

**Congressman Eric Cantor  
Seventh District of Virginia**



***U.S. Service Academies Application  
Class of 2017***

## Congressman Eric Cantor's Nominations Process Timetable Class of 2017

### October 5, 2012

All applications and required materials MUST be postmarked and addressed to Congressman Eric Cantor by this date. If you do not submit all of the requested information by the postmark deadline, your application may not be given full consideration.

In addition to the enclosed application, the following materials are needed to complete your file and will be used in the selection process. **All application materials should be submitted together in a single package (with the potential exception of official SAT/ACT scores).** The enclosure of unsolicited material may not be used for consideration for a Congressional Nomination.

#### **1. THREE (3) REFERENCES**

- The applicant should submit three references attesting to the applicant=s qualifications and motivations to attend a service academy.
- Those persons used as references should not be relatives of the applicant. High school instructors, high school guidance counselors, coaches, and former employers are preferred.
- Please have references use the enclosed forms as cover sheets for their statements of reference.
- Letters of reference should arrive in sealed envelopes within your application package.

#### **2. APPLICANT=S STATEMENT**

- The applicant should submit an essay of 500-750 words.
- The essay should be typed and double-spaced, and state what motivates him or her to consider matriculating at a service academy and, thereafter, serving as a commissioned officer in the armed forces of the United States.

#### **3. ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT**

- The applicant should submit a certified high school or most recent college transcript, which includes class rank.

#### **4. SAT/ACT SCORES**

- The applicant should request that SAT and/or ACT examination results be forwarded to Congressman Cantor=s Glen Allen office.
- SAT code: 5089
- ACT code: 7730

#### **5. APPLICANT=S PHOTO**

- The applicant should paperclip a personal photo to the application.
- The submitted photo should include only the applicant.

### Mid-November, 2012 (Tentative)

Interviews with Congressman Cantor=s Seventh District Service Academies Advisory Board will be held for qualified candidates with completed files. Congressman Cantor=s office will contact candidates with specific information regarding interviews once the application deadline has passed.

### Mid-December, 2012 (Tentative)

Notification will be sent to nominees by Congressman Cantor.

## **Congressman Eric Cantor's Service Academies Nominations Summary** **Class of 2017**

One of my most important responsibilities as your Congressman is nominating young men and women for admission to our country's Service Academies. The following summaries are brief overviews of the selection processes you are entering.

Admission to a Service Academy is a two-tiered process. First, the candidate must apply through the Academy directly and meet the minimum standards for admission set by the Academy itself. These standards include, among others, medical, physical and academic qualifications. The second tier in pursuing admission is the Congressional Nominations process.

An individual must meet the admissions requirements of the Academy as well as receive a Congressional Nomination in order to be offered an appointment to the Academy.

Applicants should direct any questions regarding the admissions process of a particular Academy to that Academy's Admissions office. Information can be obtained through the contact information below:

U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA): <http://www.usafa.edu> or (719) 333-2520

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA): <http://www.usmma.edu> or (516) 773-5391

U.S. Military Academy (USMA): <http://www.usma.edu> or (845) 938-4041

U.S. Naval Academy (USNA): <http://www.usna.edu> or (410) 293-4361

### **Guide to Nominations for USAFA, USMA, USNA**

The President, Vice President, Members of Congress and some ROTC organizations have the authority to nominate persons for admission to USAFA, USMA and USNA.

As a Congressman, I am entitled to fill five vacancies at each Academy. These vacancies are "charged" to Virginia's Seventh District. I may only nominate young men and women to a particular Academy when a vacancy occurs in one of these charged slots, either by reason of graduation or withdrawal.

It is in the best interest of the District to spread out the charged slots at each Academy so that a young man or woman from the Seventh District will have the opportunity to fill at least one vacancy each year. I have spread out the charged slots, and thus, every year graduating high school seniors in the District can compete for admission to these Academies.

When a vacancy does occur, I may nominate up to ten candidates for admission. One nominee will be offered an appointment to fill the vacancy, and the other nominees, assuming that each meets the Academy's minimum requirements, are placed into a nationwide qualified candidate pool. At that point, it is left to the discretion of the Academy to choose candidates to fill the remaining slots in its incoming class.

My goal as a Congressman is to have as many young men and women from the Seventh District as possible admitted to the Academies. The only way I can accomplish that is by nominated highly qualified, committed candidates to each Academy.

### **Guide to Nominations for USMMA**

Unlike the Academies described above, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy uses state quotas to determine admission, rather than district quotas.

The Commonwealth of Virginia is entitled to five slots in each class of midshipmen at the Academy. Each Congressman may submit up to ten names per year for the Virginia “list.” The Virginia nominees then compete against one another for the five slots. The young men and women who will fill those slots are chosen by the Academy.

Once Virginia’s five slots are filled, the remaining nominees who meet the Academy’s minimum admissions standards are placed into a nationwide qualified candidate pool. At that point, it is left to the discretion of the Academy to choose candidates to fill the remaining slots in its incoming class.

