

U.S. Congresswoman

Ginny Brown-Waite

*Representing Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy,
Marion, Pasco, Polk, and Sumter Counties*



MEMORANDUM

**TO: ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN SERVICE
ACADEMY NOMINATIONS**

FROM: CONGRESSWOMAN GINNY BROWN-WAITE

RE: ACADEMY APPLICATION

It is time to start working toward your congressional nomination. In an effort to assist you, enclosed is an application with detailed procedures. I suggest you carefully read these procedures before completing the application.

If you have not registered for the SAT or ACT test, do so now. The Academy Selection Committee requires a minimum combined total score of 1050 (SAT) before an applicant can be considered for nomination. **The deadline for completion of all files is November 8, 2008. If your file is not postmarked by that date, you will be automatically disqualified.**

If you have not contacted the Service Academies, you should contact them to request a pre-candidate questionnaire.

- Merchant Marine Academy www.usmma.edu
- United States Air Force Academy www.usafa.edu
- United States Naval Academy www.usna.edu
- West Point Academy www.usma.edu

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding nomination procedures, please contact my Brooksville office at (352) 799-8354.

CONGRESSWOMAN VIRGINIA “GINNY” BROWN-WAITE
5th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
SELECTION PROCEDURES FOR ACADEMY NOMINATION

20 NORTH MAIN STREET, ROOM 200
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601
PHONE: (352) 799-8354

[HTTP://BROWN-WAITE.HOUSE.GOV/](http://brown-waite.house.gov/)

Those individuals wishing to apply for nomination to the U.S. Service Academies must be citizens of the United States, residents of the State of Florida and the 5th Congressional District, and must never have been married. Applicants for the U.S. Military Academy, Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy must be at least 17 years of age and less than 22 years of age.

Each Congressman may not have more than five midshipmen or cadets at each Academy at any one time. Therefore, new applicants are considered only when a vacancy occurs in the quota through graduation or other causes. **Acceptance of an appointment commits an applicant to a nine year obligation to the Service (four years at the Academy and five years on active duty).**

The nomination process is a two-fold process. All prospective applicants must establish contact with the Admissions Office at the Academy of their choice. Once this is accomplished, the Academy will open a file for the candidate and transmit general information on the Academy plus detailed admission requirements, including a Prospective Candidate Questionnaire.

In order to ensure you are in our tracking system please submit a written request for a Congressional Nomination (samples are available on all academy websites). **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS.**

If you are a student in one of the Academy preparatory schools, it is still necessary for you to seek a Congressional Nomination.

Candidates making application to the Merchant Marine Academy must be at least 17 years of age and must not have passed their 25th birthday before July 1 in the year of entrance. The Congresswoman will submit up to 10 names for consideration each year to the Merchant Marine Academy.

<http://brown-waite.house.gov>

The Coast Guard Academy does not use the Congressional nomination system. If you are interested in attending the Coast Guard Academy, you must apply directly to the Academy. Congresswoman Brown-Waite's Academy Selection Committee will gladly assist any candidate interested in admission.

In order to be considered for the next class, the following information must be received in the Congresswoman's Brooksville office prior to November 8, 2008.

1. Completed application, including a recent photograph.
2. Personal statement on why you want to attend the academy of your choice. Please limit your essay to one typed page.
3. Two letters of recommendation from employers, coaches, teachers, clergy, etc. Do not use letters from family or friends. **Only two letters will be reviewed.**
4. College Entrance Examination Scores, SAT or ACT (SAT preferred). These must be current. It is to your advantage to take these tests as often as possible. Your highest combined scores will be used. Please request that a copy of your scores be sent to the Congresswoman's Brooksville district office. Please use Testing Code Number 7325 for ACT and 0369 for SAT. Official High School Transcripts, which must include standing in class and grade point average. (Both of these must be in your file by the deadline.)

