



U.S. Public Service Academy

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The U.S. Public Service Academy Act: Congressional Co-Sponsors

The U.S. Public Service Academy Act was re-introduced in the House of Representatives (H.R. 2102) in April 2009 by Reps. **James Moran (D-VA)** and **Ander Crenshaw (R-FL)**. The Senate companion bill will be re-introduced shortly. In the 110th Congress, the bill earned 24 Senate co-sponsors and 123 in the House.

House Co-Sponsors (75)

• **Jim Moran (VA)**

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Endorsements

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- Arlington County (VA) Board
- Bergen County (NJ) Board of Chosen Freeholders
- New Jersey State Senate
- New Mexico House of Representatives
- New Mexico State Senate

Organizations

- American Foreign Service Association
- American Humanities
- American Society for Public Administration
- American Youth Policy Forum
- America's Promise
- Americans for a National Service Act
- AmeriCorps Alums
- Atlas Service Corps
- Bardoli Global
- Breakthrough Collaborative
- Brooklyn Young Republicans Club
- Building Tomorrow
- California Association of Student Councils
- Campus Progress
- Catholic Charities USA
- Catholic Network of Volunteer Service
- Center for Community Change
- Children for Children
- Citizen Schools
- City Year
- Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation
- College Democrats of America
- College Outreach
- Common Cause
- Communities in Schools
- Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States
- Community HealthCorps
- Democracy Matters
- Do Something
- Earth Force
- Education is Freedom
- Education Works
- Everett (WA) *Herald*

Notable Individuals

- **David Abshire**, President, Center for the Study of the Presidency
- **Madeleine Albright**, former Secretary of State
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- **Harold W. Brooks**, CEO, American Red Cross, Bay Area Chapter
- **Carol Browner**, former Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- **Yvonne Braithwaite Burke**, former U.S. Representative (California)
- **Geoffrey Canada**, President and CEO, Harlem Children's Zone
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- **Thomas Daschle**, former U.S. Senator (South Dakota)
- **Tom Davis**, former U.S. Representative (Virginia)
- **Tom Downey**, former U.S. Representative (New York)
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- **Harold Ford**, former U.S. Representative (Tennessee)
- **Gil Garcetti**, former District Attorney, Los Angeles County
- **Seth Green**, Founder, Americans for Informed Democracy
- **David Halperin**, Director, Campus Progress; Senior Vice President, Center for American Progress
- **Lee Hamilton**, former Co-Chair, Iraq Study Group; former U.S. Representative (Indiana)
- **Kenneth Harbaugh**, Executive Director, The Mission Continues
- **Will Harris**, Academic Dean, Center for the Constitution, James Madison's Montpelier
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- **Harold L. Hurtt**, Chief of Police, City of Houston
- **Carole Leigh Hutton**, President/CEO, Silicon Valley United Way
- **Temp Keller**, Founder, Resources for Indispensable Schools and Educators

- Prince George's County (MD) Board of Education
- Ulster County (NY) Legislature
- Washington, D.C., City Council
- Washington, D.C., State Board of Education

- Florida League of Cities
- Florida State University Student Senate
- Florida Student Association
- Fulbright Academy of Science & Technology
- Generation Change
- Generation Education
- Generation Engage
- Good Shepherd Services
- Greeks Going Green
- Houston Police Officers Union
- Hudson Valley Sustainability
- Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation
- International Public Management Association for Human Resources
- I Have a Dream Foundation
- Jumpstart
- Kentucky Child Now
- Language Corps
- Mississippi Teacher Corps
- National Association of Counties
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Coalition for the Homeless
- National Partnership for Women & Families
- National Peace Corps Association
- National Service-Learning Partnership
- National Student Partnerships
- National Urban League
- NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
- *Newsday*
- New York State Office of National & Community Service
- Operation Fly, Inc.
- Opportunity Knocks

- Outward Bound
- Phillips Brooks House Association
- Pike County (PA) Youth Coalition
- Platinum Torch National Service Honorary
- Prince George's County (MD) League of Young Voters
- Project Linus New Jersey
- Public Allies
- Roosevelt Institution
- ServeNext
- Service Employees International Union
- Service Nation
- Sojourners
- Suffolk University Public Management Department Faculty
- Swamp the Polls
- Teenage Democrats of America
- Texas College Republicans
- United States Senate Youth Alumni Association
- United States Student Association
- University of Florida Student Senate
- University of Idaho Student Senate
- University of Richmond Jepson School of Leadership Studies Student Senate
- University of Texas Student Government
- Virginia 4-H Council
- Virginia State Police Association
- Volunteer San Diego
- Volunteer Tennessee
- WorldTeach
- Young Democrats of America
- Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana
- Youth Service America

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- **Jim Kielsmeier**, Founder and President/CEO, National Youth Leadership Council
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- **Peter Monroe**, former President and CEO of the Resolution Trust Corporation Oversight Board
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- **Sandra Day O'Connor**, former Justice, U.S. Supreme Court
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- **Christopher Shays**, former Representative (Connecticut)
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- **Steve Uhlfelder**, former Chair, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
- **Cornel West**, Professor, Princeton University
- **John C. Whitehead**, Chair, World Trade Center Memorial Foundation; former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State

Endorsements (cont.)

