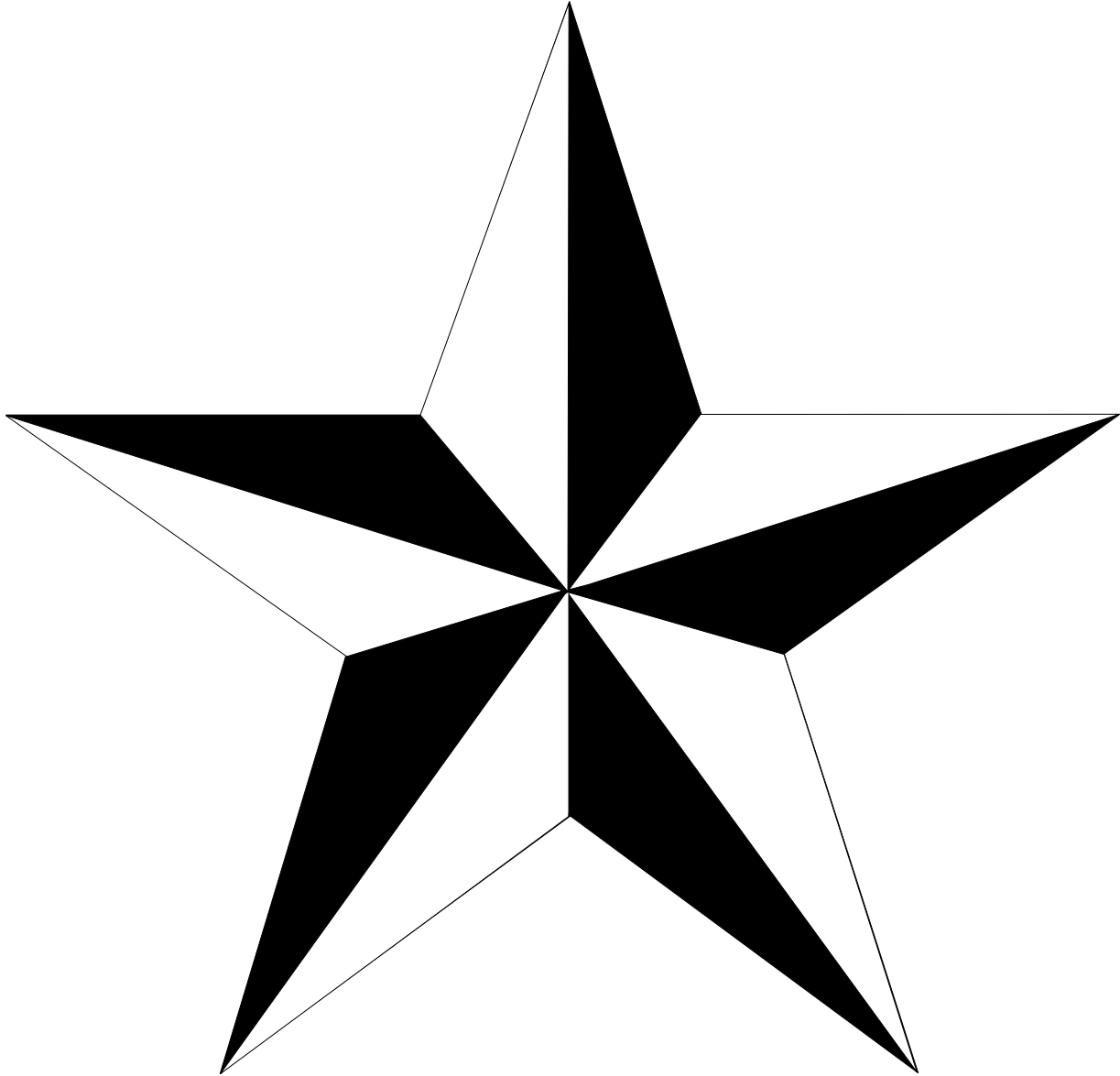


Service Academy Nomination Application



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Service Academy Nomination Application Instructions

3rd Congressional District of Nebraska

Eligibility Requirements

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to an academy:

- **Age:** Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday.
- **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen.
- **Marital Status:** Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- **Residence:** Must reside within the boundaries of the 3rd Congressional District of Nebraska.

