

CONGRESSMAN MEL WATT
North Carolina's 12th Congressional District
U.S. Service Academy Nominations

Each year I nominate high school seniors from the 12th Congressional District for appointments to the U.S. Military, Naval, Air Force and Merchant Marine Academies. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination.

With regard to the USAFA, USNA and USMA, there are various nomination authorities to which eligible candidates may apply including both U.S. Senators from the applicant's state, his or her U.S. Representative, the Vice President and the President (for children and legally adopted children of career officers and enlisted personnel of the armed forces, active or reserve). Each Representative and each Senator is allowed five slots for each Service Academy at any one time. Candidates applying to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy may seek a nomination from any U.S. Representative within the state that he or she resides.

Because competition for nomination and appointment is keen, all interested persons should apply through all sources for which they are eligible and for all Service Academies in which they have a real interest. An individual may be nominated by more than one nominating authority and to more than one academy.

My Academy Selection Committee typically meets in November to interview each applicant. The committee's recommendations to nominate are based on SAT/ACT scores, class rank, physical aptitude scores, extracurricular activities, physical fitness, medical examination and letters of recommendation. The deadline for submitting a completed application is **Monday, October 22, 2012**.

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following basic eligibility requirements by July 1 of the year you seek admission to a Service Academy:

- Must be a United States citizen; and
- Must be at least 17 years old, but not have passed his or her 23rd birthday; and
- Must be unmarried; and
- Must have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

For additional information, you may contact one of my offices or the Service Academy to which you wish to apply.

Academy websites:

U.S. Military Academy: www.usma.edu

U.S. Air Force Academy: www.usafa.af.mil

U.S. Naval Academy: www.nadn.navy.mil

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: www.usmma.edu

U.S. Coast Guard Academy: www.cga.edu

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The following items must be submitted to my Greensboro office before your application for nomination to a Service Academy can be completed:

- The Application for Nomination.
- An official copy of your College Board Testing Program (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT) results. The SAT code for Congressman Watt is 0421; the ACT code is 7590.
- Three letters of recommendation. One must be from an English instructor, one must be from a mathematics instructor and one must be from another individual, other than a relative. Please submit no more than three letters of recommendation.
- A transcript of your high school grades, including verification of your class rank.
- An essay (500 words or less) explaining your reasons for wanting to attend a Service Academy.
- A small photograph of yourself.

Please return the Application for Nomination and all supporting materials in one large envelope as a single application packet to the Charlotte office. All materials must be postmarked no later than **Monday, October 22, 2012** to assure that your application will be considered.

Please send to: Congressman Melvin L. Watt
ATTN: Service Academy Nomination Coordinator
301 South Greene Street, Suite 210
Greensboro, NC 27401

Non-School Extra-Curricular Activities: _____

Work Experience: _____

15. Academy Preference (Rank only the Academies that you applied to for admission.):

- Air Force Academy
- Merchant Marine Academy
- Military Academy
- Naval Academy

16. Have you or will you apply for a nomination from another elected official?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, official: _____

17. Signature

To the best of my knowledge, the information on this form and any attachment/enclosure is true, complete and correct. I understand that the deadline to submit a completed application packet is **Monday, October 22, 2012**. If I have not submitted all required information postmarked by this deadline, I understand that my application will not be given consideration

Signature

Date

Please return your completed application packet to:

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301 South Greene Street, Suite 210
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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Adam Hall in my Greensboro District Office by email at Adam.Hall@mail.house.gov or by phone at 336-275-9950.

Application Checklist

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- [] The Application for Nomination
- [] Official SAT/ACT score report
- [] Letter of recommendation from **English** instructor
- [] Letter of recommendation from **mathematics** instructor
- [] Letter of recommendation from an individual other than a relative
- [] Transcript of high school grades, including class rank
- [] Essay (500 words or less) discussing your desire to attend a Service Academy
- [] Small photograph of yourself