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- **Agnes Scott College** (Elizabeth Kiss)
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- **Arcadia University** (Jerry M. Greiner)
- **Auburn University** (Jay Gogue)
- **Bard College** (Leon Botstein)
- **Baylor University** (David Garland)
- **Barnard College** (Judith Shapiro)
- **Bennett College for Women** (Julianne Malveaux)
- **Bentley University** (Gloria Larson)
- **Berea College** (Larry Shinn)
- **Bowling Green State University** (Carol Cartwright)
- **City University of New York** (Matthew Goldstein)
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- **Emory University** (James W. Wagner)
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- **Goucher College** (Sanford J. Ungar)
- **Hampden-Sydney College** (Walter M. Bortz)
- **Heidelberg College** (James A. Troha)
- **Hendrix College** (J. Timothy Cloyd)
- **Hobart & William Smith Colleges** (Mark Gearan)
- **Houghton College** (Shirley A. Mullen)
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- **Indiana University** (former President Thomas Ehrlich)
- **La Roche College** (former President William A. Kerr)
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- **Longwood University** (Patricia Cormier)
- **Macalester College** (Brian C. Rosenberg)
- **Marietta College McDonough Leadership Center** (Gamaliel Perruci)
- **Martin University** (Algeania Freeman)
- **Moravian College** (former President Ervin J. Rokke)
- **Morehead State University** (Wayne D. Andrews)
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- **Mount Holyoke College** (Joanne Creighton)
- **National Defense University** (former President Ervin J. Rokke)
- **Occidental College** (former President Ted Mitchell)
- **Oberlin College** (Marvin Krislov)
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- **Thomas Griffin**, Lieutenant General U.S. Army, (Ret.)
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- **Robert Holden**, former Governor (Missouri)
- **Jason Holsman**, State Representative (Missouri)
- **Mike Huckabee**, former Governor (Arkansas)
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- **Barbara Holland**: Director, National Service Learning Clearinghouse
- **Julie Hulstein**: Executive Director, Community Health Association of Mountain/Plains States
- **Timothy Johnson**: President/CEO, Leadership 101

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- **Al Guskin**: Former President, Antioch University
- **Steve Loflin**: Founder, National Society of Collegiate Scholars

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- **Gloria Carter Dickerson**: Kellogg Foundation
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- **Richard Riley**: former U.S. Secretary of Education;
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- **Robert M. Tobias**: Director, Public Sector Executive Education, American University
- **Mark White**: Former Governor of Texas
- **James Lee Witt**: Former Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- **Harris Wofford**: Former U.S. Senator (Pennsylvania); former CEO, Corporation for National Service; Washington, DC.

- **Wendy Kopp**: Founder and President, Teach for America
- **Dave Palmer**: Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (retired); former superintendent, U.S. Military Academy
- **Sally Prouty**: President and CEO, The Corps Network
- **Kevin Quigley**: President, National Peace Corps Association
- **Sidney Schwarz**: Founder and President, PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values
- **Susan Stroud**: Executive Director, Innovations in Civic Participation,
- **Steven Tomaszewski**: Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (retired); former Oceanographer of the Navy

- **Mike Mallory**: Executive Director, Ron Brown Scholars Program
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- **Peter Wood**: Professor of History, Duke University

- **Patricia Ross**: Vice President, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation
- **Rob Rowland**: President of Associated Counsel of America; Treasurer, C Club of Houston
- **Ellen Susman**: Host and Producer of the PBS Series Balancing Your Life with Ellen Susman
- **Stephen D. Susman**: Name Partner, Susman Godfrey, L.L.P.
- **James M. Windham**: Founder, Windham Capital Advisory Services; Publisher, The Texas Pilgrim

U.S. Public Service Academy FAQs

In a nutshell, what is the U.S. Public Service Academy?

The U.S. Public Service Academy will be an undergraduate institution devoted to developing civilian leaders. Modeled on the military academies, the Academy will offer four years of tuition-free education in exchange for five years of civilian service following graduation.

How many students will it serve?

The Academy will serve roughly 5,100 high-achieving students from across the United States and the world.

How will students be admitted?

Spots for nearly 1,300 incoming freshmen will be allocated by state, following a congressional nomination process similar to that used for admission to the military academies. Nominees would compete against other nominees from their state, thus ensuring that each state will be proportionally represented on campus.

What kind of curriculum will Academy students follow?

The Academy's structured, academically rigorous program will focus on service and leadership. Its core curriculum will emphasize civic education and international education, with challenging requirements for study abroad, public service internships, and summer leadership development. The combination of rigorous academic work with hands-on learning experiences will give our students the character, academic training, and leadership experience they need to serve the American people honorably and effectively.

