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March 25, 2008

Dear Service Academy Applicant:

Congratulations on your decision to seek an appointment to a United States Service Academy. I am pleased to have you as a candidate for nomination.

The following materials are enclosed to assist you in beginning the application process:

- Nomination process instruction sheet (2 pages).
- Application form (4 pages).
- Nomination reference form, 3 copies (1 page).
- Notice of interview days for 2008.
- Applicant checklist (1 page)

In addition to applying for a nomination from a member of Congress, you should also apply directly to the individual service academies. You may receive a nomination to an academy other than your first choice. A completed pre-candidate file at that academy enhances your chances of being offered an appointment.

As you know, entry to a service academy comes at the end of a very competitive process. Approximately 10-12% of applicants are accepted. There are a variety of alternative programs and avenues to pursue in the event you do not receive a nomination, cannot attend the academy of your choice, or will be attending college for a year or two while re-applying for an academy nomination. Please consider us as a resource in the event any of these circumstances occur.

Please adhere to the application process instructions closely as incomplete applications will not be considered. Deadlines will be adhered to absolutely! Your application, letters of reference and all correspondence should be sent to:

Senator Ken Salazar
2300 15th Street, Suite 450
Denver, CO 80202
ATTN: Nominations Coordinator

Thank you again for your desire to serve your country in this way. I wish you well in your efforts.

Warm regards,

Ken Salazar
United States Senator

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR CLASS 2013
ENTERING ACADEMIES IN JUNE 2009**

For all Colorado applicants for military service academies

From the office of

United States Senator Ken Salazar

The purpose of the nomination procedure is to present the service academies with qualified candidates from every area of the country. My nomination functions as a recommendation to the academies and it is my responsibility to nominate the best qualified young people in the state of Colorado. In order to do this, I ask that each candidate submit certain credentials which will be evaluated. **It is then the candidate's responsibility to insure that the information is submitted by the deadline.** Interviews by this committee will be conducted in November and applicants will be notified by mid-December.

IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A NOMINATION, YOU MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

- 1) Complete and submit, **by mail, not fax***, the enclosed Application Form. It is important that the form be filled out neatly and be completed **in ink or typed, and unaltered**.
- 2) Write a Personal Letter to Senator Salazar explaining your reasons for seeking a nomination to an academy.
- 3) At least one of three Evaluation Forms must be completed by a teacher, your principal, or a counselor. Other evaluation forms may be completed by someone who knows you well, but not a family member.
- 4) Attach an official copy of your High School Transcript. **GPA and CLASS RANK are required for your file to be considered complete.**
- 5) Attach a copy of your ACT and/or SAT scores, if not already included in your transcript.
- 6) Include a photograph, 5 x 7 or wallet size.

APPLICATION ITEMS SHOULD BE SENT AS A COMPLETED PACKAGE. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS OR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

***Faxed applications will be accepted only from students living outside the United States.**

TEST SCORE GUIDELINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>		<u>SAT</u>	<u>ACT</u>
AIR FORCE			MERCHANT MARINE		
Verbal	590	26	Verbal	500	24
Math	620	27	Math	520	25
Reading		28	Combined	1020	
Science		27			
NAVAL ACADEMY			MILITARY ACADEMY		
Verbal	600	26	Verbal	600	26
Math	600	30	Math	600	26
			Science Rea		26
			Reading		26

If you desire to have your test scores sent directly to our office, the following codes apply:

SAT: 4771

ACT: 7112

THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR COMPLETED FILE TO BE RECEIVED IN MY OFFICE IS SEPTEMBER 26, 2008.

If you have questions or inquiries regarding any portion of the application process, you are encouraged to correspond by email to the Nominations Coordinator at: academy_nominations@salazar.senate.gov.

