

# UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

To be eligible for nomination to one of the U.S. Service Academies, you must be at least 17 years old, but not have passed your 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday (as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of admission to an academy; 25<sup>th</sup> birthday for Merchant Marine Academy). You must be a U.S. citizen, of strong character, unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

Each U.S. Representative and Senator may have five cadets at each of the three service academies (Naval, Air Force, and Military) at any one time. The number of vacancies is determined by the number of cadets who either graduate or leave academies each year. I will be notified of available vacancies at each academy in August of this year. Because of extreme competition for nominations, you are urged to apply to every nominating authority which your eligibility allows. This includes at a minimum, my office, Senators Lindsey Graham and Jim DeMint, and Vice President Dick Cheney.

Certain information is required as outlined below in order for you to be considered as an applicant. It is your responsibility to submit this information and to keep it updated. The deadline for receipt of this information is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, as we must have time to process your application. Your materials must be received in my office by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, to be eligible.

## REQUIREMENTS

1. Residency: Your legal home must be in the Fourth Congressional District of South Carolina.
2. Application Form: The enclosed application form must be completed and returned promptly. Formal candidacy is established in my office upon receipt of the application. It is not necessary to send all required information at once, and please do not wait to file your application if transcripts or test scores are not immediately available.
3. Autobiographical Essay: You must submit an autobiographical essay with your application. This essay should be a minimum of one page in length and you may focus on any aspect of your life.
4. Recommendation Forms: The enclosed recommendation forms must be completed by your school guidance counselor, principal, coach, or teacher and returned to my office. I require two recommendation forms.
5. Transcript: An official transcript of your high school record and class rank must be submitted. This transcript must show your final junior grades and numerical class rank (percentile ranks are not acceptable). If you apply before this information is available, it is your responsibility to request that your guidance counselor send an up-to-date transcript to keep your records current.
6. College Boards: You must take either the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) as part of your evaluation for appointment. Information about the test can be obtained from your high school guidance counselor. The ACT code number for my office is 7664 and the SAT code number is 4526. When you register to take the ACT or SAT, use the code number and your scores will automatically be forwarded to my office.

7. Leadership and Physical Fitness: Leadership potential and physical fitness are judged from the information provided on your application form. This information should be kept up to date. Unlike civilian colleges, the service academies place a strong emphasis on physical training. In addition, the service academies, like civilian colleges and universities, place a high premium on leadership and extra-curricular activities. Therefore, consideration must be given to each candidate's proven ability in these areas.

### OTHER INFORMATION

At the Merchant Marine Academy, ten candidates will be selected for nomination from The Fourth Congressional District to compete for the statewide quota of ten.

There are no congressional nominations to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Appointments to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy are made through a nationwide competition. Students who are interested in an appointment should contact the Academy directly. Applications should be directed to the Superintendent, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut 06320.

### BASIS FOR SELECTION

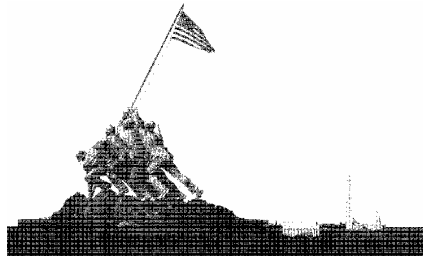
Selections are made competitively on the basis of a composite of academic factors, leadership potential, extracurricular activities, physical fitness and recommendations. The following are included:

1. School records, class rank and grade point average.
2. Extracurricular activities.
3. College Board Scores.
4. Motivation.

All correspondence on the service academies should be sent to the following address:

Congressman Bob Inglis  
Attention: Paul Howell  
105 North Spring Street  
Suite 111  
Greenville, SC 29601

Phone: 864.232.1141  
Fax: 864.233.2160



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APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

Note to applicant: This application form is furnished to act only as an aid in the selection process. Do not leave any line blank on this form; place an X on lines which are not applicable. The DEADLINE for receiving your completed application package is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Please return this form to my office at your earliest convenience. Please print or type when completing this form.

Please attach a recent photo in the upper right hand corner. (Optional)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

My approximate standing is \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

My GPA is \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

WHICH SERVICE ACADEMY DO YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR?