### **Guide to Nominations for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy**

Congressional nominations are not incorporated into the admissions process for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. For more information regarding admission to the Academy, contact its Admissions office at (860) 444-8500.

## Congressman Eric Cantor's Congressional Nomination Selection Points Class of 2017

Applicants should keep the following in mind as they proceed through the U.S. Service Academies Congressional Nominations application process:

1. A Congressional Nomination is only part of the process leading to admission to the U.S. Service Academies. Applicants are required to notify the Academies in which they are interested and to work within the Academies= admissions systems.

Unless an applicant is making significant progress toward fulfilling the application requirements of academies in which he/she is interested, that candidate may not be given full consideration for a nomination.

2. All correspondence regarding a service academy appointment should be addressed to:

The Honorable Eric Cantor  
ATTN: Service Academy Program  
4201 Dominion Blvd, Suite 110  
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

4. Applications should be postmarked no later than **October 5, 2012.**

If you anticipate a problem meeting this deadline, please write to the address listed above or call (804) 747-4073 or (800) 438-3793.

5. The applicant will be contacted regarding an interview with Congressman Cantor's Service Academies Advisory Board once the application deadline has passed.

**Congressman Eric Cantor's Application for**  
**U.S. Service Academies Congressional Nominations**  
**Class of 2017**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seventh District Address:**

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address: (if different from above)**

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you ever applied for a Congressional Nomination from Congressman Cantor?**

**Please circle one:    yes    no    If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_**

**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

**(Reported information is not a substitute for required official documentation.)**

**High School**

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

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average/Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Standing: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

**College/Preparatory School**

College/Preparatory School: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Hours Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average/Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

**College Entrance Examinations**

**SAT** 1st exam date and score: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd exam date and score: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd exam date and score: \_\_\_\_\_

**ACT** 1st exam date and score: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd exam date and score: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd exam date and score: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITIES, HONORS & EMPLOYMENT

### Extracurricular Activities

(Please include both school-related and outside activities; note leadership positions held.)

Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Additional sheets may be used if necessary.)

### Athletic Activities

(Please note varsity letters earned and leadership positions held.)

Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Additional sheets may be used if necessary.)



**Scholastic honors**

Freshman: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sophomore: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Senior: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Additional sheets may be used if necessary.)

**Employment**

Please list any part-time or full-time jobs you have held since you have been in high school:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Hours/week</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**OTHER NOMINATING SOURCES**

Are you eligible for a Presidential Nomination? Please circle one. YES NO

Please check all other Service Academies' nominating sources that you plan to pursue.

\_\_\_\_\_ Senator Mark Warner \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Jim Webb  
\_\_\_\_\_ President Barack Obama \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President Joseph Biden  
\_\_\_\_\_ JROTC

**ACADEMY PREFERENCE**

Please circle the number indicating your first choice, second choice, etc. If you have no interest in a particular Academy, circle 'N' for not interested. Please also circle either 'Y' for yes or 'N' for no regarding whether you have opened a file with an Academy.

**U.S. Air Force Academy**  
**Colorado Springs, Colorado**  
(Commissioned into Air Force)

**U. S. Merchant Marine Academy**  
**Kings Point, New York**  
(Merchant shipping with commission into Naval Reserves)

N 1 2 3 4  
Opened a file? Y N

N 1 2 3 4  
Opened a file? Y N

**U.S. Military Academy**  
**West Point, New York**  
(Commissioned into Army)

**U.S. Naval Academy**  
**Annapolis, Maryland**  
(Commissioned into Navy/  
Marine Corps)

N 1 2 3 4  
Opened a file? Y N

N 1 2 3 4  
Opened a file? Y N

**HIGHER EDUCATION PURSUITS**

If you wish, please use the space below to list any higher education institutions or programs you plan to pursue or are pursuing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCES**

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REFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_

How long known by applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I request that Congressman Cantor consider my application for a Congressional Nomination to the United States Service Academy or Academies that I have listed. I affirm that I have never been convicted or arrested for violating a state or federal statute.

I have enclosed the additional requested information with my application:

THREE (3) REFERENCES

APPLICANT=S STATEMENT

ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

SAT/ACT SCORES

(official scores may be sent separately/directly from testing centers)

APPLICANT=S PHOTO

I understand that the enclosure of unsolicited material may not be used for consideration for a Congressional Nomination.

I understand that the postmark deadline for applications is October 7, 2011. If I have not submitted all of the requested information postmarked by the deadline, I understand that my application may not be given full consideration.

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Signature

**RETURN APPLICATION POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN  
OCTOBER 5, 2012 TO:**

**The Honorable Eric Cantor  
ATTN: Service Academy Nominations  
4201 Dominion Blvd., Suite 110  
Glen Allen, VA 23060**

**Congressman Eric Cantor's Service Academies Reference Form**  
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The applicant has requested that Congressman Cantor consider him or her for a Congressional Nomination for admission to one or several of the United States Service Academies. In your own words, on an attached page, please state your personal knowledge of his or her qualifications and motivation to attend a Service Academy.

Please sign and date your statement at the bottom and place in a sealed envelope. Please give your sealed recommendation to your applicant to be returned with his or her application.

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