



## **SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION**

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NOMINATION APPLICATION FOR CLASSES ENTERING THE ACADEMIES

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2012**

Each year members of Congress nominate young men and women to become eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. The academies are seeking future cadets and midshipmen who possess “whole person” qualifications - good moral character, a commendable academic record, evidence of strong leadership potential, physical aptitude, medical fitness, motivation to achieve academically and eventually to serve as an officer in the Armed Forces. Later this year I will make ten nominations for each Seventh Congressional District vacancy at:

- The United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- The United States Military Academy, West Point, New York
- The United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
- The United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York

My nominations will be based on the recommendations of my Merit Selection Committee which is made up of community representatives from Colorado. The nominating process begins with the accompanying application packet. **All required forms and documents must be on file in my office by October 1, 2012.** If your file is complete at that time, you will be scheduled for a personal interview with my Merit Selection Committee. Interviews will be held in November at my Lakewood District Office and I will announce the nominations before the end of the year.

After my nominations have been submitted to the academies, the Admissions Office of each academy will offer the actual appointments to successful nominees. The announcement of appointments can begin as early as January and will continue for several months until the ranks of the next entering classes are full.

Because the nomination process is extremely competitive, be sure to apply to all nominating sources available to you. Also, you should indicate your alternative academy choices in case you don't receive a nomination to your first academy choice. Give yourself the benefit of every opportunity. Please read this application packet thoroughly and follow instructions carefully. Please don't hesitate to call my office with any questions or concerns.

### **SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible for an academy nomination from the Seventh Congressional District:

You must be:

1. A legal resident of the Seventh Congressional District of Colorado;
2. Between the ages of 17 and not yet 22 on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the academy class entering year;
3. A graduate of high school before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the entrance to an academy.

You must submit the following documents to my Lakewood office before **October 1, 2012**:

1. An official application with photo attached. Do not substitute this form with a resume;
2. Concise (one page) answers to essay questions;
3. Two personal letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, community leaders, church leaders, scouting, Civil Air Patrol, JROTC leaders or other adults who know you well (These two letters are in addition to the counselor's information on the school form).

You are responsible for directing the following documents to arrive at my office before the September deadline:

1. The school recommendation form (found in this packet) which must include your high school transcript bearing the official seal of your school or the signature and title of a school official;
2. Your ACT (including the essay test) or SAT scores (to apply, you **MUST** have one or the other by the deadline).

To be eligible for a Congressional nomination and eventually to be eligible for an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy, you **MUST** follow two procedures at the same time:

<p><b>CONSIDERATION FOR A CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION:</b> (Congressional Office)</p> <p>When your completed Congressional Nomination application (included in this packet) is received in my office, I will establish and maintain a file in your name in my Lakewood office.</p> <p>You may add information, letters of recommendation, transcripts, ACT and SAT scores, etc. at any time <b>BEFORE</b> the last Friday in September.</p> <p><b>Keep in touch with my office!</b></p>	<p><b>CONSIDERATION FOR AN ACADEMY APPOINTMENT:</b> (Academy Admissions Office)</p> <p>When each academy receives your completed pre-candidate questionnaire (which <b>YOU MUST REQUEST</b> from each academy), a file will be established and maintained in your name.</p> <p>You may add information to your file at an academy, as instructed by each academy.</p> <p><b>BE AWARE OF DEADLINES !</b></p> <p><b>Keep in touch with academies!</b></p>
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**APPLICATION for NOMINATION to a UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN ED PERLMUTTER  
SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT of COLORADO**

**12600 West Colfax, Suite B-400  
Lakewood, Colorado 80215  
(303) 274-7944**

**attach photo  
approx. 2x2**

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1. APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(legal Colorado address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip) (county)

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ SOC. SEC.# \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' LEGAL ADDRESS(ES) IF  
DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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2. NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

NUMERICAL CLASS RANK AFTER JUNIOR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

GPA AFTER JUNIOR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

SAT SCORES

READING \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_ WRITING \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE \_\_\_\_\_

ACT SCORES

ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_ READING \_\_\_\_\_ SCIENCE \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE \_\_\_\_\_ WRITING \_\_\_\_\_

I have not taken an SAT or ACT test yet, but plan to on \_\_\_\_\_

3. I have received the following HONORS and AWARDS during my high school years:

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(Use another page if you need additional space.)

4. I have participated or held a LEADERSHIP role in the following activities (sports, clubs, church groups, scouts, community projects, etc.)

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(Use another page as needed.)

5. My employment history follows:

(employer)	(date)	description – optional
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(Use another page as needed.)

