

2012 United States Service Academy Nominations



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TO: APPLICANTS TO THE U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

FROM: CONGRESSMAN LEONARD LANCE

A Member of Congress has the ability to nominate up to ten applicants for one vacancy to be filled at an Academy and is not permitted to have more than five men or women in each Academy at one time. Generally, a vacancy is created only by graduation. At the Merchant Marine Academy, I may nominate up to ten young men and women to compete with other nominees on a statewide basis for a quota of six appointments allotted to the State of New Jersey.

My nominations to all Service Academies are strictly competitive, based on the recommendations of my Academy Review Board. The conclusions of the Board members are reached after reviewing each applicant's academic record and extra-curricular activities. A final selection will be made by my Academy Review Board following the applicant's personal interview.

The Academies require that you complete a separate application and take a medical qualification examination to ensure that you can meet the rigid standards of physical fitness.

You must certify that you are a legal resident of the Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey. This complies with the statutory specifications for appointment.

The final selection in the competition of men and women who are nominated is determined by the academic board of each Academy, which selects candidates considered to be the best qualified on the basis of all-around ability and the likelihood of success in the military profession.

Please report your scores on the SAT and/or ACT directly to me by using my assigned score code numbers. My SAT code number is 2781. My ACT code number is 7530.

All applications and required material must be in my office by 5 pm on Friday October 19, 2012 to receive consideration by my Academy Review Board.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each Congressional office uses a selection process for Academy nominations designed to meet its own needs and standards. The different procedures are often confusing to applicants who apply to more than one source. Carefully studying and following the instructions of each office can avoid misunderstandings.

PLEASE NOTE: Signing the application will indicate that you understand and accept the nomination requirements as set forth by the Office of Congressman Leonard Lance.

Because of the extreme competition for nominations, you are urged to apply to every nominating authority available to you (both U.S. Senators, your Congressional Representative, and the Vice President). Should your eligibility allow, you may also apply to the President. Ideally, students seeking a nomination should begin the Congressional Academy process in April of their junior year of high school.

Congressman Lance will be able to nominate qualified candidates to the United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy, United States Military Academy at West Point, and the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Included is an informational fact sheet outlining the requirements of Congressman Lance's Review Board for each Academy.

Due to the large number of applicants, you will be interviewed for only **one** Academy. Therefore, careful consideration should be given to your choice of an Academy. Academy designation may be changed any time prior to Friday October 19, 2012.

Contact with the admissions office of the Academy of your preference is imperative. The Academy will establish a file and forward general information and detailed admissions requirements including a Prospective Candidate Questionnaire.

Congressman Lance's Review Board will conduct a personal interview with each applicant meeting all requirements. Selections are made competitively on the basis of academic performance, leadership potential, extra-curricular activities, physical aptitude, personal interviews and letters of recommendation. Qualified individuals for each vacancy will be recommended by the board to Congressman Lance for nomination. The final ranking and subsequent appointments will be at the discretion of the Academies.

Certain information must be provided for you to be considered an applicant. It is your responsibility to submit the required information. The deadline for file completion is 5pm on Friday October 19, 2012.

To ensure that Seventh District applicants have an opportunity to be reviewed by the academies, please let us know immediately if another authority nominates you. Additionally, should you change your career goals, please notify us. This will offer the opportunity to another student.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION.

FACT SHEET

The Academies provide guidelines for applicants who may be eligible to be considered for an appointment. A candidate must be an American citizen by the date of induction into an Academy and of good moral character. If you are a naturalized citizen, you must provide documentation.

The United States Air Force Academy, West Point, and Annapolis require you to be at least 17 years old, but not have passed your 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A candidate must be unmarried with no dependents.

The United States Merchant Marine Academy requires that you be at least 17 years old, but not have passed your 25th birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A cadet may be married, but couples may not be domiciled either on or off campus.

United States Air Force Academy

Director of Admissions
HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
Tel: 800-443-9266
Web: academyadmissions.com

United States Naval Academy

Director of Admissions
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402
Tel: 410-293-1000
Web: www.usna.edu/admissions

West Point

Director of Admissions
Official Mail and Distribution Center
646 Swift Road
West Point, NY 10996-9902
Tel: 845-938-4041
Web: www.usma.edu

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Director of Admissions
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024
Tel: 516-773-5000
Web: www.usmma.edu

United States Coast Guard Academy

*No Congressional nomination is required.
Call: 860-444-8444 or write 31 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320 to obtain information or application forms. You can also visit the Coast Guard Academy on the web at www.cga.edu.

All Academies require you to pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). The Academy to which you have applied will initiate the scheduling of an examination with the Department of Defense. Once taken, the examination may be used for all service academies and four-year ROTC scholarship programs.

NOTE: Graduation from a United States Service Academy obligates you to serve five years of Active Duty Service.

REQUIREMENTS

Residency: Applicant must be a legal resident of New Jersey's Seventh Congressional District.

Application Form: The enclosed application should be completed and returned promptly along with a photograph. It is preferred that you send your information as a complete packet.

Scholastic Information Sheet: Ask your high school counselor or principal to complete the Scholastic Information Sheet. Please ask that the completed form be returned to you in a sealed envelope. It is your responsibility to ensure that all information is provided. Please feel free to call our Flemington District Office at any time to check on the status of your file.

Three (3) Letters of Recommendation: Choose someone who knows you well (a teacher, coach, employer, etc.) to write a recommendation letter for you. Have the person sign their name across the seal of the envelope. Only three recommendation letters will be presented to the Review Board. Please do not submit additional letters. If the person writing your letter insists on mailing it to our office, be sure they use the Flemington District Office address, and please call to verify that the letter has been received.