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Naval Academy

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Air Force Academy

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

(If you wish to be considered for more than one, please rank your choices in numerical order.)

Test Scores:

SAT - Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Date applicant completed test: \_\_\_\_\_

- Writing \_\_\_\_\_

ACT - \_\_\_\_\_

Date applicant completed test: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please remember to send the scores to my office as soon as they are available.)

I am also seeking nomination through (i.e. Senator(s), Vice President, etc.):

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Extracurricular Activities:

A. Employment – Hours / week

\_\_\_\_\_ During School

\_\_\_\_\_ Summer

B. Leadership Data (Please check all that apply.)

\_\_\_\_ Boy's / Girl's State or Nation

\_\_\_\_ Jr. ROTC officer

\_\_\_\_ Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts / Eagle Scout

\_\_\_\_ Key / Beta / Interact / other service club

\_\_\_\_ President / Officer of Class in School / Student Organization

\_\_\_\_ National Honor Society / Who's Who / Academic Honors Club

\_\_\_\_ Church Activities

\_\_\_\_ Other:

C. Athletics (indicate years participated and JV/V)

\_\_\_ Football

\_\_\_ Baseball / Softball

\_\_\_ Basketball

\_\_\_ Swimming

\_\_\_ Track / Cross Country

\_\_\_ Other:

Please Note: You may use additional sheets or resumes to elaborate on any other information you feel is pertinent on your application.

Have you contacted the academy to let them know of your interest? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

If you have not, you should do so right away so that you can start a file in their office. Telephone numbers are provided below for further information.

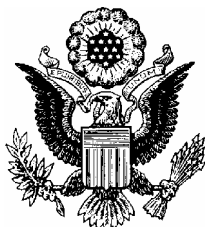
USNA: 1.410.293.4361 USAFA: 1.800.443.9266 USMA: 1.800.822.2769 USMMA: 1.866.546.4778

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please print your name as it appears on the above line. \_\_\_\_\_



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**Congressman Bob Inglis – Fourth District of South Carolina**  
**United States Service Academies Recommendation Form for Principal ,**  
**School Guidance Counselor, Coach, or Teacher**

NOTE TO RECOMMENDER: The person whose name appears below is applying for admission to one of the U.S. Service Academies. As you may know, the purpose of the academies is to provide a college education that leads to a career as an officer. The questions below suggest the kind of information which would be helpful in the selection process. I am aware that I am asking for considerable time and effort on your part in completing this form. Therefore, I want to assure you that your generous assistance in giving this appraisal is very helpful to me and greatly appreciated.  
This recommendation form must be received by my office no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

Full Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Year in High School: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical Junior Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Out of: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ OR ACT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

Please comment on the following categories and list activities or demonstrative examples. Feel free to use additional sheets of paper to elaborate.

Leadership Characteristics:

Personality Traits:

Ability to Work Under Pressure:

Ability to Get Along with Others:

Motivation:

List School Activities in which Applicant Participates:

General Comments and/or Recommendation:

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Signature of Recommender

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Date

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## CHECK LIST and DATES TO REMEMBER

1. CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION: The following is due in my office at your earliest convenience, but must be received by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

- Application for Nomination
- Autobiographical Essay
- High School Transcript showing GPA and rank in class (you may need to make a special request)
- Recommendations from School Principal, Counselor, Coach, or Teacher (Two of these)
- ACT or SAT scores
- Any extra material that would aid us in the nominating process

2. ACADEMY APPOINTMENT: Contact the service academy you wish to apply to immediately. To enter the service academy, you must have both a nomination from my office and an appointment from the service academy of your choice. You will be in competition for this appointment if you are given a nomination.

Please remember, if you are given a nomination from my office, you are not guaranteed an appointment from the academy. The academies make their own decisions on appointments.

3. REMINDERS:
  - a. The deadline to submit your application for a Congressional nomination is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.
  - b. You must also keep in contact with the academy of your choice throughout this process.
  - c. You may retake the ACT or SAT tests in an attempt to improve your scores.
  - d. Call Paul Howell in my office at 864.232.1141 if you have any questions.

NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
Application Process Closes

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER  
Personal Interviews and Nomination Notification Letters Mailed