

**U.S. Senator Mike Rounds  
Service Academy Application**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, South Dakota Zip code:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Primary phone\*:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*It is critically important that you can be reached at the primary phone number provided in case Senator Rounds or his staff wishes to contact you regarding your application.

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent’s Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_School Telephone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current Unweighted GPA (4.0 scale):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ACT Score:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please rank your service academy choices, with 1 being your preferred choice. Only rank the academies on which you will apply. However, know that every academy will offer a similar academic experience.

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy (West Point) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S Air Force Academy (Colorado

Spring)

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings

Point)

I have also applied with (mark all that apply):

Senator Thune Representative Johnson Vice President Harris

*I authorize Senator Rounds office to share my name and phone number with ROTC programs in South Dakota.*

* Applicants may be interviewed by the Nominating Board in the fall.
* Please see page 2 for procedures and required materials to be sent to the Sioux Falls Office.

***An application will be considered complete when all items on the check list are compiled and submitted as ONE PACKET, and emailed or postmarked by OCTOBER 10, 2025.***

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Step 1: Contact the academy of your choice directly to open a pre-candidate file.

Step 2: Complete Senator Rounds’ application, provide all items from the checklist below and mail or email your entire application form in **ONE PACKET by October 10**. *An application will be considered complete when all items on the checklist are compiled and sent as one packet.*

* Be sure your ACT or SAT scores are sent to the below address to be included in your file. **(Use code 7182 for ACT and code 6599 for SAT)** Or if your score is included on your transcript or you have already received your scores you may send them as a part of your packet.
* Ask **THREE** people to write letters of recommendation to me on your behalf. Please include at least one teacher or administrator. Have the envelopes sealed and sent in with your packet.
* Write a personal essay about your desire to attend a service academy. This will be in place of a cover letter.

\*\* The deadline for completing your file is October 10, 2025. Nominations will be decided no later than December 31, 2025.

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**CHECKLIST**

(Note this form is for your use only. It lists all the items which you need to complete your file.)

Application Form

Essay

Extracurricular activities, awards, etc.

Transcript of grades

ACT/SAT Score

3 Letters of Recommendation

1st

2nd

3rd