Nomination Procedures

Each applicant for nomination must complete a nomination file with Congressman Osborne's office by the application deadline of **October 20, 2006**. A nomination file consists of the following items:

- **Application Form** (included in this packet)
- **Extra-curricular Activities Worksheet** (included in this packet)
- **Nomination Questionnaire** (included in this packet)
- **3 Letters of Recommendation:** Letters must be from a non-relative and sent directly to Congressman Osborne. (See *Frequently Asked Questions* for suggested individuals to provide letters of recommendation).
- **SAT/ACT Scores:** Test results must be sent directly to Congressman Osborne's office by the testing service. The institution code for SAT scores is 6734 and for ACT scores the code is 7515. *Applicants must have a cumulative score SAT score of at least 1000 in order to meet minimum academic qualifications.*
- **Official High School Transcripts:** Transcripts should be sent directly to Congressman Osborne's office by the school.
- **A small photograph of yourself**

All materials should be submitted to the following address:

The Honorable Tom Osborne
Member of Congress
819 Diers Ave., Suite 3
Grand Island, NE 68803

Interviews

To ensure fairness, Congressman Osborne uses a Service Academy Nomination Board to review files and interview applicants. This board evaluates applicants and recommends candidates for nomination. This well-qualified, non-partisan board ensures a fair and impartial process.

Applicants who meet the basic eligibility requirements and complete a nomination file by **October 20, 2006**, will be invited to meet with Congressman Osborne's Service Academy Nomination Board for an interview. This date is to be determined.

Selection Criteria

Nominations are based on a "whole person" evaluation. Factors such as academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character and motivation are taken into consideration and compared with other applicants.

The Service Academy Nomination Board will review all applications and submit its recommendations for nomination to Congressman Osborne following the applicant interviews. Nominations will be announced in early January.

Academy Admissions Files

All applicants must directly contact the academies they are interested in attending to open an admissions file. Please see *Frequently Asked Questions* and the enclosed *Service Academy Contact* sheet for further information.

Questions

Congressman Osborne's district office is available at any time to answer your questions. They may be reached by telephone at (308) 381-5555.

***Congressman Tom Osborne
3rd Congressional District***

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

Name

(last)

(first)

(middle)

Address

(legal residence within the 3rd Congressional District)

Mailing Address

(if different from legal residence)

Telephone ()

Date of Birth / /

Age

Gender

Social Security #

Height

Weight

U.S. Citizen?

Yes / No

(circle)

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Name of High School

Date of Graduation

Current Unweighted GPA

Approximate Class Ranking

Class Size

Total Number of AP Courses:

Math:

Physical Science:

Biological Science:

SAT Scores:

Total:

Verbal:

Math:

Date / /

ACT Scores

Total:

English:

Math:

Reading:

Science Reasoning:

Date / /

Dates you plan to take future SAT or ACT test [s]

 / / / / / / / /

Military Service (if applicable)

What service Academy are you applying for?

Have you previously applied for a Congressional Nomination to a service academy? **Yes / No**
(circle)

Have you applied for a nomination through another source? **Yes / No** **Source:**

List three individuals who will write a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination. Letters cannot come from immediate or extended members of your family. Suggested individuals include: teachers, coaches, school principals and staff, employers, clergy, counselors, community leaders, etc.

1)

2)

3)

Recommendation letters should be mailed directly to:

Congressman Tom Osborne
819 Diers Ave., Suite 3
Grand Island, NE 68803

Letters must be received by *October 20, 2006.*

I wish to be nominated to the following academy(s) in this order of preference (only mark the academies to which you have applied):

(Entering Academy July 2007):

U.S. Air Force Academy _____

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy _____

U.S. Military Academy at West Point _____

U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis _____

I understand the deadline for the receipt of the application form, an official high school transcript, college aptitude test scores, and recommendation letters is October 20, 2006.

Applicant's Signature:

Date: _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature:

Date: _____

Extra-Curricular Activities Worksheet

NAME: _____
(LAST) **(FIRST)** **(MIDDLE)**

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES: Mark "JV" Junior Varsity or "V" Varsity in the appropriate space. Also specify with an "L" if you lettered in the sport.

