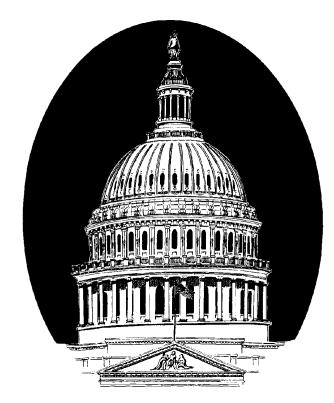
# CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES



## 2006 Congressional Nomination Application United States Service Academies

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Florida

> Please Return to: 10100 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines, FL 33026 Phone- (954) 437-3936 Fax- (954) 437-4776

#### August 9, 2006

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in obtaining a Congressional nomination from my office! Each year, Members of Congress have the unique opportunity to nominate outstanding young men and women in their Congressional Districts to the prestigious United States Service Academies.

The Academies have a longstanding tradition of grooming patriotic leaders and high-level military professionals and I wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of this legacy of duty and honor.

Should you have any questions about the nomination process or if you require any further information, please contact my District Outreach Coordinator, Sari Vatske, in my District Office or you may e-mail her at <u>sari.vatske@mail.house.gov</u>.

Thank you,

Debbie Wasserman Schultz Member of Congress

#### The Nomination and Appointment Process

In order to be considered for an appointment to a United States Service Academy, each applicant must have obtained a nomination from an authorized nominating source. The Vice President of the United States, as well as Members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. Applicants may apply for and receive nominations from the Vice President, their U.S. Senators and their Congressional Representative.

Members of Congress are allowed five vacancies at each of the Service Academies. For each vacancy that Members of Congress have at the Service Academies, they may nominate up to 10 candidates to compete for that vacancy. A student remains in one of the vacancy slots until that student graduates from the Service Academy.

Under the competitive nominating process, which is utilized in this office, the Service Academies will select one candidate of the 10 nominees, who they believe to be the most qualified for an appointment. The nine nominees who are not selected will then compete for other available appointments in a nationwide pool of nominees.

#### Eligibility Requirements

**Age:** Applicant must be at least 17 years old, but must not have passed their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday on July 1 of the year of entry into the Academy.

**Citizenship:** Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.

**Marital Status:** Applicant must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent.

**Residency:** Applicant must be a legal resident of the 20th Congressional District of Florida. If an applicant is under 18 years of age, the voting residence of his/her parent(s) will be considered the applicant's legal residence.

**Medical Fitness:** A candidate who meets the minimum scholastic standards must pass a qualifying medical examination with the Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMERB).



#### **Application Schedule**

**October 27, 2006**- All requested information, constituting a complete application packet, must be **RECEIVED**.

November 18, 2006\*- Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz's Academy Nomination Advisory Committee. Interviews will be held at the Congresswoman's District Office, located at 10100 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, FL 33026.

**December 2006-** Each candidate who has received an interview will be notified as to his or her nomination status.

**December 2006 – May 2007-** The U.S. Service Academies will make the majority of their appointments during this time.

May 2007\* - Nomination Awards Ceremony

\* Denotes interview date is subject to change. You will be notified of the final date once all the information has been received.



#### **Application Procedure**

- 1. Application Form- Complete the Application Form and attach a recent photograph
- Standardized Test Scores- Scores from your SAT or ACT must be sent to my office directly from the testing center. Please use the following codes: SAT-5636 and ACT- 7340.
- **3. Transcripts-** Official transcripts, including your current Grade Point Average (G.P.A.), numerical class rank and complete course listing, must be submitted in a sealed envelope which has been signed across the seal by a school official.
- 4. Letters of Recommendation- Three letters of recommendation must be submitted by each applicant. One letter must be from your principal or guidance counselor. Another of your letters must be from a math or science teacher, and the final letter may be from anyone you choose, as long as you are not related to them. Each letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal by the person making the recommendation.
- 5. APPLICATION PACKET DEADLINE- The deadline for submitting a <u>complete</u> application packet is Friday, October 27, 2006. A complete application packet consists of an Application Form with a photo, an essay, SAT/ACT scores, official transcripts, all three letters of recommendation and the signed Privacy Act Release Form. NO submissions will be accepted after this deadline.
- 6. Interview- Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congresswoman Wasserman Schultz's Academy Nomination Advisory Board. Interviews will be conducted on a Saturday in November.

#### Application Form

Please attach
current photo
here.

Please type or print neatly.

Name (last, first, middle):

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

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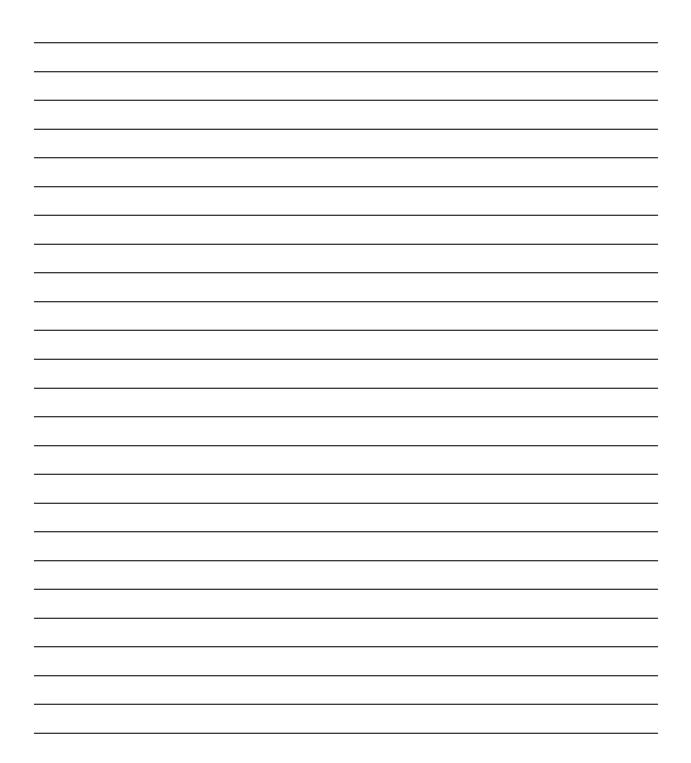
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 Signature of Applicant
 Date

 \*My signature certifies that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

#### <u>Essay</u>

In the space provided below, please define "commitment" and describe a personal experience in which you demonstrated this trait.



#### Privacy Act Release Form

In the event that this office finds it necessary to make inquiries on your behalf concerning your nomination, it is crucial that you have given permission for such inquiries to be made.

Please PRINT your name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz to make an inquiry on my behalf to \_\_\_\_\_\_and to obtain all necessary information regarding this matter.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please return by mail to:

Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz Attn: Academy Nomination Application 10100 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines, FL 33026

### <u>Checklist</u>

- 1. Complete Application Form \_\_\_\_\_ Photo \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Essay \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Test Scores (Sent from testing center) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Official Transcript(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Letters of Recommendation (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Privacy Act Release Form\_\_\_\_\_