brown's Academies Coordinator at the Cleveland office (888-896-OHIO) to request an application packet.

**2. Submit your Application Packet between August 1, 2010 and October 1, 2010**

The application packet must be postmarked or delivered to Senator Brown's Cleveland office between August 1, 2010 and October 1, 2010. The packet must include the following:

- The completed four-page application.
- An essay of 500 words or less detailing the challenges you expect to encounter at a service academy and how you have prepared yourself to meet these challenges.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who are not members of your family. One letter should be from an adult. The other from a peer (friend, classmate or teammate). These recommendations must be included with your packet and should not be in envelopes. Late letters of recommendation and additional letters of recommendation will not be considered.
- An unofficial high school transcript.

**3. Participate in an Interview with the Senator's Academy Selection Advisory Committee**

All applications will be reviewed to determine which students are most qualified for consideration. Those students who are deemed "highly-qualified" will be interviewed by Advisory Committee members.

**4. Notification of Nomination by Senator Brown**

Those who receive nominations will be notified by mail before January 31, 2011. These names are then submitted to the academies where the final decision about appointments is made.