<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>NON-SCHOOL ATHLETICS</u>	
Baseball	___	___	___	___	Baseball	___
Basketball	___	___	___	___	Basketball	___
Cheerleading	___	___	___	___	Football	___
Cross Country	___	___	___	___	Golf	___
Drill Team	___	___	___	___	Gymnastics	___
Football	___	___	___	___	Running	___
Golf	___	___	___	___	Karate	___
Soccer	___	___	___	___	Racquetball	___
Swimming/Diving	___	___	___	___	Skiing	___
Tennis	___	___	___	___	Soccer	___
Track/Field	___	___	___	___	Softball	___
Water Polo	___	___	___	___	Swimming	___
Wrestling	___	___	___	___	Tennis	___
Softball	___	___	___	___	Track/Field	___
_____	___	___	___	___	Volleyball	___
_____	___	___	___	___	Wrestling	___

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
(Please mark an "X" to indicate activity involvement.)

- Student Body Representative _____
- Scouting _____
- Church Activities _____
- Band/Orchestra _____
- Music/Singing _____
- Drama _____
- School Yearbook/Newspaper _____
- Key Club _____
- Language or Science Club _____
- ROTC _____
- _____
- _____

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- Boys/Girls State _____
- Student Body President _____
- Class President _____
- Student Body Officer _____
- Athletic Team Captain _____
- Eagle Scout _____
- ROTC _____
- Other Military Officer _____
- Other School Club Officer _____
- Non-school Club Officer _____
- Editor, Yearbook/Newspaper _____
- _____

AWARDS AND HONORS

- National Honor Society _____
- _____
- _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- _____
- _____
- _____

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (attach resume, if applicable)

Name:

Date:

Service Academy Nomination Board Questionnaire

Briefly answer the following. Feel free to use a separate piece of paper if you need additional room. Please type or print legibly in **black ink** and return your responses to Congressman Osborne's office by **October 20, 2006**.

- 1. Why are you interested in attending a military service academy? What have you done to learn more about what a commitment to one of the academies entails?**

- 2. What do you feel is your strongest personal attribute?**

- 3. What characteristic do you perceive is a personal weakness and what do you do to compensate and/or improve it?**

- 4. What role does competition play in your life?**

- 5. What qualities do you feel are important in a leader? Describe a leadership role you have held and how you've exhibited any of these leadership qualities.**

SEEKING A NOMINATION

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What is a nomination?

To ensure that our nation is represented adequately at our service academies, and that the best qualified candidates compete for admission, Title 10 of the U.S. Code establishes two types of nominations: **a)** congressional and **b)** military service connected.

A non-military candidate may seek a nomination from the following: **a)** a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, from the congressional district where the candidate resides **b)** both U.S. Senators **c)** in addition, a candidate may apply directly to the Vice-President of the United States, who can nominate applicants from any part of the nation as he deems worthy.

2) What are the basic eligibility requirements?

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of **July 1** of the year of admission to an academy:

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- **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen.
- **Marital Status:** Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- **Residence:** Must reside within the boundaries of the 3rd Congressional District of Nebraska.
- You must possess good moral character. It is assumed good moral character exists unless there is evidence to demonstrate otherwise.

3) When do I apply for a nomination?

You begin the process in the spring of your junior year. Call Congressman Osborne's office and request a nomination packet.

4) What is the deadline for completing a nomination file?

This year the deadline for returning materials to the congressional office is **October 20, 2006.**

5) What must be included in my nomination file?

A complete nomination file consists of the following items:

- 1) Application Form
- 2) Extra-Curricular Activities Worksheet
- 3) Nomination Questionnaire (5 Essay Questions)
- 4) 3 Letters of Recommendation
- 5) SAT or ACT scores
- 6) Official Transcripts
- 7) A Small Photograph of Yourself

6) What happens after I have completed my nomination file?

Applicants who meet the basic eligibility requirements and complete a nomination file by the **October 20, 2006,** will be invited to meet with Congressman Osborne's Service Academy Nomination Board.

7) Why does Congressman Osborne use a nominating board?

This board evaluates applicants and recommends candidates for nomination. This well-qualified, non-partisan

board will ensure a fair and impartial process.

8) What criteria does the board use in selecting candidates?

Nominations are based on a “whole person” evaluation. Factors such as academic achievements, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, physical aptitude, character and motivation are taken into consideration and compared with other applicants.

