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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your letter in which you expressed interest in attending one of our United States Service Academies. Your enthusiasm to attend an academy and serve our country is encouraging and appreciated.

As you know, Members of Congress nominate candidates each year for the service academies. We take this nomination process very seriously and ask for a considerable amount of information to be provided by you, the candidate. This includes an application, letters of recommendation, an evaluation form (from your Principal or Counselor), a list of your extracurricular activities, and a personal theme essay. In addition to the nomination material you submit to my office, you will also need to apply for admission directly to the academies in which you are interested. These materials all need to be received in my office no later than November 1, 2008.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact my assistant, Elanna Schlichting, at 503-231-2300. I wish you the best of luck in school and in the future.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer".

Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress

Enclosures

Academy Nomination Application Instruction Sheet

1. **Application Form:** The applicant must complete the entire application form, even if some of the information was previously provided. Keep in mind that the applicant must be a legal resident of Oregon and reside in the Third Congressional District to be considered for nomination by Congressman Earl Blumenauer. If the applicant is temporarily residing outside of Oregon, be sure to provide both addresses on the application form.
2. **Preference:** Because of the large number of qualified applicants and the limited number of nominations, each applicant is considered for his or her first choice. However, in the event that an applicant merits a nomination and the first choice is not available, the applicant will be considered for his or her second choice.
3. **Method of Nomination:** Congressman Blumenauer employs the "competitive nomination" selection process for academy candidates. Using this method, ten nominations are submitted by our office to each academy. These ten people are selected based on their high school scholastic and extracurricular record, letters of recommendation, and the results of the College Entrance Examination Board test scores. These nominees then compete on the academy level for the actual appointment.
4. **Documentation to be forwarded to Congressman Blumenauer**
 - A. **High School Transcript:**

This needs to be sent directly from the high school to Congressman Blumenauer at the completion of the applicant's junior year. If the applicant has graduated from high school, preparatory school, or college, a final high school transcript and transcript of advanced study should be submitted.
 - B. **Extracurricular Activities List:**

A thorough, detailed list is important. Please attach a supplemental sheet to your application if necessary.
 - C. **Letters of Recommendation and Evaluation Form (to be filled out by school principal or guidance counselor):**

Please send only three letters. All letters must be from non-relatives and include one high school counselor, teacher, or principal. It is a good idea to follow up requests for letters of recommendation to ensure that they have been mailed to our office prior to the deadline.
 - D. **Theme:**

A short (200 word) essay explaining your motivation for attending an academy.

E. College Entrance Examination Board Scores:

The applicant is required to forward the results of his or her SAT or ACT exam to our office. Our score codes are 4107 for the SAT and 7629 for the ACT. Your counselor can provide a list of the dates these tests are being offered, and it is suggested that the candidate take the test at the earliest possible date in order to ensure that we will receive your scores by the nominating deadline.

5. **Physical Requirements:** Carefully review the section of the academy catalog outlining its physical requirements. Due to travel inconveniences for many applicants, the physical examination is not a prerequisite for nomination. However, the academy administers a very comprehensive physical after nominations are made and the applicant must pass this examination in order to continue in the competition for appointment.

Congressman Blumenauer is very aware of the importance of an academy nomination to the applicant, and each completed file is carefully considered on the individual applicant's own merits. To do a thorough evaluation of each file, it is crucial that all of the documentation requested be received in Congressman Blumenauer's **Portland District office by November 1, 2008**. Applicants with incomplete files will not be considered. Cooperation in supplying information at an early date is appreciated. Thank you for your interest in serving our nation by attending a military academy and preparing for a career in our armed forces. Your commitment to the people in this nation is encouraging, and I look forward to working with you further.

Due to the large numbers of applicants that must be processed, please be sure to notify Congressman Blumenauer's Portland office if you are no longer interested in competing for a nomination or if you have any further questions. You can reach his military caseworker at 503-231-2300.

Congressman Earl Blumenauer

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APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY

To be completed by the applicant. Please type or print in ink.

Date: _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Academy 1st Choice: _____

Academy 2nd Choice: _____

Full Name: _____

Permanent Oregon Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Uncorrected Visual Acuity: _____

Father's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

High School: _____ Counselor: _____

Phone Number of High School: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

If you have attended college:

Name: _____

Years attended: _____

Please list the extracurricular activities that you have been involved with in high school and the number of years of your involvement.

Please list any previous employment and how many hours per week:

After School:

Summer:

Athletic participation, high school only:

Sport	Grade	Varsity	Position	Letters	Captain	Awards
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Please note which test(s) you have taken, when you took it, and your score:

SAT I: _____ Scheduled Test Date: _____ Score: _____

SAT II: _____ Scheduled Test Date: _____ Score: _____

ACT: _____ Scheduled Test Date: _____ Score: _____

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This form must be completed by either a high school principal or a guidance counselor for the candidate for a congressional nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. It must be received in Congressman Blumenauer's Portland District Office before the November 1st deadline.

Applicant's Name: _____

Name of School: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____
(city, state and zip code)

Applicant's year in school: _____ Numerical Jr. Class Rank: _____ GPA: _____

SAT I Score: Verbal _____ Math _____ ACT Score: _____

SAT II (if applicable): Subject: _____ Score: _____

Subject: _____ Score: _____

Subject: _____ Score: _____

Leadership Characteristics: _____

Personality Traits: _____

Ability to work under pressure: _____

Ability to get along with others: _____

Additional comments: _____

Principal/Head or Counselor's name

Date

Signature

Title