

CONGRESSMAN BOB FILNER

ACADEMY APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

This information sheet describes the method used to select young men and women for nominations to the Army, Navy, Air Force and Merchant Academies.

Selection Method

Congressman Bob Filner will make 10 nominations for each vacancy at the various Military Academies. The appropriate Academy Admissions Board will then evaluate these nominees. The nominees will be ranked in order of merit and the most qualified will be selected for an appointment by the academies. Most appointments are offered by the Academies before the end of April.

Competition Requirements

The following are the factors used in choosing nominees:

- A. Academic – Grade point average, SAT scores and class standing
- B. Leadership experience and ability. This is based on extracurricular activities (work, sports, service organizations, etc.).
- C. Written essay – Applicants are required to submit a 500-word essay on “Why I wish to attend a military academy” or “Why I wish to serve in our armed forces as a commissioned officer.”

The enclosed application form must be returned no later than OCTOBER 31st. Please do not forget to include your SAT scores, high school transcript, summary of extracurricular activities, essay, and photograph.

It is recommended that you visit the following websites of the academies for further information and on-line application:

- U.S. Air Force Academy: www.usafa.edu
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy: www.cga.edu
- U.S. Naval Academy: www.usna.edu
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: www.usmma.edu
- U.S. Military Academy: www.usma.edu

It is also recommended that you contact your High School or College Counselor to discuss proper procedure for applying to the academies.

For further information, please feel free to call Manny Doria of Congressman Filner’s staff at (619) 422-5963.

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SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

NAME: _____
Last First Middle

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: _____

DATE OF GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

INDICATE YOUR SERVICE ACADEMY PREFERENCE:

(If more than one preference, indicate your order of priority)

___ WEST POINT ___ NAVAL ACADEMY
___ AIR FORCE ACADEMY ___ MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING:

1. A summary of your extracurricular activities (sports, work, volunteer organizations, etc.)
2. A 500-word essay on "Why I wish to attend a military academy" or "Why I wish to serve in our armed forces as a commissioned officer."
3. SAT Scores: Verbal _____ Math _____
4. High School Transcript
5. Photo

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Submit Application to:

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The Nomination and Appointment Process For Service Academies

The Nomination

All appointments to the service academies are made by the President of the United States. To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an applicant must have a nomination from an authorized nominating source. Title 10, U.S. Code, establishes two nomination categories. The first, usually referred to as “congressional nominations” includes the nominations of the Vice-President and Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. The second, referred to as service-connected or “military-affiliated” nominations includes the selections of the President and the nominations of the Secretary of the appropriate service (e.g. Secretary of the Army for nominations to the Military Academy). Applicants who meet eligibility requirements may apply for and receive nominations in both categories. In fact, applicants should apply for as many nominations as they may be eligible for. Congressional nominations account for three-fourths of all appointments. Therefore, Members of Congress should not exclude from their nomination process those applicants who may also hold service-connected nominations.

Congressional Nominations

Members of Congress may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. Senators nominate from applicants in their entire state. Representatives nominate from applicants domiciled in their congressional districts (as constituted at the time of their election). Applicants may apply for and receive nominations from both their United States Senators and from their Representative. Applicants may also apply to the Vice President of the United States, who can nominate applicants from the country at large.

Service-Connected Nominations

The President of the United States may select for appointment to the service academies children of members of an armed force who are currently on active duty or were retired from active duty. The President may also appoint the children of Medal of Honor winners. The Secretary of the appropriate service may nominate for appointment enlisted members of the regular and the reserve components of the appropriate service, members of the service’s own Reserve Officer Training Corps and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, and the Junior Reserve Officer Training programs of the other services which have been designated as Honor Units with Distinction.

Qualified Alternates

If the annual quota of cadets is not filled, the Secretary of the appropriate service may select up to 150 candidates who received congressional nominations but were not selected. These candidates must be fully qualified, and will be selected in order of merit from the academy waiting list.

Additional Appointments

If the annual quota of cadets is still not filled, the Secretary may nominate candidates who competed for a nomination and are fully qualified. At least three fourths of these candidates must have received a congressional nomination.

Who is Eligible?

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of 1 July of the year of admission to an academy:

Age: Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday.

Citizenship: Must be a United States citizen.

Marital Status: Be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.