



Office of Congressman Jerry McNerney

Thank you for contacting me, and for your interest in a career serving our great nation. One of the application requirements of all of the United States service academies (except for the United States Coast Guard Academy) is nomination by a government official. I am privileged to be able to nominate legal residents of California's 11th District to United States service academies. The military service academies (Army, Navy and Air Force) also accept nominations from other government officials. If you are interested in attending one of these academies, I urge you to apply for a nomination from me as well as the other nomination sources:

- Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer
- President Barack H. Obama, who nominates children of career military personnel, deceased or disabled veterans, military or civilian personnel in missing status, and Medal of Honor recipients;
- Vice President Joseph R. Biden, who nominates five individuals from across the United States per year;
- The Secretary of each military department, Army, Navy and Air Force, who nominates members of regular military, reserve components, and participants in the ROTC.

Information regarding application procedures for these nominations is available through each academy's website, listed below. Applying for a nomination from more than one elected or government official increases your chances of securing a nomination. More than one nomination, however, is neither required, nor of assistance, in gaining an appointment. In fact, due to the number of applications received by my office, please notify me if you receive a nomination from another authority so that I may allow other candidates the opportunity for nomination.

Please note that the United States Merchant Marine Academy only accepts congressional nominations.

Candidates for a service academy nomination should recognize that each academy has specific deadlines that must be met if an application is to be successful. Academy web sites provide information about deadlines and other application requirements.

Listed below are the steps to follow in seeking a nomination from me to the service academies:

Contact me in writing at my Stockton office, expressing your interest in receiving a nomination to one or more of the academies. Your letter should include the following:

- name
- permanent mailing address
- telephone number
- temporary mailing address, if applicable
- high school
- year of graduation

A nomination is only one of the requirements for matriculation at one of our nation's service academies. You must also apply directly to each service academy individually. At the same time you contact my Stockton office, you should also request admissions information from each academy to which you plan to apply, by writing to them at the following addresses:

United States Naval Academy
USNA Candidate Guidance Office
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
<http://www.usna.edu/Admissions>

United States Air Force Academy
Admissions Office
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
<http://www.academyadmissions.com>

United States Military Academy
Admissions Office
600 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-9902
<http://admissions.usma.edu>

United States Merchant Marine Academy
Office of Admissions
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
<http://www.usmma.edu/admissions/default.htm>

To be considered for nomination, you will need to submit the following to my Stockton office in order to complete your nomination file:

- a nomination application;
- a copy of your high school transcripts, including your G.P.A., the size of your class, and your ranking within that class;
- an official copy of your SAT or ACT scores;
- 3 letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, principal, or guidance counselor; one from an employer, coach, or extracurricular faculty advisor; and one from a person of your choice who is not related to you.

Please forward the requested information at your earliest convenience. We ask that you submit information as soon as it is available, instead of waiting until you have compiled every document. Send all documents to:

ATTN: Service Academy Nominations
Congressman Jerry McNerney
2222 Grand Canal Blvd. #7
Stockton, CA 95207

As your documentation reaches my Stockton office, it will be placed in a file my staff will create for you. When all necessary documentation is received, the file will be forwarded to my academy nomination advisory committee, which is comprised of retired military officers as well as local leaders in business and education. The advisory committee will carefully review your documentation and interview you. They will base their recommendations to the extent possible on criteria used by the academies in their final selection processes. My nominations will be based on my advisory committee's recommendations.

The deadline for submission of all required documentation is November 2nd, 2009. To be considered for nomination, you must medically, physically, and academically qualify for appointment by December 1st, 2009. Please contact Gary Prost in my Stockton office at (209) 476-8552 if you have any questions or if he can be of assistance in any way during this process.

As noted above, the Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) is the only United States service academy that does not require a nomination for appointment. For information about the USCGA, you may write to:

United States Coast Guard Academy
Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320
<http://admissions.uscga.edu/i2e/admissions>

Once again, thank you for your interest in serving our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerry McNerney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress



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Service Academy Nomination Procedure and Basic Fact Sheet for 2009 Admission

An appointment to the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, or U.S. Merchant Marine Academy is a distinct and rare honor. Acceptance of an academy appointment requires at least a nine-year service obligation, including four years at an academy and five years of active duty service.

Eligibility -- To be eligible for appointment, you must be an American citizen, at least 17 years old and not yet 23 years old on July 1 of the year you enter an academy (25 years old for United States Merchant Marine Academy). Further, you must not be married or pregnant, and you must not have any legal obligation to support children or other dependents. To apply for a nomination through my office, you must also be a legal resident of the 11th Congressional District of California. If you are not certain that your legal domicile is in the 11th Congressional District, call my office and request an address verification.

