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October 16, 2009

Dear Academy Applicant:

Thank you for contacting me about your request for a Congressional Nomination to a U.S. Military Academy. I will make every effort to assist you with your desire to receive a post-secondary education and training at a military academy.

My staff and I will review all applications from residents of the Fifth Congressional District before I determine which students will receive nominations. All applicants are encouraged to submit information about their academic record, athletic history and community involvement.

The deadline to submit an application to my office is November 6, 2009. I will conduct interviews with applicants at my office by the end of the year and announce the names of those who will receive a nomination by January 2010. I nominate students based upon a competitive pool system.

Please submit your completed application and direct any questions, to Mike Siebenaler, my Academy Coordinator, at:

Office of Congressman Keith Ellison  
Attn: Mike Siebenaler  
2100 Plymouth Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55411  
Phone: (612) 522-1212  
Fax: (612) 522-9915  
E-mail: [mike.siebenaler@mail.house.gov](mailto:mike.siebenaler@mail.house.gov)

I wish you the best of luck with your application to a military academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Ellison".

KEITH ELLISON  
Member of Congress

All applicants are required to meet the following minimum requirements before applying for a nomination to a military academy:

- Applicants must be at least 17 years old and cannot pass their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday by July 1, 2010
- Applicants cannot be married
- Applicants cannot be pregnant or have a legal obligation to support children or other dependents
- Applicants must be United States citizens

Applicants who are seeking a nomination to become a pilot are encouraged to view the web sites of each academy and review their vision requirements.

I encourage you to contact the military academy (academies) of your choice and request a pre-application packet. You may reach the academies through your local academy liaison. I encourage you to contact your school counselor for the contact numbers to reach your local academy liaison. Your local academy liaison can assist you with your application and pre-candidate physical. You may contact the academies directly at the following addresses:

USMA Admissions  
Building 606  
West Point, NY 10996  
[www.usma.army.mil](http://www.usma.army.mil)  
Phone: (845) 938-4041

HQ USAFA/RRS  
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200  
USAF Academy, CO 80840  
[www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)  
Phone: 1-800-443-9266

Candidate Guidance Office  
United States Naval Academy  
117 Decatur Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018  
[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)  
Phone: (410) 293-4361

Director of Admissions  
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
300 Steamboat Road  
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699  
[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)  
Phone: 1-866-546-4778

I encourage all residents of the Fifth Congressional District to also apply to both U.S. Senators from the state of Minnesota. Applicants that apply to all of their nominating sources increase their opportunity for a nomination. You may contact your Senators at:

Honorable Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senator  
1200 Washington Ave. South #250  
Minneapolis, MN 55415  
Phone: (612) 727-5220  
Web site: [www.klobuchar.senate.gov](http://www.klobuchar.senate.gov)

Honorable Al Franken  
United States Senator  
316 North Robert Street #615  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
Phone: (651) 221-1016  
Web site: [www.franken.senate.gov](http://www.franken.senate.gov)

**Please submit the following documents with your application for a nomination to an academy:**

- Application
- ACT/SAT Test Scores (Scores from either test will be accepted. All academies will record your highest score. They do not average your scores if you take a test more than once.) ACT will send your scores directly to my office if you enter ACT Code 7487 on your test.
- Official high school transcript (Submit your college transcript if you are currently attending a college or university.)
- Photograph (any size)
- List of Extra Curricular Activities (Limit your list to one page. Please list all sports, academic organizations, volunteer experience, etc. I encourage you to include activities organized by you, your school, religious institution, community, etc.)
- Two Letters of Recommendation. (Letters cannot be submitted by relatives.)
- Essay. (Please submit a one page essay titled: Why I Would Like to Attend a Military Academy.)

All applications must be submitted by November 6, 2009. Please submit all application materials and direct your questions to Mike Siebenaler, my Academy Coordinator, at the address listed below:

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My staff and I look forward to working with you as you pursue a nomination to a military academy. I thank you for contacting me and I wish you the best of luck in your efforts to fulfill your dream.

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RIGHTS, AND CIVIL LIBERTIES  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP,  
REFUGEES, BORDER SECURITY, AND  
INTERNATIONAL LAW

Application for a Nomination to a U.S. Military Academy

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, Last)

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ MN Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the academy or academies you would like to attend by using a 1-4 rating system. 1 = First choice, 2 = Second choice, 3 = Third Choice, 4 = Fourth choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy at West Point

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs

\_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

School Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date (Month/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Did you attend a college, military academy prep school, or serve in the Armed Forces?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Test Scores:

English: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Science: \_\_\_\_\_ Composite: \_\_\_\_\_

**SAT Test Scores:**

Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you contacted the academy or academies you wish to attend? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you contacted your local academy liaison? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you scheduled your pre-candidate physical? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ MN Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_