Transcript: Ask your guidance counselor or principal for an official transcript that includes your course listing and grades, current GPA, class rank, and SAT/ACT test scores. Your final junior grades must be listed on the official transcript (report card copies are not permitted). The transcript should be returned to you in a sealed envelope. (Please do not request your transcript before the completion of your junior year).

Numerical Class Rank/Size: Numerical class rank and the approximate size of the class are required. This information must be included on the recommendation form completed by your guidance counselor or principal. A few schools have advised that they do not rank students. In order to complete all requirements, an accurate estimate of your class standing will have to be made by your guidance counselor or principal.

Essay: Briefly state why you want to attend the Academy of your choice. There is a 500 word limit.

Deadline: Send the above information to the Flemington District Office. All information must be received by **5pm on Friday October 19, 2012.**

Interviews: Interviews will be scheduled for Saturday November 17, 2012 **for all eligible applicants.** The personal interview is mandatory. Interviews will be held in the Flemington office. Special arrangements can be made with dependents of active duty military personnel who are located outside the State. You must call our office to discuss these arrangements prior to the postmarked deadline. Special scheduling time requests for Saturday November 17, 2012 will be considered if notice is received **prior to Friday November 2, 2012**

United States Service Academy Application for Nomination

Please attach
photo here

Congressman Leonard Lance
Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey
23 Royal Road, Suite 101
Flemington, NJ 08822 Phone: 908-788-6900 Fax: 908-788-2869

Please note that all materials for the application must be received in the Flemington District Office by 5pm Friday October 19, 2012.

Please indicate your **1st choice only**.

It is my desire to attend the United States:

- _____ Air Force Academy
- _____ Merchant Marine Academy
- _____ Military Academy
- _____ Naval Academy

I. Personal Information:

Full Name: _____

Legal NJ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip+4: _____ -- _____

County: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _ _ _ _ -- _ _ _ _ -- _ _ _ _

Father's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

II. Education:

Name of High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Telephone: _____

Are you attending college? _____ if yes, where: _____

Are you attending Prep School? _____ if yes, where: _____

III. Athletics:

Please list athletic activities and sport teams with which you participate:

IV. Extracurricular Activities:

Please list extracurricular or volunteer activities with which you participate:

V. Other Hobbies and Interests:

Please list any hobbies or additional interests with which you are involved:

VI. Employment:

Please describe jobs and/or internships that you have held:

VII. Recommendation Letters:

Please submit 3 letters of recommendation as outlined in the directions.

VIII. General Information:

Please answer each of the following five (5) questions within the space provided:

1. What academic areas do you intend to explore at an Academy?

2. Please list honors, prizes, awards, etc. you have received in order of importance to you.

3. What do you consider your greatest strength?

4. What do you consider your greatest weakness?

5. Do you have any members of your family that have served in the Armed Forces?

IX. Testing Scores:

Please list the date(s) and corresponding Writing/Math/Critical Reasoning Score for SAT and/or ACT tests (scores for new SAT tests range from 200-800 for each section: W/M/CR):

SAT:

Test Date: _____ W: _____ M: _____ CR: _____

Test Date: _____ W: _____ M: _____ CR: _____

Test Date: _____ W: _____ M: _____ CR: _____

Future Test Date(s) _____

ACT:

Test Date: _____ V: _____ M: _____

Test Date: _____ V: _____ M: _____

Test Date: _____ V: _____ M: _____

Future Test Date(s) _____

X. Nominating Sources:

Please list all other nominating authorities to whom you have applied for a nomination:

XI. Essay:

Please state why you want to attend one of the U.S. Service Academies in 500 words or less.

(You may type or write your answer on a separate sheet of paper.)

XII. Certification & Signature:

Please read before signing:

I have read the informational sheets explaining the nominating procedures and I am familiar with these requirements. I certify that I am a legal resident of the Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey and that the information submitted within this application packet is true and accurately presented. If I have not submitted all necessary materials by the Friday October 19, 2012 deadline, I understand that I may not be given final consideration for a nomination.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Congressman Leonard Lance
SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION SHEET
For students applying for an Academy Nomination

To the Guidance Counselor:

Please provide the information requested below and attach an official copy of the applicant's transcript through his/her Junior year.

When completed, please return to: Congressman Leonard Lance, 23 Royal Road, Suite 101, Flemington, NJ 08822. This information must be received by 5pm on Friday October 19, 2012.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Whitt Hance at Congressman Lance's Flemington office. The telephone number is (908) 788-6900.

Applicant's Full Name:

First

Middle

Last

Address: _____

Street

Town

Zip Code

Name of School: _____

Address of School: _____

Telephone Number of School: _____

Applicant's Year In School: _____ **Class Rank:** _____ **GPA:** _____

SAT: Writing: _____ **Math:** _____ **Critical Reasoning:** _____

Last Date Taken: _____

ACT: Highest Verbal: _____ **Highest Math:** _____ **Last Date Taken:** _____

School Activities:

General Comments / Recommendation:

Guidance Counselor's Signature: _____

Date:

Guidance Counselor's Printed Name: _____

PLEASE ENCLOSE A TRANSCRIPT REFLECTING FINAL JUNIOR YEAR GRADES.

**SEND APPLICATION TO:
CONGRESSMAN LEONARD LANCE
23 ROYAL ROAD, SUITE 101
FLEMINGTON, NEW JERSEY, 08822**

**Application & the Scholastic Information Sheet,
Must Be Received By: 5PM on FRIDAY OCTOBER 19, 2012**