

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN  
K. MICHAEL CONAWAY  
11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT OF TEXAS



**SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATION  
PACKET**

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY  
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

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2008-2009 Application for Nomination to a U. S. Service Academy  
**CHECK LIST**

**Send the items below to my San Angelo Office postmarked by October 27, 2008.**

All items must be postmarked by the deadline to consider an application complete. If you would like verification of delivery, please request a return receipt from the Post Office.

-Application form completed and signed by applicant. Must be typed or legibly written.

-Personal Questionnaire and Essay completed and thoroughly answered. This questionnaire, along with the information provided on the application, is your best opportunity to illustrate your strengths and characters.

-Personal Recommendation Forms (3) completed by counselors, principals, teachers, religious leaders (i.e. priests, rabbis, and ministers), coaches, or community leaders. ***You are required to return three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms postmarked by the deadline.*** Letters of recommendations are not required but if they are sent, they **MUST** be accompanied by a completed personal recommendation form. **NOTE:** Recommendation forms are usually one of the chief causes of delays in completing an application packet. **START THIS PROCESS NOW.**

-Official copy of your high school transcript including courses currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank. If you would like, provide your transcript from your senior year, you may send it as an update as long as your application is complete by October 27, 2008.

-Official copy of your college transcript (if applicable) including courses currently in progress.

-Current photograph (wallet size) with your **name and hometown** written on the back.

-Copy of your official SAT or ACT scores/report, if they are not sent directly from the college boards. **NOTE: Test scores must be postmarked by October 27, 2008.** Carefully consider the dates that you are taking tests; if you wait until September or October, your scores may not arrive on time. My test codes are:

**SAT: 4414            ACT: 7692**

**Deadline for postmarking application items is October 27, 2008.**

Plan for mail delays and send your documents in **EARLY** to:

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY (**All fields are required to be completed**).

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle (Name goes by)

2. Current Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/ P.O. Box  
\_\_\_\_\_ Texas \_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip plus four digit code (Req.)  
County \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the dependent of an active or retired member of the United States Military?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Domicile in Texas \_\_\_\_\_  
Note: service academies Street Address  
Require that you list the \_\_\_\_\_ Texas \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address of your legal City Zip  
Residence in Texas

5. Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

6. a) Social Security # \_ \_ - \_ - \_ \_ \_ b) Are you a U. S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female d) Date of Birth / /

7. Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

8. High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Texas  
Street City

9. Expected Date of Graduation / / School Phone Number Counselor's Name  
High School G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_  
Please use the 4.0 GPA system

10. Class standing \_\_\_\_\_ Out of \_\_\_\_\_

SAT SCORE:

MATH \_\_\_\_\_ WRITING \_\_\_\_\_ READING \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE \_\_\_\_\_

ACT SCORE:

MATH \_\_\_\_\_ ENG \_\_\_\_\_ READING \_\_\_\_\_ SCIENCE REASONING \_\_\_\_\_

COMPOSITE \_\_\_\_\_

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11. I am also applying for a nomination from: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Elected officials)

12. Indicate Academy Preference with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> choices.

(Note: My selection board depends heavily on your ranking of academy preference. Please consider carefully. If you have no preference, please indicate in the appropriate blank. If you only prefer one or two of the academies, please indicate clearly. NOTE: I highly recommend that you take time to research each of the service academies. For example, many students do not know that a Merchant Marine Academy student can be commissioned into any branch of the Armed Services upon graduation.

**Very Important. You must have a current file at each Academy for which you desire a nomination. You will not be considered for a nomination for an Academy if your file is not complete with that Academy by the Date of Board Interviews. (Historically, this has consistently been a deficiency of our 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Candidates.)**

U.S. Military Academy \_\_\_\_\_  
Open File: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Air Force Academy \_\_\_\_\_  
Open File Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
No Preference \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Naval Academy \_\_\_\_\_  
Open File Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy \_\_\_\_\_  
Open File Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

13. On a separate page, briefly describe your involvement in the listed categories. Include information relative to leadership positions (i.e. offices, awards, and honors). Also show date of involvement in each activity. If you already have an updated resume, feel free to include it to complete the section.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, VOLUNTEER and /or JOB EXPERIENCE

OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU CONSIDER IMPORTANT

AWARDS AND HONORS

Please read before signing. If you do not include your signature, your application will not be considered:

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I fully intend to vigorously pursue an academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years military service following graduation. I am a U.S. Citizen, or will be by July 1, 2009 I will be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age on July 1, 2009 I am not married; I am not pregnant; I have no child support obligation; I am a legal resident of the State of Texas.