What kinds of jobs would Academy graduates do during their five-year service requirement?

Academy graduates will spend five years serving our nation by working in education, health care, law enforcement, emergency management, and other critical public service fields at the local, state, and national levels. They will be placed in strategically important positions and geographic areas where they are needed most.

Where will the Academy be located?

That decision ultimately will be up to Congress, but one site that makes logical sense is Washington, D.C. Our nation's capital has tremendous opportunities for Academy students – internships where students would be able to get hands-on experience in public service; partnerships with government agencies that could provide speakers and visiting professors for Academy classes; easy access to research materials and subjects; and other concrete resources that would be hard to duplicate elsewhere. Nonetheless, the Academy could succeed in a number of locations. Kansas City, Philadelphia, and Seattle have all been suggested as possible sites.

How much money will it cost?

Roughly \$205 million annually – or about 70 cents per American per year. For less than the cost of bus fare, we can build a lasting institution sends a clear message to our young people – public service matters, and it matters enough that we have built a national public university dedicated to it.

Who came up with the idea for a U.S. Public Service Academy?

The Academy is the brainchild of two Teach For America/AmeriCorps veterans, Chris Myers Asch and Shawn Raymond. After having taught in the Mississippi Delta in the mid 1990s, Asch and Raymond teamed up to create a non-profit educational organization for at-risk teenagers, the Sunflower County Freedom Project. Now, they have set their sights on helping America give its young people more opportunities to serve their country in a meaningful way.

Why do we need to do this now?

We need to build a Public Service Academy now for several reasons:

- **America faces a serious shortage of public servants:** The Partnership for Public Service warns of a looming “Federal brain drain” as more than 90% of the federal government’s leadership becomes eligible to retire in the next decade. Eight in ten police agencies nationwide cannot find enough qualified candidates to fill empty

positions, and the Border Patrol has difficulty retaining college-educated recruits. The State Department struggles to find enough foreign language specialists in critically-needed languages such as Arabic, Korean, Chinese, and Pashtun.

- **Young Americans have a strong ethic of public service, but they are often priced out of public service:**

More than 70% of the 2008 collegiate freshman class expressed a desire to serve others, according to the Higher Education Research Institute, the highest rate in a generation. But according to the Project on Student Debt, the average college student graduates \$20,000 in debt, which makes public service careers difficult to pursue. In the past 25 years, public policy programs such as Columbia University's School of Public Affairs have seen a 50% drop in the percentage of graduates pursuing public service.

- **America does not offer a national civilian college for students interested in serving their nation in a civilian capacity:** Nearly 15,000 students attend the nation's five federal military service academies. Fewer than 15 percent of these students are female, while women constitute a majority (57%) of college students nationwide. In service organizations, women are an even larger majority: 58% of Peace Corps, 61% of City Year, and 71% of Teach for America participants are women. The military service academies are among the nation's most competitive colleges. They reject tens of thousands of applicants each year, often for medical or physical reasons.

How will Academy graduates be different from public policy or government graduates from other universities?

No undergraduate institution offers a program as intense, practical, or service-oriented as what the Academy will provide. Four years at the Academy will be an education in service, an unparalleled experience that produces graduates with:

- **Stronger bonds:** Like cadets and midshipmen at the military academies, Academy graduates will form strong bonds during the course of four years of service-oriented training. The campus culture of service will unify graduates with a shared sense of mission that will span across graduating classes, creating an invaluable network of people who can share knowledge and experiences.
- **More experience:** The Academy's educational program will be designed to give students regular hands-on experience in the real world of public service. While some universities require an internship to give their government majors hands-on experience, the Academy will require internships, community service, study abroad, and foreign language mastery for all students.
- **Longer commitment:** The Academy will require five years of national service following graduation. There is no similar commitment from any other civilian institution.

Why not create a public service scholarship program that could be instituted at a variety of colleges?

Creating a public service scholarship program is a worthy, but limited, idea. It ignores the symbolic importance of creating an institution that can raise the visibility of public service and transform how young people across the country perceive, prepare for, and pursue public service. As a prestigious, national institution, the Academy will capture the imagination of a new generation of young people and channel their energy into public service. It will send a powerful message about the value we place on public service in this country – much the way that refusing to create a Public Service Academy (while offering *five* military academies) sends the message to our young people that public service is somehow less important, less legitimate, or less patriotic than military service.

A scholarship program also would not be able to offer the intensive culture of service that a separate institution devoted to public service would instill in its students. Existing institutions have their own set of priorities and procedures; scholarship money would benefit individual students but would not necessarily alter the overarching mission of their institutions. Having a stand-alone campus is the only way to create a unique, unified campus culture that develops a strong *esprit de corps* around a public service mission. Like cadets at the military academies, Academy students would give up the traditional college life to focus on serving their nation. The result? Students gain a more intensive, more focused, more rewarding education, while the nation gains stronger, better-trained, more dedicated young leaders required to serve their country for five years.