The deadline for the submission of all pertinent data will be November 8, 2008. It is very important that all material and data be sent directly to the Brooksville office. By sending materials to Washington, you will cause delays in maintaining your file.

After the November 8th deadline has passed, the Academy Selection Committee will meet to review all applications. The Committee will select qualified candidates based on their SAT score, scholastic records, athletic and extracurricular activities. Final recommendations will be made by the Committee. Motivation, character and leadership abilities will also provide major elements in the final selection. The committee will select those most qualified to appear for personal interviews. The Committee will recommend to Congresswoman Brown-Waite up to 10 nominees for each appointment available at the respective Academies, but final selection for appointment will be made by the Academies. Each finalist will be notified as to the specific appointment time for a personal interview to be held in December.

You will also be notified of the location, with driving instructions and a map.

Please retain these instructions for information purposes. If you need another copy of this application you can visit the website at <http://brown-waite.house.gov/>. If you have any questions, please contact Congresswoman Brown-Waite's office at 352-799-8354 or toll free at 866-492-4835.

**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE U.S. SERVICE
ACADEMIES**

Return to: Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite
20 North Main Street, Room 200
Brooksville, FL 34601

Full Legal Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

County: _____ Home Phone# _____ U.S. Citizen _____

E-mail Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of School

Date of Graduation

Counselor

School Phone #

PARENT INFORMATION:

Father: _____ Mother: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Daytime Phone _____ Daytime Phone _____

Have you applied for nomination from any other source? ___No ___Yes

If so, please list:

It is recommended that you apply for appointment to more than one of the Service Academies.

The Academy Selection Committee however will give particular attention to your first selection. Please list below your choice of Academy, or Academies, in order of preference.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

ATTACHMENTS: You must attach a brief essay stating why you want to attend the academy of your choice. Please **DO NOT** attach additional letters of recommendation. Only the first two received will be reviewed by Congresswoman Brown-Waite's Review Board.

INTERVIEWS: Interviews are mandatory and non-waiverable for qualifying applicants. If you are a military family living outside the state of Florida, you must call to discuss your interview options. The interview will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2008.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:

I have fully read and understood the requirements and procedures for appointment to the United States Service Academies by Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite, and do hereby apply for nomination with the full intention of serving as a career officer upon graduation. I am also aware of the postmark deadline of November 8, 2008. I certify that I am a legal resident of the 5th Congressional District and there is no known reason why I should not be medically qualified to receive an appointment to a service academy, if nominated.

Date

Candidate's Signature

Please attach a current photo:

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO UNITED STATES SERVICE
ACADEMIES

RETURN TO: Congresswoman Virginia “Ginny” Brown-Waite
 20 North Main Street, Room 200
 Brooksville, FL 34601

Name: _____

List below your school and community activities
Complete this form or attach your own typed information

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>ORGANIZATION</u> | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>AWARDS</u> |
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2008 Schedule
U.S. Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite
United States Service Academy Nominations

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| March 26 | Application process opens |
| November 8 | Postmark deadline for file completion |
| November 17 | Interview notices mailed |
| December 6 | Personal interview |
| December 19 | Nominee notification by mail begins |

CHECK LIST FOR CANDIDATES:

- _____ Application form completed and mailed
- _____ Photograph attached to application form
- _____ Essay returned
- _____ Letters of recommendation (2)
- _____ **Official** high school transcript, including final junior or senior year grades, (also college transcript if applicable)
- _____ Class rank and approximate size of graduating class. Note: It is your responsibility to provide ALL required information. If obtaining this information is a problem, please call 352-799-8354.
- _____ SAT/ACT scores that meet minimum requirements. Scores reflected on high school transcripts will be accepted in lieu of testing center documentation.

**ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE SERVICE
ACADEMIES**

SHOULD BE SENT TO:

U. S. Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite
20 N. Main St. Room 200
Brooksville, FL 34601
(352) 799-8354

THE POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR FILE COMPLETION
IS
November 8, 2008