

Thank you for expressing an interest in attending a United States military academy. It is an honor to be one of the people able to nominate young North Dakotans to these fine institutions as they prepare for a military career.

The academies have basic requirements that must be met by all applicants. You must be a United States citizen; unmarried and have no legal obligation to support a dependent; and at least 17 years of age; but not over 23 by July 1 of the entering year.

In addition, college entrance exams are required for all applicants. You should have a minimum score of:

Service Academy:	SAT:	Verbal	Math	ACT:	Verbal	Math
Military Academy:		500	600		26	26
Naval Academy:		500	600		24	25
Air Force Academy:		600	610		26	27
Merchant Marine Academy:		400	500		21	25

Throughout the application process, the academies conduct a "whole person evaluation," taking into account leadership ability, physical aptitude and goals and motivations for a military career. Of all of these, I consider leadership ability, combined with scholastic excellence, to be the most important.

To further enable me to nominate the most qualified applicants to the academies, I will need the following materials from you:

1. High school transcript
2. College entrance test scores
3. Four letters of recommendation
4. Completed application form
5. One page essay entitled, "Why I Want To Attend A Military Academy."
6. A photograph of yourself

In addition, if you have not already done so, you will need to contact the Admissions Offices of each of the Academies that you are interested in attending. You must request that a precandidate file be initiated for you at each one.

I plan to make nominations to the individual academies in December. I will review your file later this fall to make certain I have all the materials needed to complete the application process and will contact you to schedule an interview in November.

Please return to: **Attn: Pam Mohl**
657 Second Avenue North, Room 306
Fargo, North Dakota 58102

If you have any questions about the application process, please feel free to ask for my Fargo office at 1-800-223-4457.

Sincerely,



KENT CONRAD
United States Senate

