

U.S. Congressman Jack Kingston

UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Because of the extremely keen competition for nominations, you are urged to apply to every nominating authority which your eligibility allows, (i.e., Presidential, Vice Presidential, Senator, Congressman, Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, etc.) However, if you receive a nomination from another source, please let me know immediately. No candidate who fails to meet academy standards will be benefited by having multiple nominations.

Each Congressional Office uses a selection process which is designed to meet its own needs and standards. To applicants who apply to more than one office these different procedures are often confusing. Last minute misunderstandings can be avoided by carefully studying and following the instructions of each office.

The information outlined below is required 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 information is **1 OCTOBER** because there must be adequate time to assess each candidate's qualifications. Although information received after the deadline is acceptable until the selections of nominees are complete, candidates whose files are incomplete when nominations are made cannot be given consideration.

Careful thought should be given to your first choice of an academy. Second choices can be considered only in the event that there are not a sufficient number of qualified candidates in an academy category to fill a slate of nominees. This rarely happens.

II. REQUIREMENTS

- a. Residency. Applicants must be a legal resident of the First Congressional District of Georgia.
- b. Application Form. The enclosed Application must be completed and returned promptly. Formal candidacy is established in my office upon receipt of the Application. It is not necessary for you to send all required information at once, and you should not wait to file your Application if transcripts or test scores are not immediately available.
- c. Recommendations. The enclosed Recommendation Form must be completed by your school Guidance Counselor or Principal and returned to my office. Also submit three letters of recommendation from other sources.

d. 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 your guidance counselor to send an up-to-date transcript and records.

e. College Boards. The SAT or ACT are required entrance examinations by the Service Academies for candidates. Applicants are responsible for registration for tests and for requesting scores to be sent to the academy/academies and to my office. You must be tested before September for purposes of my office. Direct SAT or ACT scores to my office by indicating SAT code 5719, or ACT code 7351 and Congressman Jack Kingston as score recipient on the CEEB form. If you are unable to include my office in your original choices for test reports, send me a copy of the report you receive in order to save time and the additional report fee. If you submit more than one set of scores, the higher scores will be counted.

f. Qualifying Medical Examination. The individual academies will recommend the scheduling of medical examinations to the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board after receipt of the pre-candidate questionnaire which is used to open an admission file at the academy. There is no cost to the candidate for this examination. Be sure to open a file as soon as possible with the appropriate academy.

g. Leadership. 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 strong emphasis on physical training. In addition, the 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.

III. NOMINATION TYPE: PRINCIPAL WITH COMPETING ALTERNATES

There are three methods of nomination which may be used by Members of Congress. They are: Competitive, Principal with Competing Alternates, and Principal with Numbered Alternates. Members may use any of these methods at their discretion. Regardless of the nominating method and means of evaluation used, it is strongly encouraged that a full slate of ten nominations be submitted for each vacancy. The higher the number of nominees, the better the quality of an incoming class is likely to be.

The nomination method utilized by Congressman Jack Kingston's Academy Board is Principal with Competing Alternates. This method provides for designation of the Principal Nominee by the Member of Congress and his Academy Board. The other nine unranked nominees are submitted to the academy applicant pool for evaluation and compete as alternates with this pool. If the Principal qualifies (scholastically, medically, and in physical aptitude), he or she will be appointed and will fill the Principal vacancy. Please note that if the Principal does not qualify, the alternates then compete for the Principal vacancy. Principal selection at this point is based on merit as determined by the evaluation and ranking of the alternates by the service academy.

IV. BASIS FOR SELECTION

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

- a. School records, class rank, and grade point average.
- b. Extra-curricular activities and leadership.
- c. College Board scores. The academies normally establish qualifying scores for admission. The higher your scores and class standing, the greater will be your chances for a nomination, assuming qualification in the remaining areas of consideration.

Both West Point and the Air Force Academy accept the highest verbal and math scores from all tests taken. The Naval Academy averages the scores from all tests. The Merchant Marines qualifying scores for admission will be determined by the Academy for each class.

- d. Motivation. One of the most important considerations in the selection of nominees is motivation -- the candidate's desire to attend an academy. It is also the most difficult to measure. To an extent, motivation can be judged by a candidate's diligence in completing his file, which is the reason those with incomplete files are not considered for nominations. In addition, candidates write an essay on their reasons for wanting to attend a US Service Academy.

GOOD LUCK!

Instructions for Completing the Service Academy Nomination Packet

The application deadline is **1 OCTOBER**:

1. Please complete and return the enclosed Application Form.
2. Please submit a copy of your DODMERB medical evaluation that will be scheduled through the Academy.
3. Please submit a transcript of your high school and college studies if applicable. Be sure to include your SAT or ACT scores.
4. Please submit a photo of yourself. This can be emailed to Brooke.Floyd@mail.house.gov.
5. Please submit a personal statement explaining the following:
 - A. Why do you desire training at the Academy?
 - B. Do you intend to make the military a career?
 - C. In what ways do you feel you have demonstrated leadership?
 - D. Have you or any members of your family served in the military?
 - E. Have you been a member of JROTC, National Guard, Boy/Girl Scouts or other similar groups?
 - F. Have you found it necessary during your high school years to earn money to help pay your way through school or to assist your family?
 - G. Who has most influenced your life thus far, and why/ how?
 - H. Any other information you feel would be helpful.
6. Give the enclosed Recommendation Form to your high school counselor or principal to complete and return. You should also submit, or have submitted in your behalf, three letters of recommendation from other sources.
7. Nominations are determined the last week of November or early December. **IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE ALL MATERIALS RETURNED BY OCTOBER 1 SO YOUR FILE WILL BE COMPLETE FOR BOARD INTERVIEWS.**
8. Please mail to:

Brooke Floyd
Post Office Box 40
Baxley, GA 31515

If you have questions, please call Brooke at (912) 367-7403
or email her at brooke.floyd@mail.house.gov.

Please print clearly or type

Date: _____

Class of 2015 _____

List Order of Preference	
U.S. Military Academy	
U. S. Naval Academy	
U. S. Air Force Academy	
U. S. Merchant Marine Academy	

U. S. Representative Jack Kingston - Nomination Application

Name _____ Male Female

Address _____
 City, State & Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Birthdate _____ Place of Birth _____

Social Security # _____ Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Father's name _____ Work phone _____

Mother's name _____ Work phone _____

Local Newspaper _____

To what other nomination sources have you applied? (Senators, ROTC, President) _____

Education

High School _____ Graduation Date _____

Grade Point Average _____ My class rank is _____ in a class of _____

SAT/ACT Scores	Critical reading	Math	Writing

How many years have you taken Math _____ Chemistry _____ Physics _____

Extracurricular Activities

(Attach additional pages or resume if necessary)

Church & name of Minister _____

References

Name	Address	Occupation



U.S. Congressman Jack Kingston
1ST District of Georgia

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY
RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____

Name of School: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Address of School: _____

Leadership Characteristics:

Personality Traits:

Ability to Work Under Pressure:

Ability to Work With Others:

Testing Skills:

General Comments and/or Recommendations:

Signature of Counselor or Principal

Return to:
Congressman Jack Kingston
PO Box 40
Baxley, GA 31515

CONGRESSMAN JACK KINGSTON

U.S. Service Academy File Checklist

- Application Form
- DODMERB Results or Physician's Certificate of Health
- A Photograph
- High School and College Transcripts if available
- Test Scores (PSAT/SAT/ACT)
- Completed Recommendation Form
- Personal Statement
- Three Letters of Recommendation

Submit these items by OCTOBER 1