9) What is Congressman Osborne’s “method of nomination”?

The preferred method of nomination is the competitive nomination. This process allows Congressman Osborne to nominate up to 10 qualified candidates for each available opening. The academy itself will make the final selection.

10) How do I open an admissions file with the academies?

All applicants must directly contact the academies they are interested in attending to open an admissions file. Reply cards for each academy are included in this application packet. Please refer to the *Service Academy Contact Information* sheet on page 12 for further information.

11) How many academies are there?

There are five.

A. Three reside within the Department of Defense:

- 1) The U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- 2) The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis
- 3) The U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs

B. Two reside within the Department of Transportation:

- 1) The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point
- 2) The U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London

12) Are the requirements the same for all of the service academies?

No. Although many of the qualifications are similar, each academy operates under its own admissions guidelines. Refer to the *Service Academy Contact Information* sheet enclosed in this nomination packet for the academy of your choice and contact them directly for an academy catalog. Each academy will outline its particular admissions qualifications. You may also discuss this matter with the member(s) of the Service Academy Board who represents your academy choice(s). Our board does not represent the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. It is not necessary to seek a nomination to the Coast Guard Academy. U.S.C.G.A. accepts candidates based on their own testing criteria.

13) Can I have family members submit letters of recommendation?

No. All recommendations must come from outside your immediate, or extended family. Typical recommendations are from:

- 1) Teachers
- 2) Counselors
- 3) Employer
- 4) Coaches
- 5) Clergy
- 6) Scout Leaders

The list above is an example of those individuals who are qualified to submit recommendations on your behalf. Please call Congressman Osborne’s office if you have any questions regarding this particular requirement.

14) Do I have to have all of the required paperwork collected before submitting it to Congressman Osborne?

No. Once you have requested a nomination packet, a file will be opened in your name. It may take time to gather the appropriate materials. Send in the materials as you receive them. Remember, your transcripts and recommendations should be sent directly to Congressman Osborne's office.

15) How should I submit my SAT/ACT scores?

Test results must be sent directly to Congressman Osborne's office by the testing service. The institution code for SAT scores is 4638 and for ACT scores the code is 7287. Applicants must have a cumulative score of at least 1000 in order to meet minimum academic qualifications.

16) When will I receive my nomination?

Nominations must be delivered to the academies by January 31, 2007. You will be notified some time thereafter.

17) Will I automatically be selected by the academy after I receive a nomination?

No. You will be placed among a select group of nominees, and the academy of your choice will make the final decision. If selected, you will receive a letter of appointment directly from the academy.

18) What if I choose more than one academy? Will I be limited to a single nomination?

No. You can be nominated to multiple academies depending how well you have competed amongst this year's pool of candidates. It is also possible to win multiple appointments.

19) When will I know if I have been offered an appointment by an academy?

Academies will begin to notify candidates of their admissions status in February. All offers of appointment are generally sent out by May.

These are some of the most commonly asked questions from prospective candidates. If this information has given rise to new questions, please do not hesitate to contact Congressman Osborne's office.

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(308) 381-5555

Service Academy Contact Information

United States Military Academy

Director of Admissions
United States Military Academy
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-9902
Director of Admissions (845) 938-4041
(800) 822-2769
Website: <http://www.usma.edu>

United States Naval Academy

Candidate Guidance Office
United States Naval Academy
117 Decatur Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
Candidate Guidance Office (410) 293-4361
Toll Free Number (800) 638-9156
Website: <http://www.usna.edu>

United States Air Force Academy

USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840-5025
Toll Free Number (800) 443-9266
Website: <http://www.usafa.af.mil>

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Director of Admissions
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York 11024-1699
Toll Free Number (800) 732-6267
Website: <http://www.usmma.edu>

United States Coast Guard Academy

Director of Admissions
15 Mohegan Ave
New London, CT 06320-4195
Toll Free Number (800) 883-USCG
Website: <http://www.cga.edu/>

*It is not necessary to seek a nomination to attend the Coast Guard Academy.
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Important Dates

Request Nomination Application.....	Beginning March 2006
Nomination Application Deadline.....	October 20, 2006
Nominations Announced.....	January 2007
Offers of Appointment from Academies.....	Beginning February 2007
Class of 2011 Enters Academies.....	July 2007