I certify that the information I have provided for this application packet is accurate. **Additionally I understand that I will not be considered for an academy nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not received by October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /

Send Completed Application Packet by October 27, 2008 to:  
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Personal Questionnaire

Applicant: Please thoroughly complete this personal questionnaire. This questionnaire, along with the information provided on the application, is your best opportunity to illustrate your strengths and character. Please note that my selection board carefully reviews your answers. You may use a separate sheet, if necessary. Keep your answers informative and succinct.

1. In what ways have you prepared yourself for study at a service academy?
  
2. When did you decide you wanted to attend an academy? What generated your interest?
  
3. Why do you want to attend a military academy instead of a traditional university?
  
4. What extracurricular and athletic activities have you participated in, and how have they prepared you for a service academy? Describe your physical conditioning.
  
5. Briefly describe an experience that best demonstrates your leadership capabilities.
  
6. Do you understand that, if selected, you must commit to a minimum of five years in military service? Do you plan to pursue a career in military service?
  
7. Do you think you can abide by an honor code (“We will not lie, steal, cheat, nor tolerate those among us who do.”) Including the requirement to report violations you observe or learn about?
  
8. What disappointments/obstacles have you encountered in life? How did you handle these situations?
  
9. **In one brief essay (approx. 250 words), please answer the following question.**  
What makes you stand out among the other candidates? Please include any experiences or statements that show you will make a good officer in the United States Military.

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Name of Applicant(Last/First/Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

**To the recommender:** The person named above is applying for nomination to a United States Service Academy. The academies provide a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following graduation. The questions below are designed to provide the information necessary to select the best qualified candidates. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Each student must submit three personal evaluation forms along with a complete application packet by October 27, 2008, failure to return this form to the student by that date will jeopardize the student's application. **PLEASE ANSWER THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ASKED ON THIS FORM.** Use additional pages if necessary. You are welcome to submit a separate letter of recommendation, but that letter will not help the applicant complete his/her file unless it is accompanied by this form.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
  
2. Describe the applicant's talents, strengths, and leadership ability.
  
3. How could the applicant improve in order to rise to the challenges presented by a U.S. service academy?
  
4. Do you believe the applicant plans to pursue military service as a career? Does he/she truly understand the commitments and obligation that accompany a serviced academy education?
  
5. How does the applicant handle stressful/challenging situations? Has the applicant encountered failure and how did he/she manage the situation?
  
6. Do you know of any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant's performance at the academy?
  
7. Please select the statement that best applies to this applicant:

_____ THE BEST, students like this appear once in several years	_____ EXCELLENT, among the best I have known
_____ ABOVE AVERAGE	_____ FAIR

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Name (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date        /        /

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Work or home                      Street/ P.O. Box                      City                      State                      Zip

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Service Academy Information

If you haven't already done so, you should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly.

Remember you should apply for a nomination with **both** of your U. S. Senators and your U. S. Representative.

U. S. Air Force Academy  
Admissions Office  
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651  
(800) 443-9266  
[www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu)

U.S. Navy Academy  
USNA Admissions Office  
117 Decatur Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018  
(888) 249-7707  
[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
Admissions Office  
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699  
(866) 546-4778  
[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

U.S. Military Academy  
Admissions Office  
606 Thayer Road  
West Point, NY 10996-1797  
(800) 822-2769  
[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

\*\*Congressional nominations are no longer required or submitted for the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). If you are interested in attending the Coast Guard Academy, contact the academy directly.

United States Coast Guard Academy  
Admissions Office  
New London, CT 06320-4195  
(203) 444-8501  
[www.uscga.edu](http://www.uscga.edu)