



# Congressman Mark Pocan

Second District of Wisconsin

## GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION TO U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

### TIMELINE

May – October	Open pre-candidate file with the academies of your choice
Ongoing	Complete application with academies of your choice Receive information from academy to schedule medical exam with DoDMERB (Department of Defense Medical Review Board)
October 27, 2014	<b>Deadline</b> to submit completed application packet for nomination to the Madison office of Congressman Pocan
November 2014	Interview Day with Selection Committee
December 2014	Notification to those receiving nominations
January – June 2015	Await acceptance by service academy

### APPLICATION FORM

This form must be completed accurately and signed by the applicant. He or she should attach a recent wallet-size photograph. Please note that it is the responsibility of the candidate to also apply with each academy to which they are seeking a nomination.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

#### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Each candidate must submit written answers to the following 2 questions. Answers must be double spaced and written in 12 point font.

- Why would you like to attend a service academy? (200 word maximum)
- What is your proudest accomplishment from high school/college? Why? (200 word maximum)

#### **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Candidates must submit three letters of recommendation (may not be from a relative). Possible letter writers include coaches, employers, teachers, guidance counselors or school principals. These individuals should send their letters to the applicant and be included in the application packet sent to the Congressman.

#### **ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT AND STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES**

A copy of the applicant's high school transcript must be provided (may be official or unofficial). Candidates who have graduated from high school should send a college transcript and a current class schedule in addition to their high school transcript. Candidates should also include either their SAT or ACT scores (may be official or unofficial).

**The deadline for completed application packets is [Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:00p.m.](#) Please mail the completed application, including all required attachments and recommendations to:**

Congressman Mark Pocan  
ATTN: Audra Cohen  
10 East Doty Street, Room 405  
Madison, WI 53703



U.S. Service Academy Nomination  
 2014 Application  
**Congressman Mark Pocan**  
 10 E. Doty Street, Room 405  
 Madison, WI 53703  
 (608) 258-9800

**Attach Wallet Size  
 Photo Here**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last 4 digits of Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ 9 digit Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 Date and Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names of Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Municipality where Parents/Guardians are registered to vote \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a felony? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
 If you answered yes above, please explain on a separate sheet of paper.

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Currently Attending:  
 High School \_\_\_ 2-yr. College \_\_\_ 4-yr. College \_\_\_ Prep School \_\_\_  
 Name of High School \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of College (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Out of \_\_\_\_\_  
 SAT Scores: V \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ W \_\_\_ **OR** ACT Scores: E \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ R \_\_\_ Sc \_\_\_

**ACADEMY PREFERENCE**

Please rank the academies to which you wish to receive a nomination in order of preference (1-4). **Please do not rank an academy unless you have already applied or intend to apply to the academy.**

U.S. Air Force Academy \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Naval Academy \_\_\_\_\_  
 U.S. Merchant Marine Academy \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy at West Point \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER NOMINATIONS**

Please select the following if you are seeking additional nominations:

President\_\_\_\_\_ Vice President\_\_\_\_\_ Senator Johnson\_\_\_\_\_ Senator Baldwin\_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Please select all applicable activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys’/Girls’ State                      | <input type="checkbox"/> School Chorus                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boys’/Girls’ Nation                     | <input type="checkbox"/> School Newspaper                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eagle Scout                             | <input type="checkbox"/> School Yearbook                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Award                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Jr. ROTC Member                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Key/Interact Club                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Debate Club                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Honor Society                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> President or Officer of Class           | <input type="checkbox"/> Hours Worked per Week (after school) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> President or Officer of Student Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Hours Worked per Week (summer)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> President or Officer of School Club     | <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Based Participation            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Honors Club                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Organizations                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GSafe                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Band                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____                           |

<b>Athletics</b>	<b>Varsity</b>	<b>Jr. Varsity</b>	<b>Club</b>
Baseball	___	___	___
Basketball	___	___	___
Cheerleading	___	___	___
Cross Country	___	___	___
Field Hockey	___	___	___
Football	___	___	___
Gymnastics	___	___	___
Lacrosse	___	___	___
Soccer	___	___	___
Swimming/Diving	___	___	___
Tennis	___	___	___
Track	___	___	___
Volleyball	___	___	___
Wrestling	___	___	___
Dance	___	___	___
Other_____	___	___	___
Other_____	___	___	___
Other_____	___	___	___

**You are also encouraged to include a resume that lists of honors and awards received, or any other information you feel is pertinent to your application. Your resume should be no longer than one page.**

## CHECKLIST

Please make sure the following list is completed:

- Completed and signed application form
- Written answers to the two essay questions
- Wallet-size photo (attached to application form)
- Three letters of recommendation
- High school transcript, college transcript (if applicable)
- SAT or ACT score sheet
- Disciplinary record (if applicable)
- Resume (if desired)

**All items listed above must be mailed to the Congressman's Madison office together in one packet.**

### **\*SIGNATURE\***

Please read the following statement before signing the application

I understand that attending a service academy requires a minimum of five years military service following graduation, and I am committed to that responsibility. I understand that my application will not be considered if the required documents are inaccurate, or if my completed application packet is not received by Congressman Pocan before the deadline on October 27, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

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Applicant Signature