

Congressman Anh “Joseph” Cao
Nomination Application Packet for the United States Service Academies

Acceptance at an Academy involves the following requirements:

- ❖ At least a nine year obligation to the particular Service
- ❖ Four years at one of the Service Academy
- ❖ Five years with the Service

It is in your best interest to request a nomination through all sources available to you: Presidential, Vice Presidential, Senatorial and Congressional. If your father or mother is active duty military, or was killed in action, you may be eligible for a Presidential or Vice Presidential nomination.

Please contact the Service Academy for more information. Each candidate is strongly encouraged to apply to both U.S. Senators and their Congressman.

Eligibility Requirements

As of July 1st of the year of admission, applicants must:

- ❖ Be at least 17 years of age by July 1st of entering year, but not older than 23 years of age.
- ❖ Be a U.S. citizen or have obtained it by graduation.
- ❖ Be a legal resident of the state of Louisiana.
- ❖ Reside in District 2, New Orleans, Louisiana
- ❖ Not be pregnant or married and must have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent.
- ❖ Complete the SAT-1 or ACT examinations.
- ❖ Pass Academy physical requirements and medical examination
- ❖ Be of strong moral character

Academy Academic Requirements

The following academic requirements were taken verbatim from each academy’s stated guidelines for Congressional nominations.

- ❖ Air Force Academy
 - SAT-I test scores of the middle half of cadets entering the academy range from 590-670 Verbal and 620-700 Math.
 - ACT test scores of the middle half of cadets entering the academy range from 26-30 English; 27-32 Math; 28-31 Reading; and 27-31 Science Reasoning.
- ❖ US Military Academy
 - Mean SAT-I scores for a recent class are Math – 640 and English – 620.
 - Mean ACT scores are Math – 28 and Verbal – 27
- ❖ Naval Academy

- ❖ SAT-I Scores – Score Ranges
 - > 700 Verbal 20% Math 35%
 - 600-699 Verbal 54% Math 53%
 - < 600 Verbal 26% Math 12%
 - ACT Scores – Score Ranges
 - 31-36 Verbal 20% Math 35%
 - 26-30 Verbal 54% Math 53%
 - < 26 Verbal 26% Math 12%
- ❖ Merchant Marine Academy
 - To be considered minimally qualified, a candidate must meet the following criteria:
 - ACT English – 21 Math – 25
 - SAT-I English – 480 Math - 520

Nomination Procedures

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NOMINATION BY CONGRESSMAN ANH “JOSEPH” CAO, EACH APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO OUR NEW ORLEANS, LA DISTRICT OFFICE BY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2nd AT 5PM CST. **EACH PACKET MUST CONTAIN THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW:**

- ❖ Application form (included in this packet)
- ❖ Extra-curricular Activities Worksheet (included in this packet)
- ❖ Nomination Board Questionnaire (included in this packet)
- ❖ (3) Letters of Recommendation: One letter should be written by your high school principal or guidance counselor. The other letters may be written by teachers, coaches, scout masters, clergy or community leaders who can accurately speak to the applicant’s character, abilities and potential for success in an Academy environment. Letters should be sent with your completed packet to Congressman Cao’s New Orleans office. *It is not necessary to send certificates, additional letters, photos, etc as only the required documents will be used for consideration.
- ❖ SAT/ACT Scores: Scores may be submitted with the candidate’s official high school transcript. All testing scores must be submitted on or before the interview with the Selection Committee as results received later cannot be considered for our purposes. You are encouraged to retake the SAT or ACT exam in order to improve your academic competitiveness. Academies will accept the highest scores in each academic area, regardless of test date. i.e. If a math score is higher on one test date, and a verbal score on another, the academies will select the highest scores.
- ❖ Delivery Instructions: Please keep all materials together and mail to the New Orleans, LA District Office once you have all items that are required. Packets must be received **NO LATER THAN 5PM CST on NOVEMBER 2nd**.
- ❖ Interviews: Qualified applicants will be invited to meet with Congressman Cao’s Selection Committee. This well-qualified, non-partisan, board ensures a fair and impartial process.

Applicants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the military academy interviews. It is recommended that men wear dress slacks and shirt, or a coat and tie. It is recommended that ladies wear dress pants or skirt and dress shirt, or a dress. JROTC uniforms are acceptable and encouraged. Tee shirts and jeans are not recommended. Interviews will be scheduled for early December to be held in the New Orleans Area. Exact time and date will be determined.

- ❖ Selection Announcement: Nominations will be announced in early January

REMEMBER: YOUR FILE IS NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE WITHOUT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE APPLICATION.