Nomination -- The nomination process is very competitive. I urge you to apply for a nomination from me as well as California's Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, who can also nominate qualified applicants to the four service academies. If you are interested in attending the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, and U.S. Air Force Academy, you may also qualify for nomination through other sources, including:

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Evaluation Criteria -- The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, personal goals, and motivation in performing each nominee's "whole-person" evaluation. These are also the criteria I use to determine nominations.

Character -- Absolutely critical in the course of evaluating a candidate is a positive determination of the candidate's character. Absence of good moral character is cause for disqualification. Candidates are considered to have good moral character unless evidence exists to suggest otherwise.

Scholarship -- Each element of a candidate's academic record is carefully evaluated by a service academy's admissions board. The elements evaluated include a complete high school record (and college record, when applicable), class standing, and either the SAT-1 or ACT scores. All strengths and weaknesses in a candidate's academic background are taken into account.

Leadership -- Participation and achievement in organized athletics, student body and class government, clubs and class extracurricular activities, scouting, boys or girls state, and church or other community-related activities demonstrate evidence of leadership potential. Candidates who have found it necessary to work to provide family support are considered to have demonstrated desirable leadership potential.

Physical Aptitude -- Measuring strength, endurance, agility, and coordination, the academies' fitness tests are designed to determine each candidate's readiness to undertake the rigorous athletic and physical education program at one of the academies. Each academy has its own test requirements. Results of the examination are evaluated, assigned a numerical score, and included in the whole-person evaluation by West Point. The Air Force, Naval, and Merchant Marine academies evaluate the results on a pass-or-fail basis.

Medical Fitness -- A candidate who meets minimum scholastic standards will be scheduled to take a service academy qualifying medical examination at a military or civilian contract facility near the candidate's home. Although medical qualification standards vary among the academies, only one exam is required. Different tests may be necessary, however, depending upon the academy. Scheduling and evaluation of the exam are arranged by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). Candidates who have questions about their medical exam results should direct them to:

DODMERB
8031 Edgerton Drive
Suite 132
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840-2200
(719) 472-3562

Medical scheduling and evaluation are time-consuming processes, especially if consultation, re-testing, or corrective action is required. The process may take from six weeks to four months.

Motivation -- Motivation is an intangible quality and difficult to evaluate; however, since it is most frequently the factor that determines an appointee's success or failure at a service academy, I make every effort to gauge a candidate's motivation. An attempt to measure motivation may be made through observation of the candidate's interest level in attending an academy and serving as an officer in the armed forces. Motivation may also be measured through an evaluation of correspondence, personal contacts, and care with which application materials are prepared.



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APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES **11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

To ensure efficient processing of your application, please either type or clearly print your responses in blue or black ink. You may also copy and paste this document into a word processing program. You must answer each question. If a question does not apply, please write "N/A" in the space provided. Blank lines will not be accepted. Each item submitted with this application must have your name and social security number on the top right corner of the page.

1. Please indicate the Academy to which you are requesting a nomination. If you are requesting nominations to more than one Academy, please rank them 1 to 4 in order of your preference.

Military	_____
Naval	_____
Merchant Marine	_____
Air Force	_____

2. Name (Last, First, Middle): _____

3. Date of Birth (yyyy/mm/dd): _____

4. Social Security Number: _____

5. Permanent Address: _____

6. Mailing Address: _____

7. Telephone Number: _____

8. E-Mail Address: _____

9. Sex: Male _____ Female _____

10. Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

11. Name and Address of high school attended or currently attending:

12. Date of High School Graduation: _____

13. Cumulative High School GPA: _____

14. Name and Address of school currently attending (if applicable):

15. GPA (other than high school): _____

16. Highest SAT Scores: Verbal _____ Math _____

17. ACT Scores: English _____ Math _____

18. Class Standing is _____ in a class of _____

19. Please attach a separate, typed sheet for each of the following sections. Include your name and social security number at the top, right-hand corner of each page submitted.

1. Extra-curricular activities (school athletics, leadership, clubs, etc.)
2. Activities outside of school (community athletics, scouting, work, volunteer work)
3. Statement of **400 words or less** explaining why you wish to enter one of the U.S. Service Academies.
4. Three letters of recommendation as described in the instructions.

20. Have your transcripts sent directly to my office by the registrar at your school, and your SAT and/or ACT score reports sent directly to my office from the testing agency (SAT code: 5350; ACT code 7250)

21. To ensure consideration of your application, please sign and date the following:

I attest that the information I have provided is complete, accurate and truthful.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please mail your completed form and all materials to:

Attn: Academy Nominations
United States Representative Jerry McNerney
2222 Grand Canal Blvd. #7
Stockton, CA 95207