**NOMINATION APPLICATION TO
UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES
For the Period
March 1, 2008 to September 26, 2008
(Entry June 2009)**

***United States Senator
Ken Salazar***

PLEASE TYPE (preferred) OR PRINT

PLEASE USE THIS ORIGINAL APPLICATION ONLY

Academy Preferences

(Indicate your preferences with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th choices)

West Point _____ Naval _____ Air Force _____ Merchant Marine _____

Personal Information

Full Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Permanent Home Address _____
(Street Address)

(City/Town) (County) (Zip)

Telephone Number _____
(First) (Next)

E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yr) _____ **Soc. Sec. No.** _____

Sex (M / F) _____ **Citizen? (Y / N)** _____

Current Mailing Address
(If different from above) _____
(Street Address)

(City/Town) (County) (Zip)

Medical Information
Have you had asthma or other respiratory ailments? (Y / N) _____
If yes, age at last occurrence. _____
Do you require corrective lenses? (Y / N) _____

**Name(s) of Parent(s) or
Legal Guardian(s)**

(Last) (First) (Relationship)

(Last) (First) (Relationship)

Academic Information

High School

_____ (Name)

_____ (Street Address)

_____ (City / Town) (State) (Zip)

_____ (Telephone Number) _____ (Counselor)

Graduation Year _____ Grade Point Average _____

Class Standing _____ No. of Students in Class _____

ACT Scores: Math _____ Eng _____ Reading _____ Science Reasoning _____ Date last taken _____

SAT Scores: Math _____ Verbal _____ Writing _____ Date last taken _____

College

_____ (Name)

_____ (Address)

_____ (City / Town) (State) (Zip)

Dates of Attendance: From _____ To _____
(mm/yr) (mm/yr)

Authorization for Release of Information

I release this information to the office of Senator Salazar for use in the Service Academy nomination process. If I am selected for a nomination, I authorize Senator Salazar to release my name as a nominee in press releases and other public documents.

Signature (student): _____

Date: _____

Signature (parent/guardian): _____

Date: _____

School and Community Activities

Briefly describe your involvement in school and community activities in the listed categories. Include information relative to offices held, awards and honors received. Show also years of involvement in each activity. **Only one page in addition to this form concerning activities, awards, etc. will be considered in the evaluation process.**

INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS:

SCHOOL AND CLASS OFFICES HELD:

BAND, DRAMATICS, CHORALE:

SCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES, AWARDS and HONORS:

OTHER ACTIVITIES YOU CONSIDER IMPORTANT, Including job, volunteer/community activities, etc.

References

Give names and addresses of three adults whom you will request to complete the enclosed Evaluation Forms. At least one of these must be from a counselor, teacher or principal. **Please have these individuals return the reference letters to you for inclusion and submission with your application as one package.**

1. _____
(Last) (First)

(Street Address) (City / Town) (State) (Zip)

2. _____
(Last) (First)

(Street Address) (City / Town) (State) (Zip)

3. _____
(Last) (First)

(Street Address) (City / Town) (State) (Zip)

**RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO: Senator Ken Salazar
2300 15th Street
Suite 450
Denver, CO 80202
ATTN: Nominations Coordinator
303-455-7600**

Remember: The deadline is September 26, 2008 to have your completed package in the office! Late applications will be returned and not considered.

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION REFERENCE FORM

United States Senator Ken Salazar

APPLICANT: _____

REFERENCE: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Other phone: _____

How long known by the applicant: _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

(References may not be relatives of the applicant)

The applicant has requested that United States Senator Ken Salazar consider him/her for a nomination for admission to one of the United States service academies. In your own words, please state your personal knowledge of his/her qualifications, evaluation of their temperament and bearing, and their motivation to attend a service academy.

Please use this form as a cover sheet for your letter. Please sign and date your letter.

RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR LETTER TO THE REQUESTER FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR APPLICATION PACKAGE.

SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICANT CHECKLIST

The following items **must** be received in United States Senator Ken Salazar's office **no later than** close of business Friday, September 26, 2008. Information should be returned as a complete package.

1. Completed **Application Form**.
2. **Personal letter** to Senator Salazar, indicating your desire to attend a service academy.
3. **Official Academic Transcript** sent by the academic institution. Please ensure that the transcript indicates **current GPA and Class Rank**.
4. **Copies of ACT and/or SAT test scores** if not included on the transcript.
5. **Three letters of Recommendation**. One must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor. Recommendations from family members will not be accepted.
6. **One photograph**, (5 x 7 or wallet size).

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