Please contact Terry Jackson with any questions:

Terry Jackson
Liaison for Veterans Affairs,
(504) 483-2325
terry.jackson@mail.house.gov

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

Applicants must directly contact the academies to open an admissions file. The academy will return to you their Candidates Kit with specific instructions for their admissions process. The Congressional nomination materials ARE SEPARATE FROM the materials you must provide to the academies. It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy. 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)

U.S. Air Force Academy U.S. Naval Academy
 U. S. Military Academy U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

Full Name: _____

(Last) (First) (Middle)
SSN: ____/____/____ Home Tel: (____)_____

DOB: _____ Students Cell Tel: (____)_____

AGE: _____ Other Tel: (____)_____

GENDER: M / F Email: _____

Permanent/Temporary Address (if applicable)

Father's Name: _____ Work Phone: (____)_____

Mother's Name: _____ Work Phone: (____)_____

I UNDERSTAND THAT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION FOR A NOMINATION, MY COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE METAIRIE OFFICE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15TH OF MY SENIOR YEAR. I UNDERSTAND THAT, IF ACCEPTED INTO AN ACADEMY, THIS IS A NINE YEAR COMMITMENT. FOUR YEARS IN THE ACADEMY AND FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE UPON GRADUATION. THIS PACKET WAS COMPLETED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BY ME PERSONALLY.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____

Due to the caliber of this process it shows extreme responsibility when the applicant handles all correspondence and contact with my office. Please note that while we understand it is sometimes easier for the parent to make contact, we prefer to work with the applicant, as this is a major personal commitment.

Have you applied for a nomination by another source? Please check all that apply:

Senator Vitter Senator Landrieu Congressman Scalise Family/Service Related Other

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Guidance Counselor: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Estimated Class Rank & Class Size: _____/_____

Grade Point Average: _____ Grade Scale Used: _____

SAT Scores: Total: _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____

ACT Scores: Total: _____ English: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____

Reading: _____ Science Reasoning: _____

Grade point Average, Scale, Class Rank & Size must be included on your high school transcript. ACT/SAT scores reported on your official certified transcript are acceptable.

College (if applicable): _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Hours Completed: _____ Major: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Starting with most recent; use additional sheets if necessary.

Place of employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

Place of employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

Place of employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

CRIMINAL INFORMATION

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? Yes No

NOT INCLUDING: speeding tickets, parking tickets or traffic violations for which you did not receive any points

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: driving while intoxicated or impaired or disorderly conduct charges)

If yes, explain: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WORKSHEET

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

HIGH SCHOOL 9 10 11 12

NON-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Baseball

Basketball

Cheerleading

Football

Track/Cross Country

Golf

Drill Team

Gymnastics

Golf
Karate
Soccer
Racquetball
Swimming/Diving
Skiing
Tennis
Softball
Wrestling

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

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Editor, Yearbook/Newspaper | Student Body Representative |
| Boys/Girls State | Scouting |
| Student Government | Church Activities |
| Band/Orchestra | Music/Singing |
| Athletic Team Captain | Drama |
| Eagle Scout | ROTC |
| Service Club | Language or Science Club |
| Other School Club Officer | Non-school Club Officer |
| Civil Air Patrol | National Honor Society |

AWARDS AND HONORS/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Please list any extracurricular activities that you would like to the Review Board to be aware of)

MEDICAL HISTORY

Have you taken or been scheduled to take your Academy Medical Exam (scheduled by DODMERB)?

Yes No If yes, when? _____

Have you taken or been schedule to take your Physical Aptitude Exam?

Yes No If yes, when? _____

As part of your application for admission to an Academy, you will be required to take a medical exam through DODMERB (the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board). The following are common conditions that may cause and Academy to require you to obtain a waiver for admission.

Do you wear corrective eyewear?

Yes No If no, have you had laser surgery of any type to correct your vision? _____

Have you ever been diagnosed with asthma, hay fever or allergies?

Yes No If yes, please explain? _____

Have you had surgery or broken bones in the last ten years?

Yes No If yes, please explain? _____

Have you ever been diagnosed with ADD or ADHD?

Yes No If yes, are you currently taking medication or have you ever taken medication for this condition? If yes, please explain? _____

Have you ever had a tattoo?

Yes No

Have you ever had seizures or convulsions?

Yes No If yes, please explain? _____

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

Answer the following questions as briefly as possible in the space provided below. Please type or print legibly in black ink. **DO NOT** attach separate pages.

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?

What do you feel is your strongest personal attribute?

What are your personal weaknesses and what have you done to compensate for/or improve it?

What role does competition play in your life?

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?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Present at least three, but no more than five, letters of recommendation supporting your nomination. One letter must be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor. It is not necessary to send certificates, additional letters, photos, etc as only the required documents will be used for consideration. Letters should be included in your packet and not sent separately.

Name Title /Organization

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

ALL MATERIALS (APPLICATION PACKET INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPH, OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH ACT/SAT SCORES AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Congressman Anh “Joseph” Cao
ATTENTION: Academy Nominations
4640 South Carrollton Ave
Suite 120
New Orleans, LA 70119
(504) 483-2325

Check List for your Congressional Nomination:

- _____ Application for Congressional Nomination (from Congressman Cao's office)
- _____ Official transcript of your high school record including your final junior grades
- _____ Your numerical class rank shown on an official transcript (please note if your school does not rank)
- _____ A recent photograph
- _____ A copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores:
SAT – Date(s) _____ ACT – Date(s) _____

_____ Three letters of recommendation:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Additional letters of recommendation:

1. _____
2. _____

With the exception of test scores, items must be submitted as a package and not individually. Due to space restrictions, only the required materials will be used in consideration of your nomination request.