

**INCLUSION for 2026 NDAA RE FOIA AT SERVICE ACADEMIES
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- (a) This Section shall apply to the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy (individually “Service Academy;” collectively “Service Academies”).
- (b) Each Service Academy shall provide to the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Secretary of Defense the following information pertaining to each Freedom of Information Act Request (“Request”) received by the Service Academy during the period from January 20, 2021, to January 20, 2025 (“the Period”):
 - (1) A list of all Requests with any reference number assigned by the Service Academy to identify the Request;
 - (2) The date the Service Academy received the request;
 - (3) The date or dates the Service Academy sent any response of any kind (“Response”) concerning the Request to the person or entity submitting the Request;
 - (4) Whether the Request was denied, entirely or partially, and the date of each Response containing a denial and the reason or reasons stated in that Response for the denial;
 - (5) Whether the Request was granted, entirely or partially, and the date of each Response granting the Request and the date requested documents were made available to the Requestor;
 - (6) How many pages of documents or records were provided in response to the Request; how many of those pages and approximately what overall percentage of the total documents provided contained information that was redacted; who made the decision to redact each item of information redacted; and the reasons each item of information was redacted;
 - (7) Whether any denial of the Request was appealed administratively, the date of each appeal, the status and ruling on each appeal, and the date of ruling on each appeal; and
 - (8) Whether any denial of the Request was appealed in court, the date of each appeal, the status and ruling on each appeal, and the date of the ruling on each appeal.
- (c) For any Request that was denied, entirely or partially, provide the following:
 - (1) A copy of the Request that was denied;
 - (2) A copy of all Responses from the Service Academy to the denied Request, including, but not limited to, each specific Response that denied the Request, in whole or in part, and that contains the reasons for denial and pertinent citations to the Freedom of Information Act; and

- (3) All the specific reasons for denying the request, including, but not limited to, the pertinent citations to the Freedom of Information Act, if those reasons and citations are not contained in the Response; and an explanation of why the reasons and citations were not contained in the Response if they were not contained in the Response.
- (d) The information listed in subparagraphs (b) and (c) above shall be provided to the officials designated therein not later than ninety days after the passage of this provision.