



Congressman Andy Harris
Nomination Application Packet
For the
United States Service Academies

Acceptance at an Academy involves at least a nine year obligation: four years at the Academy and a minimum of five years in the U.S. Military 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 served eight years in the military, or was killed in action, you may be eligible for a Presidential or Vice Presidential nomination. Please contact the Service Academies for more information. It is strongly recommended each candidate apply to both U.S. Senators and their Congressman.

Eligibility Requirements

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

- ❖ 17 years of age, but not yet 23
- ❖ A citizen of the United States
- ❖ Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent
- ❖ A legal resident of the 1st Congressional District

Nomination Procedures (Nominations will be announced in early January.)

*To be considered for a nomination by Congressman Andy Harris, each applicant must submit an Application Packet to the Salisbury District Office **on or before November 1st**. Each packet must contain the following items:*

- ❖ **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 comment on applicant's character, abilities and potential for success at an Academy. **Letters should be sealed, and submitted with the application packet.**
- ❖ **SAT/ACT Scores:** Scores may be submitted with the candidate's official high school transcript. You are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT exams "early and often" in order to improve your academic competitiveness. Academies will accept the highest scores in each academic area, regardless of testing date.
- ❖ **Official High School Transcript:** Please include a copy of your **senior class schedule**. **Senior grades may be submitted as soon as they are available. Counselors may fax or email them and only the senior grades may be forwarded after the November 1st deadline.**
- ❖ **Photograph:** Unless specifically requested, photographs will not be returned to the candidate.

Interviews

Applicants who complete a nomination file **on or before November 1st** will be reviewed by Congressman Harris's Academy Review Board. Top candidates will likely be invited to meet with Congressman Harris and his Academy Nomination Board for an interview, depending on the Congressman's schedule. This well-qualified, non-partisan board ensures a fair and impartial process. If interviews are conducted, applicants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the military academy interviews.

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

Applicants must directly contact the academies to open an admissions file. The academy will return to you their Candidate Kit or Application Packet 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 where you filed an application and intend to interview for):

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy
_____ U. S. Military Academy

_____ U.S. Naval Academy
_____ U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Email: _____ Home Tel: (____) _____

DOB: _____ Student's Cell: (____) _____

AGE: _____ Parent's Cell: (____) _____

GENDER: M / F Parent's Email _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name _____

Name of High School: _____

HS Address: _____

HS Phone: _____ Counselor's Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address

Temporary Address (if student is away)

County: _____

I am a legal resident of the State of Maryland.

My completed application packet must be received in the Salisbury District Office (see address at bottom) of Congressman Andy Harris on or before November 1st.

I understand the deadline for the receipt of the application packet, official high school transcript, college aptitude test scores and all recommendation letters is November 1st.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

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

Grade Point Average: _____ Grade Scale Used: _____

SAT Scores: Total: _____ Verbal: _____ Writing: _____ 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.

Home schooled students – simply mark rank in class as 1 of 1 if official ranking is unavailable.

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: _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WORKSHEET

NAME: _____

(LAST)

(FIRST)

(MIDDLE)

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

	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Baseball/Softball	—	—	—	—
Basketball	—	—	—	—
Cheerleading	—	—	—	—
Cross Country	—	—	—	—
Drill Team	—	—	—	—
Football	—	—	—	—
Golf	—	—	—	—
Soccer	—	—	—	—
Swimming/Diving	—	—	—	—
Tennis	—	—	—	—
Track/Field	—	—	—	—
Volleyball	—	—	—	—
Wrestling	—	—	—	—
_____	—	—	—	—
_____	—	—	—	—
_____	—	—	—	—

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(Please mark an "X" to indicate activity involvement.)

Student Body Representative	_____
Scouting	_____
Church Activities	_____
Band/Orchestra	_____
Music/Singing	_____
Drama	_____
School Yearbook/Newspaper	_____
Key Club	_____
Language or Science Club	_____
Jt. ROTC	_____
Civil Air Patrol	_____
_____	_____

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Honor Society	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

NON-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Baseball	_____
Basketball	_____
Football	_____
Golf	_____
Gymnastics	_____
Running	_____
Karate	_____
Racquetball	_____
Skiing	_____
Soccer	_____
Softball	_____
Swimming	_____
Tennis	_____
Track/Field	_____
Volleyball	_____
Wrestling	_____

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Boys/Girls State	_____
Student Body President	_____
Class President	_____
Student Body Officer	_____
Athletic Team Captain	_____
Eagle Scout	_____
Jr. ROTC	_____
Other Military Officer	_____
Other School Club Officer	_____
Non-school Club Officer	_____
Editor, Yearbook/Newspaper	_____
_____	_____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Name:

SERVICE ACADEMY INTERVIEW BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

*Answer the following questions in the space provided below. Please type or print legibly in **black ink** and return your responses to Congressman Harris' office **on or before November 1st**.*

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 characteristic do you perceive is a personal weakness and what do you do to compensate and/or improve it?

What role does competition play in your life?

What qualities do you feel are important in a leader? Describe an historical event where a leader's actions were instrumental to the outcome

Describe ROTC and OCS/OTS. If you don't succeed in gaining admission to an academy, what alternate means of commissioning will you pursue?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

List three individuals who will write a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination. One letter must be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title /Organization</u>
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____

CHECKLIST:

<input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application Form	<input type="checkbox"/> High School Transcript
<input type="checkbox"/> Photo Attached to Application	<input type="checkbox"/> ACT/SAT Scores (may be on
<input type="checkbox"/> Three Letters of Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Class Schedule
<input type="checkbox"/> Interview Board Questionnaire	(Senior grades may be forwarded
(on application)	as soon as they are available)

**The deadline for completed application packets is 5:00 PM on November 1st.
Please mail your completed application, including the required attachments and
recommendations to:**

**Congressman Andy Harris, M.D.
Attn: Matt Nemphos
Salisbury District Office
The Gallery Building
212 West Main Street, Suite 204B
Salisbury, Maryland 21801**

**Please contact Matt Nemphos with any questions you may have at 443-944-8624, or at
matt.nemphos@mail.house.gov. We will be happy to assist you!**