



U.S. Representative Gerald E. Connolly

11th Congressional District of Virginia

United States Service Academy

Congressional Nomination Application,

Information and Procedures



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Service Academy Congressional Nomination Procedures and Information

I. General Information

Receiving a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies is a distinct honor and I am honored to play a role in this process.

The 11th Congressional District of Virginia is especially competitive. Each year, there are many more applicants than there are available vacancies. However, due to the exceptionally high caliber of the applicants in this district, it is not uncommon for there to be more appointments from this district than almost any other in the entire country.

To assist me in selecting the most qualified candidates, I have formed Advisory Boards who will interview prospective nominees in November and December. Please be advised that interviews will only be scheduled for applicants who have submitted a complete application package to my office on or before the deadline. A detailed interview schedule will be announced at a later date.

The Advisory Boards will consider: SAT/ACT scores, Academy evaluations, the information contained in this application and the personal interviews in determining which candidates will be recommended to me for nomination. Note: The Academy records are an integral part of the interview board's evaluation, and the academies do not make individual evaluations until their requirements have been met. These evaluations are then made available to our office. You are urged to apply early to the Academy of your choice.

This application packet includes: Application for Nomination with Affidavit of Residency, and an Application Check List. Please carefully read and follow the instructions on each form. **Be sure that you complete each form accurately and that the completed forms along with all additional required documentation are received by my Annandale District Office no later than October 17, 2014.** I strongly suggest that you to submit your package as early as possible and not wait for the deadline. All required documents, with the exception of high school transcripts, listing of fall classes, and official SAT/ACT scores must be submitted in one package.

I will not be able to consider any individual for nomination who has not submitted a completed application (with all required documentation) to my office on or before October 17, 2014. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

I urge you to apply for nomination through every possible source including Senator Timothy Kaine, Senator Mark Warner, Vice President Biden, and if qualified, President Obama. Please contact those offices directly for information on their requirements for nomination.

II. General Nomination Requirements

To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements established by law and be nominated from an authorized person including a Member of the United States Senate or the House of Representatives. I may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements and are legally domiciled within the boundaries of the 11th District of Virginia.

- An applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to a service academy.
Applicants are required to be between the ages of 17 and 22
- Applicants are required to be citizens of the United States
- Applicants must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents
- Applicants must have a record of outstanding participation and performance in high school activities (athletic and non-athletic)
- Applicants must have good moral standing
- Applicants must reside in the 11th Congressional District of Virginia

III. Service Academy Information

Please remember that in addition to applying for nomination through my Congressional office, you must submit an application directly to the academy(ies) of your choice. Most of the academies require that you apply via their website. Once you submit an inquiry, the academy will establish a Prospective Candidate File and send you pertinent information.

There are five Service Academies: The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA), The United States Naval Academy (USNA), The United States Military Academy (USMA), The United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), and the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). Nominations are required for all but the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, to which appointments are made on the basis of an annual nationwide competition.

To assist you with your application, below are the names, addresses, telephone numbers and web sites of the service academies:

United States Air Force Academy, HQ USAFA/RRS, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200; USAF Academy, Colorado, 80840 (719) 333-3070 www.usafa.af.mil

United States Naval Academy, 117 Decatur Road, Annapolis, MD 21402 (410) 293-4361 www.usna.edu

United States Military Academy, Director of Admissions, Building 606 Thayer Road, West Point, NY 10996 (845) 938-4011 www.usma.edu

United States Merchant Marine Academy, Admissions Office, Steamboat Road Kings Point, NY 11024 (800)732-6267 www.usmma.edu

U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 31 Mohegan Avenue, New London CT 06320-8103 www.cga.edu (Congressional nomination not required)