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STUDENT

Dear STUDENT,

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding your interest in seeking a Congressional nomination to one of the United States military service academies. I am encouraged by your interest in attending one of these fine academies, and your desire to serve as an officer in this Nation's military.

I have enclosed a nomination application packet for your convenience. This packet includes an application, which requires an essay (two pages or less) for you to explain why you want to attend the academy and serve in the Armed Forces, and a photograph.

In addition, three letters of recommendation are required, and there are recommendation forms included in your packet to help guide your recommender with their letter (the form can be submitted on its own, or a letter on letterhead can be provided by the recommender in lieu of the form). One letter of recommendation must be from a recommender who has knowledge of your academic work, be it a teacher, counselor or principal. ***Please note that all letters of recommendation should be from someone that knows you personally, as these letters are given great consideration by my Academy Committee.***

In the fall of your senior year, please speak with your guidance counselor, as I will need a transcript of your coursework which includes the classes you will be taking your senior year.

Once your packet is complete, please mail it to my Utica District Office, 430 Court Street, Suite 102, Utica, New York, 13502. **ALL INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED TO MY OFFICE BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

In addition to applying for a Congressional nomination through my office, if you have not already done so, you will need to apply directly to the academy you are interested in attending as well. For information on how to apply to the academy, please visit the following:

- United States Air Force Academy: www.academyadmissions.com
- United States Merchant Marine Academy: www.usmma.edu
- United States Military Academy: www.usma.edu
- United States Naval Academy: www.usna.edu

After your application is received in October, your file will be reviewed by my independent, non-partisan Academy Committee, which is comprised of Veterans, educators and community leaders from the 22nd Congressional District. My office will also schedule you for an in person interview with the Academy Committee in the weeks after my application deadline. Once all of the files have been reviewed and the students interviewed, the Academy Committee will meet before the Holidays to make recommendations to me for nominations to the military service academies.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me and for exploring this excellent opportunity for not just a world-class education, but for an opportunity to serve and lead this Nation's military.

Please do not hesitate to contact my Utica District Office at 315-732-0713 with any questions or concerns you may have.



2020 MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____

Name: _____
(as it appears in your Birth Certificate)

Social Security# _____

Date of Birth: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

Village/City

Zip Code

Town where you reside: _____

County: _____

Best Telephone Number to Reach You (with Area Code): _____

Temporary Mailing Address/Telephone Number if applicable:

E-mail: _____

Please provide contact information for your parents/guardian (Complete both if parents/guardians reside in separate residences):

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Name, Address and Telephone Number of High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Brief Description of Extracurricular Activities (you can use another sheet if needed): _____

Employment (if applicable): _____

Indicate which academy you would like to attend by preference (1 to 4, 1 being most interested):

U.S. Air Force Academy U.S. Merchant Marine Academy U.S. Military Academy U.S. Naval Academy

Are you seeking a nomination through any other source(s)? If so, please list who you have contacted:

Authorization for Rep. Brindisi to use your name in a press release if you receive a nomination/appointment: Yes No

Attached to this application, please provide an essay describing why you wish to attend one of the military service academies and your goals for your further service in the military after graduation if you attend one of the academies. Your essay should not exceed two (2) pages.

Please feel free to include any additional information that you believe will be helpful to my Academy Committee or myself concerning your academic background, extracurricular activities, community involvement, etc. Also, please include a picture of yourself with the application, as this will be very helpful to the Committee during the application and interview process in recalling you and the information about you. *Please note photos should be no larger than 3 inches x 5 inches, and absolutely no proofs.*

I, the undersigned, declare that the information that I have provided on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete:

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____



2020 MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICANT RECOMMENDATION FORM

Note to Applicants: Please enter your name below and deliver or mail this form to the person who will write your recommendation. Ask your recommender to enclose the recommendation form or a letter of recommendation on letterhead (if appropriate) that he/she has completed on your behalf, seal the envelope, sign across the seal, and return this to you. Do not open this envelope or break the seal. Submit the sealed envelopes with your application

Name of Applicant (Last Name, First Name): _____

Recommender's Name: _____

Position/Title: _____

Address/Telephone: _____

Note to Recommender: The person whose name appears above is applying for a nomination for admission to one of the United States service academies. The purpose of the academies is to provide a college education leading to a career as an officer. *The questions below suggest the kind of information which would be helpful in the selection process, but this form is provided as a guide, and I welcome your comments in whatever form you believe is suitable (i.e. letter of recommendation, etc.)* I realize that your time is valuable, and this is a lot to ask of you, but your opinion of the candidate is crucial in assisting my Academy Committee in determining who are best suited to receive nominations to the service academies.

Also, if you are providing a letter of recommendation for multiple students who are seeking a nomination through this office, please provide a unique letter for each student, as the Committee would like to know your personal views and assessment of the candidate.

This recommendation is to be sealed in the envelope provided, and you will sign over the seal to ensure that it has not been opened. Please mail/return to the applicant.

How long have you known the application and in what capacity:

What do you consider the applicant's strengths and weaknesses with regard to leadership potential?

Do you feel that the applicant is motivated to attend a service academy because he or she truly wants to attend or do you believe he/she is interested due to family/friends/other outside influences?

Do you know of any circumstances/issues that might affect the applicant's performance at a service academy? If yes, please explain:

How does the applicant handle stressful situations?

Please provide an appraisal of the applicant in terms of the qualities listed below. Leave blank those that you feel you cannot accurately assess.

	Outstanding	Superior (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 15%)	Good (Top 1/3)	Average (Mid 1/3)	Poor (Bottom 1/3)
Intellectual Ability						
Ability to Work with Others						
Leadership Qualities						
Imagination and Creativity						
Motivation						
Maturity						
Overall Character						

Please comment on the ratings that you have assigned above and make any additional statements about the applicant's record, potential, or personal qualities which you believe would be helpful to the Academy Committee in considering this application. Please feel free to provide this information on a separate sheet if needed:

Recommender's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please seal in the provided envelope, sign the seal, and return directly to the applicant as soon as possible