



**CONGRESSMAN TOM LATHAM
CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION GUIDELINES
TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES**

A. CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS

Air Force, Naval, and Military Academies. Each Senator and Congressman may have a maximum of five appointees at each academy at any one time. This generally allows for one vacancy per year at each academy, exceptions do exist.

Merchant Marine Academy. Each Iowa Senator and Congressman may nominate ten young men and / or women to enter state-wide competition for five places at the Merchant Marine Academy.

Coast Guard Academy. There are no Congressional nominations to the Coast Guard Academy. Applications Should be mailed directly to:
Superintendent
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
New London, Connecticut 06320

B. ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Some applicants are interested in one and only one of the academies. If so, please indicate that desire on the application form which our office provides. You should not indicate a second, third, and fourth choice if in reality you have no interest in such alternatives.

If you do, however, have a genuine interest in more than one of the academies, then please list them in the order of preference. Applicants are sometimes nominated to an academy other than their first choice. Also, this gives the Board the choice of nominating you to more than one academy.

C. ELIGIBILITY

All candidates applying for one of my nominations must be citizens of the United States and legal residents of Iowa's 4th Congressional District. They must be at least 17 years of age and not past their 22nd birthday on July 1 of the year they are admitted to the academy. They must have never been married.

D. MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

Some applicants understandably seek admittance to the academies from Senator Harkin, Senator Grassley, and myself. They may also apply to the Vice President. This is a wise decision as it gives you more of a chance to gain a nomination. If an applicant is nominated on one of these other lists, however, then there is a chance I will not include him or her on my list since it may preclude some other worthwhile individual from being considered.

E. QUALIFICATIONS

Although standards vary among academies, candidates must generally be in the top half of their high school class in a college preparatory curriculum and score acceptably on their SATs and ACTs. For purposes of nomination, I require only the ACTs. You will need a minimum low 20's for the English or Verbal, and high 20's for the Math Score. Applicants should have outstanding records of extracurricular activities in school, in their communities or part-time jobs. The academies especially stress the importance of leadership both in and out of school.

The academies have very strict standards regarding the physical qualifications as outlined in the academy catalogs. If you have any questions about your physical condition, you may wish to have your family physician pre-determine whether you can meet the standards of the academy of your choice before applying.

F. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Step 1. Return the completed application form to my Fort Dodge office as soon as possible. Give the Evaluation Form to your guidance counselor or principal to be completed and returned to me (Note: this person should not be included as one of your recommendation sources).

Step 2. Be sure your ACT scores are sent to me to be included in your file (**use #7413 for the ACT code & # 6062 for the SAT code**).

Step 3. Ask **THREE** people to write letters of recommendation to me on your behalf. Please include at least one teacher. These should be sent directly from the source to my office so that they are confidential. **DO NOT MAIL YOURSELF.**

Step 4. Please provide the other items noted on the enclosed checklist, including an essay explaining why you wish to attend a service academy.

Step 5. I will acknowledge your file when it is complete. If you do not hear from me when you believe your file should be complete, please write to me to see what is missing from your file. I will not consider any file unless it is completed by deadline.

* Be sure to contact the academies you are interested in attending.

** Please consult my Fort Dodge Office for the deadline date for completing your file.
(This usually falls around early October.)

Congressman Tom Latham
Attn: Jim Oberhelman
1426 Central Avenue – Suite A
Fort Dodge, IA 50501

Phone # - (515) 573-2738

HIGH SCHOOL EVALUATION FORM

This form must be completed by either the high school principal or the high school guidance counselor for the candidate seeking a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies.

Name of Applicant _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

Name/Address of School _____

_____ Phone # _____

Applicant's Year in School _____

Numerical Junior Class Rank _____ GPA _____

SAT Score: Verbal _____ Math _____

ACT Score: Composite _____
English _____ Math _____

Leadership Characteristics:

Ability to Work Under Pressure:

Ability to Get Along With Others:

General Comments:

Date: _____ Signature _____

Title _____

Please send this form and a transcript showing final junior grades for the applicant to:
Congressman Tom Latham, Attention: Jim Oberhelman, 1426 Central Avenue - Suite A,
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501.

DEADLINE: Please consult my Fort Dodge Office for the deadline date for completing your file for the current year - This usually falls around early October.)

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO AIR FORCE, NAVAL, MILITARY, OR MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMIES

Name: _____
Last
First
Middle

Permanent Address: _____
Number and Street
City/Town
(____)
County
State and Zip Code
Phone Number

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number _____

Name and Address of Parents or Guardian:

Mother: _____

Father: _____

Guardian: _____

High School: _____
Name
Address

School Phone # _____ Principal/Counselor _____

Graduation Date: _____ How Long Have You Lived In Iowa? _____

To Which Academy Are You Seeking Admission? (list in order of preference)

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

To which other members of Congress have you applied? _____

Extracurricular Activities and Employment: Please attach a separate sheet

Are you willing to make a career of the service? _____

**Please attach a recent photograph.

**Please use another sheet of paper if necessary.

Date _____ Signature _____

Please return to: CONGRESSMAN TOM LATHAM, ATTN: Jim Oberhelman 1426 Central Avenue - Suite A, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

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CHECKLIST

(Note -- this form is for your use only. It lists all the items which you need to complete your file. Please consult my Fort Dodge Office for the deadline date for completing your file for the current year - This usually falls around early October.)

ITEM:	DATE SENT TO CONG. LATHAM
1. Application Form	_____
2. SAT Scores	_____
or	
3. ACT Scores	_____
4. Extracurricular Activities	_____
5. Essay	_____
6. Transcript of Grades	_____
7. Recent Photograph	_____
8. 3 Letters of Recommendation	1st _____
	2nd _____
	3rd _____
9. High School Evaluation Form	_____

All items should be sent to:

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Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
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PLEASE DO NOT SEND THESE ITEMS TO THE WASHINGTON OFFICE. IT WILL DELAY YOUR APPLICATION AS WELL AS INCREASE THE CHANCE OF IT NOT REACHING THE PROPER STAFF PERSON, THANK YOU.