



U.S. Military Service Academy Congressional Nomination Information Sheet

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to the academy:

- Between 17 and 22 years of age
- Possess U.S. citizenship
- Unmarried, not pregnant, and with no legal obligation to support children or other dependants
- Reside in the 53rd Congressional District of California

Selection Criteria

Nominations from Congresswoman Davis are based on a "whole person" evaluation. Applicants are considered for a nomination at four levels.

- The **FIRST** consideration is academics. Each individual's grade point average, SAT/ACT scores, class ranking and willingness to embrace academic challenges will be considered.
- The **SECOND** consideration is leadership experience and potential command ability. This will be based on the resume of activities submitted in the application packet and would include involvement in sports, school, civic and personal/social activities.
- The **THIRD** consideration is the motivation and desire of the applicants to attend a service academy. This will be based on both the essay submitted and the interview before the Academy Nominee Selection Board.
- The **FOURTH** consideration is comparative in nature, appraising each applicant's attributes against all others who are applying.

Applications to the Academies

Application **MUST** also be made to the Director of Admissions of the Academy or Academies of your choice, in addition to the nomination application to Congresswoman Davis.

Merchant Marine Academy

For the Merchant Marine Academy, a Member of Congress may nominate as with the other academies, however, there is no dedicated position available. Each nominee selected must compete statewide for the vacancies, and the Merchant Marine Academy makes the selection.

U.S. Coast Guard Academies

A Congressional nomination is not required for the Coast Guard Academy, as they manage their own selection process. Any individual interested in applying must contact the Academy directly. They may apply to:

**Director of Admissions
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
31 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320**

The Admissions Officer for California is LT Ian Bartonicek. Call him for additional information at (860) 701-6323.

Final Admission to Academies

Selected nominees will be announced in January 2009. The slate of ten nominees chosen by Susan Davis will then be forwarded to the academies indicated. **The selection of the appointee to each academy is ultimately decided by the academy to which you have applied.**

Questions?

Congresswoman Davis' district office is available to answer any of your questions.
You may contact the office by telephone at (619) 280-5353.

U.S. Military Service Academy

Congressional Nomination Application Instructions and Procedure

Important Dates

Request Nomination Application
Beginning February 2008

Nomination Application Deadline
November 10, 2008

Academy Service Board Interview
December 2008

Nominations Announced
January 2009

Offers of Appointment from Academies
Beginning February 2009

Class of 2012 Enters Academies
July 2009

Application Materials

- Attached "Academy Nomination Application"
- Sealed copy of high school transcripts
- Copy of your latest SAT/ACT scores (photocopy acceptable)
- Resume that includes extra curricular activities and any work experience
- Letter of Recommendation
- Recent, small photograph
- 500 word essay (described in Application)

The completed application packet **MUST arrive** at Congresswoman Davis's office **no later than Monday, November 10, 2008.**
Please mail or deliver to:

Congresswoman Susan A. Davis
Attn: Academy Liaison
4305 University Avenue, Suite 515
San Diego, CA 92105

Academy Nominee Selection Board

Upon receiving the properly completed packet, potential nominees will then be evaluated by Congresswoman Davis' Academy Nominee Selection Board. This board is made up of individuals with unique knowledge of the requirements of the academies. They will look closely at all aspects of those individuals who are being considered. The "Selection Criteria" are

enumerated in the "Congressional Nomination Information Sheet." The board is scheduled to consider applicants in December 2008. Those who qualify for nomination will be ranked in order of merit, with the most highly qualified receiving nominations as availability at each academy allows. This slate of nominees will number ten individuals per opening available. There maybe more qualified applicants than available openings, and in such a case the first ten will be submitted, with the other applicants being placed on a stand-by list.

Announcement of Nominees

The announcement of nominees will likely occur during the month of January 2009. The nominations will then be forwarded to the appropriate academies where another evaluation will be performed by the Academy.

You can be nominated to multiple academies, depending on how well you have competed amongst this year's pool of candidates. It is also possible to win multiple appointments.

Admission to Academies

SELECTION OF THE APPOINTEE TO EACH ACADEMY IS ULTIMATLY DECIDED UPON BY THE ACADEMY TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED. Nomination by Congresswoman Davis does not automatically result in selection by the Military Service Academies.

All applicants must directly contact the academies they are interested in attending to open an admissions file. If you do not apply directly to the academies, you cannot be accepted there. Academies will begin to notify applicants of their admissions status in February, and all offers of appointment are generally sent out by May. See the "Military Service Academy Contact Information" sheet for further information.



Military Service Academy Contact Information

United States Military Academy

Director of Admissions
United States Military Academy
Building 606
West Point, NY 10996
(845) 938-4041
Website: <http://www.usma.edu>

United States Naval Academy

Candidate Guidance Office
United States Naval Academy
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(410) 293-4361
Website: <http://www.usna.edu>

United States Air Force Academy

HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840
(800) 443-9266
Website: <http://www.usafa.af.mil>

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Director of Admissions
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(866) 546-4778
Website: <http://www.usmma.edu>

United States Coast Guard Academy

Director of Admissions
31 Mohegan Ave.
New London, CT 06320-8103
(800) 883-USCG
Website: <http://www.cga.edu>

** USCGA accepts candidates based on their own testing criteria so it is not necessary to seek a nomination for the Coast Guard Academy.*



**Congresswoman Susan A. Davis
53rd Congressional District**

ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle)

(Your legal residence must be within the 53rd Congressional District.)

Permanent Address: _____
(street) (city) (zip)

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from legal residence.)

Home Telephone: () Cell Phone: ()

Email: Primary contact (check one): () Home () Cell () Email

Date of Birth: / / **Place of Birth:** _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Social Security Number: _____ **Gender:** _____

Parent/Guardian(s): _____

High School: _____ **Date of Graduation:** _____

GPA: _____ **Class Rank:** _____ **Class Size:** _____
(weighted)

SAT Scores: Total: _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Writing: _____

ACT Scores: Composite Score: _____ English: _____ Math: _____
Reading: _____ Science: _____

Military Service (if applicable): _____
(Include branch of service, dates of service, rank attained)

College/University Experience (if applicable): _____
(Include name of institution, dates of attendance, GPA)

Please attach a resume including different activities you have participated in such as: athletic activities, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, awards and honors, community involvement and employment experience.

Please attach a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination. Letters may not come from immediate or extended members of your family. Suggested individuals include: teachers, coaches, school principals and staff, employers, clergy, counselors, community leaders, etc.

Please attach an essay of 500 words entitled, "Why I wish to attend the (name of academy) Academy." Evaluations will be based upon both writing skill and content of essay.

Rank the following service academies you wish to be nominated to in the order of your preference. You do not have to rank all academies.

U.S. Air Force Academy U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
 U.S. Military Academy at West Point U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis

Please include the following information with this form:

Academic Transcript Resume Recent Photo
 SAT/ACT Scores Recommendation Letter Essay

Please return completed application packet to Congresswoman Davis's San Diego office no later than Monday, November 10, 2008. Please mail or deliver to the following address:

CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN A. DAVIS

**Attention: Academy Liaison
4305 University Avenue, Suite 515
San Diego, CA 92105**

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____