



U.S. Military Service Academy Congressional Nomination Information Sheet

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to the academy:

- Between 17 and 22 years of age
- Possess U.S. citizenship
- Unmarried, not pregnant, and with no legal obligation to support children or other dependants
- Reside in the 53rd Congressional District of California

Selection Criteria

Nominations from Congresswoman Davis are based on a "whole person" evaluation. Applicants are considered for a nomination at four levels:

- The **FIRST** consideration is academics. Each individual's grade point average, SAT/ACT scores, class ranking and willingness to embrace academic challenges will be considered.
- The **SECOND** consideration is leadership experience and potential command ability. This will be based on the resume of activities submitted in the application packet and would include involvement in sports, school, civic and personal/social activities.
- The **THIRD** consideration is the motivation and desire of the applicants to attend a service academy. This will be based on both the essay submitted and the interview before the Academy Nominee Selection Board.
- The **FOURTH** consideration is comparative in nature, appraising each applicant's attributes against all who are applying.

Applications to the Academies

Application **MUST** also be made to the Director of Admissions of the Academy or Academies of your choice, in addition to the nomination application to Congresswoman Davis.

Merchant Marine Academy

For the Merchant Marine Academy, a Member of Congress may nominate as with the other academies, however, there is no dedicated position available. Each nominee selected must compete statewide for the vacancies, and the Merchant Marine Academy makes the selection.

U.S. Coast Guard Academies

A Congressional nomination is not required for the Coast Guard Academy, as they manage their own selection process. Any individual interested in applying must contact the Academy directly. You may submit an application online at <http://www.cga.edu>.

Final Admission to Academies

Selected nominees will be announced in January 2013. The slate of nominees chosen by Congresswoman Davis will then be forwarded to the academies indicated. **The selection of the appointee to each academy is ultimately decided by the academy to which you have applied.**

Questions?

**Congresswoman Davis' San Diego office is available to answer any of your questions.
You may contact the office by telephone at (619) 280-5353.**

U.S. Military Service Academy Congressional Nomination Application Instructions and Procedure

Important Dates

Request Nomination Application
Beginning in February 2012
Nomination Application Deadline
October 29, 2012
Academy Selection Board Interview
November 2012
Nominations Announced
December 2012
Offers of Appointment from Academies
Beginning in February 2013
Class of 2017 Enters Academies
July 2013

Application Materials

- Attached "Academy Nomination Application"
- Sealed copy of high school transcripts
- Copy of your latest SAT/ACT scores (photocopy acceptable)
- Resume that includes extra curricular activities and any work experience
- One Letter of Recommendation
- Recent, small photograph
- Essay of 500 words or less (described in Application)

The completed application packet MUST arrive at Congresswoman Davis's office no later than 5:30pm on Monday, October 29, 2012. Postmarked applications will not be accepted. Please mail or deliver to:

**Congresswoman Susan A. Davis
Attn: Academy Liaison
2700 Adams Avenue, Suite 102
San Diego, CA 92116**

Academy Nominee Selection Board

Upon receiving the properly completed packet, potential nominees will then be interviewed and evaluated by Congresswoman Davis' Academy Nominee Selection Board. This board is made up of individuals with unique knowledge of the requirements of the academies. They will look closely at all aspects of those

individuals who are being considered. This evaluation is based on the above "Selection Criteria" and the in-person interview. The board is scheduled to consider applicants in November 2012. Those who qualify for nomination will be ranked in order of merit, with the most highly qualified receiving nominations as availability at each academy allows. This slate of nominees will number ten individuals per opening available. There maybe more qualified applicants than available openings, and in such a case the first ten will be submitted, with the other applicants being placed on a stand-by list.

Announcement of Nominees

The announcement of nominees will likely occur during the month of December 2012. The nominations will then be forwarded to the appropriate academies where another evaluation will be performed by the Academy.

Depending on how well you have competed amongst this year's pool of candidates, you can be nominated to multiple academies. It is also possible to win multiple appointments.

Admission to Academies

SELECTION OF THE APPOINTEE TO EACH ACADEMY IS ULTIMATLY DECIDED UPON BY THE ACADEMY TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED. Nomination by Congresswoman Davis does not automatically result in selection by the Military Service Academies.

All applicants must directly contact the academies they are interested in attending to open an admissions file. If you do not apply directly to the academies, you cannot be accepted there. Academies will begin to notify applicants of their admissions status in February, and all offers of appointment are generally sent out by May. See the "Military Service Academy Contact Information" sheet for further information.



Military Service Academy Contact Information

United States Military Academy

West Point Admissions
Building 606
West Point, NY 10996
(845) 938-4041
Website: <http://www.usma.edu>

United States Naval Academy

Candidate Guidance Office
United States Naval Academy
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(410) 293-4361
Website: <http://www.usna.edu>

United States Air Force Academy

HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 2400
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840
(800) 443-9266
Website: <http://www.usafa.af.mil>

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Director of Admissions
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
300 Steamboat Road, Admissions Center
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(866) 546-4778
Website: <http://www.usmma.edu>

United States Coast Guard Academy

Admissions
31 Mohegan Ave.
New London, CT 06320-8103
(800) 883-8724
Website: <http://www.cga.edu>

** USCGA accepts candidates based on their own testing criteria so it is not necessary to seek a nomination for the Coast Guard Academy.*



**Congresswoman Susan A. Davis
53rd Congressional District**

**ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION
Class of 2017**

Name:

(last)

(first)

(middle)

Permanent Address:

(street)

(city)

(zip)

(Your permanent address must be within the 53rd Congressional District.)

Mailing Address:

(If different from permanent address.)

Home Telephone: ()

Cell Phone: ()

Email:

Primary contact (check one): ()Home ()Cell

Date of Birth: / /

Place of Birth:

(MM/DD/YYYY)

Social Security Number (last four digits only*):

Gender:

** If you are requesting a nomination to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, you must provide your entire SSN. The Academy requires this information when submitting nominations.*

Parent/Guardian(s):

High School:

Date of Graduation:

GPA:

Class Rank:

Class Size:

SAT Scores: Total:

Verbal:

Math:

Writing:

ACT Scores: Composite Score:

English:

Math:

Reading:

Science:

Military Service (if applicable):

College/University Experience (if applicable):

Please attach a resume including different activities you have participated in such as: athletic activities, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, awards and honors, community involvement and employment experience.

Please attach one letter of recommendation supporting your nomination. Letters may not come from immediate or extended members of your family. Suggested individuals include: teachers, coaches, school principals and staff, employers, clergy, counselors, community leaders, etc.

Please attach an essay of 500 words or less entitled, "Why I wish to attend the (name of academy) Academy." Evaluations will be based upon both writing skill and content of essay.

Rank the following service academies you wish to be nominated to in the order of your preference. You do not have to rank all academies.

U.S. Air Force Academy U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
 U.S. Military Academy at West Point U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis

Please include the following information with your application:

Academic Transcript Resume Recent Photo
 SAT/ACT Scores Recommendation Letter Essay

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CONGRESSWOMAN SUSAN A. DAVIS
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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____