6. My academy choices in order of preference are:

U.S. Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, CO) \_\_\_\_

U.S. Military Academy (West Point, NY) \_\_\_\_

U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD) \_\_\_\_

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY) \_\_\_\_

I am also seeking an academy nomination through the office of: (President, Vice President, U.S. Senators)

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## ESSAY QUESTIONS

Your answers to these questions, combined with your application and all other official records and documentation, will provide my Merit Selection Committee with the most complete information to determine your suitability for an academy nomination.

Your answers should reflect YOUR OWN BELIEFS and CONVICTIONS, not just what you think someone else might want to hear. Feel free to do research. The CONTENT of your answers is of greatest importance; however grammar, spelling, punctuation and writing style will also be considered.

Please limit your answers to one (1) page single-spaced and answer all three questions. When completed, attach your three essay pages to this cover page with a paper clip, and return it with your application.

Please print the numbered questions with your answers on three separate pages.

- 1. Describe a leadership experience you have had (sports, clubs, scouts etc.) and what you learned from that experience. (If you have not been a leader, describe a learning experience you had as a “follower” in one these activities.)**
- 2. Since the military also commissions officers through the Reserve Officer Training Corps and Officer Candidate programs which can take as little as ninety days to two years to complete, why do you think the United States operates military academies that require four years to complete and that cost many thousands dollars per cadet or midshipmen per year?**
- 3. Cadets or midshipmen who enter a service academy have typically been among the highest achieving young adults in sports, academics and leadership in their local communities. Where do you think you would stand in each of these areas among your peers and what attributes and strengths do you have that would allow you to attain high levels of achievement as a cadet or midshipmen?**

APPLICATION SIGNATURE PAGE

I am a legal resident of the State of Colorado and of the Seventh Congressional District.

I have read all of the information in the application packet and I am aware of the procedure and requirements necessary for obtaining a service academy nomination from U.S. Congressman Ed Perlmutter.

If I have not submitted ALL required documents to the Lakewood office of U.S. Congressman Ed Perlmutter by the deadline:

OCTOBER 1, 2012

I understand that I will not be given further consideration for a nomination this year.

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

NOTE: Information submitted with your application cannot be returned. Information submitted with your application is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552(a), as amended and to the Freedom of Information Act, Section 552, as amended.

# SCHOOL FORM

U.S. CONGRESSMAN ED PERLMUTTER  
12600 WEST COLFAX, SUITE B-400  
LAKEWOOD, CO 80215

## UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

This recommendation form must be completed by the applicant's high school principal or guidance counselor. Please send this completed form and the applicant's official transcript directly to the address above before the deadline on the last Friday in September.

NAME of APPLICANT.....  
(first) (middle) (last)

NAME of SCHOOL.....

SCHOOL ADDRESS.....

.....SCHOOL PHONE # (.....).....

APPLICANT'S YEAR of GRADUATION.....

NUMERICAL CLASS RANK at END of JUNIOR YEAR.....of.....

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) at END of JUNIOR YEAR.....

SAT SCORES.....Verbal.....Math.....

ACT  
SCORES.....Eng.....Math.....Reading.....Science.....Composite.....

Please respond to the following questions. You may use another page if needed. Thank you.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what setting?
2. What is your overall assessment of this applicant as a candidate for admission to a service academy?
3. Please describe any personal circumstances or characteristics that might impact the applicant's performance at an academy.
4. Please describe and evaluate the applicant's leadership abilities, talents, strengths and limitations.

SIGNATURE.....TITLE.....DATE.....

## APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

Suggestion: Maintain a “*Service Academies*” file at home. Keep this checklist in your file to help you obtain documents, letters, etc., in advance of deadlines.

REQUIRED DOCUMENT	DATE DUE	DATE COMPLETED
Application form (with photo) completed and submitted to my office at: 12600 West Colfax, Suite B-400 Lakewood, CO, 80215.		
Completed essay questions submitted to my office.		
Applications filed with both U.S. Senators in Colorado (using THEIR application forms).		
Request a Pre-candidate questionnaire from each service academy to which you are considering applying (to be returned to each academy).		
School recommendation form completed by your Principal or Guidance Counselor and returned to my Lakewood office. Your Counselor should include your official transcript and test scores (if convenient) with this form.		
Two personal recommendation letters from people who know you well should be sent to my Lakewood office.		
SAT or ACT scores directed to my Lakewood office. SAT Code 6968 ACT Code 7306		

For additional information or to check on the status of your file in my office, please contact Rita B. Contreras of my staff at (303) 274-7944 or [rita.contreras@mail.house.gov](mailto:rita.contreras@mail.house.gov).