



Application Packet
Service Academy Nominations
Class of 2014

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HENRY CUELLAR
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SENIOR WHIP

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding nominations to our nation's Service Academies. I am honored to be involved in the nomination process and I applaud you for your desire to serve our great nation in the Armed Services. Due to the limited number of candidates I am able to nominate to each Service Academy, I encourage you to contact Senator John Cornyn's and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's office to inquire about their nomination process as well.

The Service Academies for which I offer nominations are the United States Air Force Academy, United States Military Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy, and United States Naval Academy. A nomination to one of the Service Academies is a prestigious honor which requires characteristics of dedication, a desire to serve others, the ability to accept discipline, and a sense of duty and morality.

If you have any questions please contact my San Antonio office and speak with Loretta Kerner at (210) 271-2851 or via email at loretta.kerner@mail.house.gov. I look forward to receiving your application for nomination.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Cuellar". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Henry Cuellar, Ph.D
Member of Congress

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SAT and ACT Test Dates

Standardized test scores are important elements of your application. In order for your application to be considered complete, you must either send an official copy of your scores or have the testing centers send your scores to my office. The codes for my office are: SAT: 4703, ACT: 7709. To meet this deadline, I suggest taking one or both of the tests on these dates:

SAT
May 2, 2009
June 6, 2009

ACT
April 4, 2009
June 13, 2009
September 12, 2009

*Note: All test scores must be postmarked by **November 6, 2009**. However, your test scores can be updated between the time of your application and the time of the Academy Board meeting if you score higher on a later test; this will only be permitted for students who submit their score(s) on or before the official deadline to complete their files.

Service Academy Contact Information

If you have not already done so, you should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies that you desire to attend. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly.

U.S. Air Force Academy
Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(866) 546-4788
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Military Academy
Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, New York 10996-1797
(800) 822-2769
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy
USNA Admission Office
117 Decatur Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(888) 249-7707
www.usna.edu

*Note: Congressional nominations are no longer required (nor are they submitted) for the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). If you are interested in attending the USCGA, contact the Academy directly at:

United States Coast Guard
Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
(203) 444-8501
www.uscga.edu

CONGRESSMAN HENRY CUELLAR
2009-2010 APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES
SERVICE ACADEMIES

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (M iddle) (Pre ferred First Name)

Current Mailing Address: _____
(Street / P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Texas Residence: *(If you listed a Post Office Box or a temporary address above. Service Academies require the listing of your street address in Texas.)*

(Street / P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone Number: (____) ____ - _____ Alternate Telephone Number: (____) ____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Are you currently or were you formerly enlisted in the United States Military? _____

If you answered "Yes" which branch? _____

Are you the dependent of an active or retired member of the United States Military? _____

Social Security Number: ____ - ____ - ____ Are you a U.S. citizen? _____

Gender: Male Female Date of birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): _____

High School Attended: _____
(School Name)

(School Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

(School Phone Number) (Counselor's Name)

Expected Date of Graduation: ____ / ____ / ____

High School GPA: ____
(Please have your counselor convert this to the 4.0 scale)

Class Rank: ____ / ____

SAT: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Composite _____

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

Have you attended an Academy Summer Leadership Seminar? _____

If you answered "Yes" which Academy Leadership Seminar(s) did you attend: _____

Are you currently an active participant of any of the following:

_____ JROTC _____ Boy Scouts/Eagle Scout/Gold Award _____ Mission Field
_____ Civil Air Patrol (CAP) _____ National Honor Society _____ Academy Preparatory School

Please indicate which academy you would like to attend; if you are interested in more than one academy, please rank them in order of your preference, first to last.

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy _____ U.S. Military Academy
_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy _____ U.S. Naval Academy
_____ U.S. Coast Guard (A Congressional Nomination is not required for the Coast Guard Academy)

RESUME: On a separate page, briefly describe your involvement in the following activities: **interscholastic athletics, school activities, community involvement (volunteer or work experience), other activities you consider important or noteworthy and all awards and honors.** Include information regarding leadership positions and recognitions of achievement, as well as dates of involvement in each activity.

APPLICATION AGREEMENT: Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements. **If you do not include your signature, your application will not be considered for nomination:**

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I am a U.S. Citizen, or will be by July 1, 2009. I will be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2009. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident of the State of Texas.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not postmarked by November 6, 2009.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Send Completed Application Packet by November 6, 2009 to:

**U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar
Attention: Academy Nominations Coordinator
615 E. Houston St., Ste 451
San Antonio, Texas 78205**

SERVICE ACADEMY FACT SHEET

The following requirements apply to entrance to all four academies to which Members of Congress make nominations: Air Force, Military Academy (West Point), Navy, and Merchant Marine. The academy process is very competitive; therefore all candidates are urged to apply to every nomination authority they qualify for. The academy generally seeks a well rounded individual who demonstrate leadership and is involved in their school and community.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be at least 17 years of age, but not past 23 years of age as of July 1 of the year of admission to an academy; must be a citizen of the United States by birth or naturalization as of July 1 of the year of admission; and must be men and women of good moral character who are trustworthy, emotionally stable, and motivated.

RESIDENCE: Candidate and/or his or her parents must provide proof (if requested) of residence in the 28th Congressional District of Texas within the two years prior to prospective admission to an academy.

MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS: All physical examinations are conducted at designated Department of Defense medical examining centers. Examinations will be conducted only for candidates who have been officially scheduled by the Department of Medical Examination Review Board – a tri-service agency responsible for scheduling and evaluating examinations for all the U.S. Service Academies. Applicants will receive instructions for taking the Medical Examination directly from the Medical Review Board.

PHYSICAL APTITUDE: Applicants must demonstrate superior strength, endurance, and agility which will be measured by the Physical Aptitude Examination (PAE). Candidates are advised to prepare for this examination by engaging in vigorous activities such as running, general conditioning exercises, and competitive games. Details on the PAE can be found in the appropriate academy manual, together with the height and weight limitations.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: To be considered for a nomination to an Academy, the applicant must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or the American College Testing Program (ACT). It is strongly recommended that the SAT/ACT tests be taken to see which one measures the educational background most favorably. Applicants are advised to check carefully with their guidance counselors. **SAT Code: 4703, ACT Code: 7709**

APPLICATION: All applicants are required to submit the following: completed application, transcripts, resume, three letters of recommendation, personal essay, SAT/ACT. Your completed application must be returned no later than **November 6, 2009, to my San Antonio District Office.** Applicants must indicate their academy preference on the application form. Applicants will be reviewed for any or all service academies listed on the application form for which openings are available

INTERVIEW: All applicants will be interviewed in December by the Service Academy Board for the 28th Congressional District of Texas.

Once nominees are selected, nominations will be submitted to the Service Academies, which will determine which nominees will receive offers of appointment.