

INFORMATION SHEET

The following information is compiled to give you a basic understanding of the requirements which must be met by applicants for appointment to the United States Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military, Naval, and Coast Guard Academies.

Let me advise you from the start, the competition will be very keen as you will be competing with many young men and women who have expressed an interest in receiving an appointment to one of the academies. If you are appointed, you will find yourself involved in a most challenging situation, one which will require intense study and sincere dedication in your pursuit of a service career. In addition to the following requirements, each academy requires that specific conditions, which are listed in their catalogues, also be met. Failure to do so will eliminate the applicant from competition.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Applicant must be a United States citizen.**
2. **Applicant must be a permanent resident of the Ninth Congressional District.**
One of the requirements of the academies in making nominations is that the applicant be a legal resident of the district represented by the Congressman making the nomination. When I make my nominations, I sign a statement saying that the young man or woman being nominated is a bona fide resident of my congressional district. If your permanent address is within the Ninth Congressional District, but for some reason, such as school or military service, you have a temporary address, please be sure BOTH ADDRESSES are properly listed on the Application Form. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP ME ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ADDRESS.
3. **Applicant must be at least 17 years of age** and must not have reached his or her 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year he or she is seeking admission to an academy.
4. **Applicant must be of good moral character.** I require each applicant to submit to me three (3) letters of recommendation. I prefer that at least one of the letters be from an educator. PLEASE DO NOT SEND MORE THAN THREE LETTERS as they will not be entered in your file. DO NOT SEND PETITIONS.
5. **Applicant must be unmarried,** never have been married and shall not marry (if her/she enters an academy) prior to graduation.
6. **Applicant must be a graduate of a secondary school** or one who will graduate prior to July 1st of the year he/she is seeking admission to an academy. You should have at least 15 credits including Algebra I& II, Plane Geometry I, English I, II, III, and IV, and American History I. However, any deficiency will not prevent anyone from being nominated, but he/she will have to be able to pass the regular Academy Entrance Examination before being given an appointment.

Each element of a candidate's academic record is carefully evaluated. These elements include the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or the American College Testing (ACT) test scores. It is noted that the Department of Continuing Education of St. Petersburg College schedules review classes for high school students scheduled to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test. These math and verbal review classes have proven very helpful in preparing students for this vital test. **We have been assigned the following numbers by the Educational Testing Service and the American College Testing Program: SAT 5681 and ACT 7329. Please list the appropriate code number on your request for score reports so that your reports can be sent directly to my office.**

7. **Applicant must pass a preliminary physical examination.** Since I do not authorize this exam, any problems with the designated date, time, and place of the exam must be settled between you and the Director, Service Academies Central Medical Review Board, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado 80840. The Medical Review Board will notify you regarding the scheduling of your exam.
8. **Each applicant must plan to make the military a career.** Enclosed you will find a CERTIFICATE OF INTENT. Each applicant must sign this form stating that he/she has every intention of, if selected for admission, completing the education and making a career of the military.
9. **Each applicant must be interviewed by my Academy Selection Committee.** Once I have received your Application Form, signed copy of the Certificate of Intent, your SAT/ACT scores, copy of your high school transcript, three letters of recommendation, and you meet the minimum academic requirements, I will arrange for you to be interviewed by my Academy Selection Committee. In order to be eligible for consideration for nomination, you must appear for this interview which is conducted during the December holiday season.

NOMINATIONS

I make my nominations to the various academies during the month of January for the class entering in July. I use the competitive method of nominating whereby I name ten (10) candidates for each vacancy at each academy, and the academies themselves then make the final selection.

OTHER WAYS TO RECEIVE AN APPOINTMENT

1. **Senators**

Even though you can apply through only one Congressman (the one representing your district), I would encourage you to also apply through both of your Senators.

2. **Qualified Alternates**

There is often the possibility of an applicant becoming a QUALIFIED ALTERNATE. Once the opening which I hold at the Academy is filled, all of the remaining nominees who pass the Academy Entrance Examination are in competition with each other from the entire United States for the various openings the academy may have. Many young men and women become Qualified Alternates and are placed on the waiting list; however, if their standing is not high enough among the other alternates, they will not be eligible for an appointment. Also, the President and Vice-President have openings to fill at the Academies. Further details are in the academy catalogues.

Please notify me if your father is an academy graduate, a Medal of Honor recipient or was killed in action while in military service.

MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

I am allowed to nominate ten (10) young men/women to the Merchant Marine Academy. The Academy will select candidates from the State of Florida for appointments. The number of openings given to Florida is eleven (11). My nominations to the Merchant Marine Academy are not listed on a competitive basis.

COAST GUARD ACADEMY

United States Representatives and Senators do not have nominating privileges to the Coast Guard Academy. Appointments to this Academy are made solely through the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Washington, DC.

I am pleased to learn of your interest in the academies and wish you the best of luck in the competition awaiting you. If you have any questions, please call my Palm Harbor office.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list ALL activities, including school athletics, Scouting and civic projects. Be sure to list any offices held, i.e. captain of football team, president of youth group, etc., as extra consideration is given for these achievements. If additional space is needed, please use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this sheet.

HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (Clubs, etc. of which you are a member or officer and number of years you've been a member)

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES: (List athletic activities by grade in which you participated as well as any letters you received)

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL: (List activities such as church groups, Scouts, etc. in which you are an active member)

LIST ANY PART-TIME JOBS YOU ARE HOLDING OR HAVE HELD: (Include how long)

WHAT ARE YOUR REASONS FOR PURSUING A MILITARY CAREER? _____

(Signature of Applicant)

(Signature of Father or Legal Guardian)

(Date)

(Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Young men and women who are selected for training at one of the service academies receive an outstanding and costly education at the expense of the United States government. For this reason, Academy graduates are required to serve a minimum of five (5) years after graduation in the armed services. In making my nominations, I am most anxious to select young men and women who sincerely want a service career and who intend to make it their life's work. For this reason, I am requesting every applicant to sign the Certificate of Intent below:

CERTIFICATE OF INTENT

I, _____, a candidate for appointment to one of the United States service academies, do hereby certify that my application is motivated primarily by a desire to serve my country as a career officer. I further certify that it is my intention, if appointed, to graduate from the academy and make the military or naval service my profession or career. I make this certificate and pledge in good conscience and without mental reservation.

(Date)

(Signature)