

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0508

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for contacting me regarding an appointment to the United States service academies. I appreciate hearing from you at this important point in your life.

I consider making nominations to the service academies one of my most privileged responsibilities as a Member of Congress.

The high quality of education provided by each of the academies is one of the most prestigious available anywhere in the world. The academic, physical, and character requirements are stringent.

I am sending you information about the academies, as well as a preliminary application form that needs to be filled out and returned to my office by November 26, 2018. You also need to contact through their respective websites the academies you are interested in attending. These websites are:

- West Point – www.usma.edu
- U.S. Naval Academy – www.usna.edu
- U.S. Air Force Academy – www.usafa.af.mil
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – www.usmma.edu
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy – www.cga.edu

In addition to the preliminary application form I will use in the selection process, you will also need to include the following items in your application packet. The full application packet is due no later than November 26, 2018.

1. Preliminary Application Form
2. Three (3) letters of recommendation (Letters can't be written by family/ relatives)
3. An official transcript of high school grades and any college credit received
4. A copy of all SAT and/or ACT scores
5. A recent photograph
6. A typed, double-spaced 250 word essay based on the theme, "Why I want to Attend a U.S. Service Academy"
7. Academic and Extracurricular Qualifications form (extracurricular resume can be submitted)

Students who are interested in an appointment should contact the Academy they wish to attend directly. You will not be considered for a nomination from our office unless you have filed an application to the Academy/s that you wish to be considered for nomination and appointment.

If you have further questions, please call Jan Leja at my Yucaipa district office at (909)-797-4900 or email her at jan.leja@mail.house.gov. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,



Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)
Member of Congress
Eighth District of California

Preliminary Application for United States Military Service Academy Nomination

Please type or print:

Applicant's Name _____ Year of High School Graduation _____

It is my desire to attend the: __ United States Force Academy: __ United States Military Academy (West Point): __ United States Naval Academy (Annapolis): __ United States Merchant Marine Academy (Rank in order with 1 being 1st preference)

Full Legal Name: _____

Legal Address of Residency: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Other/Cell Phone #: _____

Mailing Address if different from above: _____

United States Citizen: Yes __ No __ Email: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Father/Guardian's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother/Guardian's Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Has either parents served or currently served in the United States Military: Yes __ No __

Hometown Newspaper: _____

Name of High School: _____

Address of School: _____

GPA: _____ Current Class Rank: _____

SAT Score: Verbal _____ Math _____; Will you be taking the test again? Yes __ No __

ACT Score: Composite _____ Math _____ Verbal _____ Reading _____ Science _____

Have you previously sought a nomination through U.S. Congress/Senator/Vice President/President: _____ When: _____ Results: _____

Are you also seeking a nomination through U.S. Senate/Vice President/President? Please identify: _____

Applicant Name: _____

If you are employed or have been employed during school or beyond, who is your employer?

Current Position: _____

How many hours per week do you work? After school: _____ In the summer: _____

Any other comments you might have about your work experience while in high school:

Nominating Procedure

- Qualified applicants will be contacted and asked to attend an interview in December of 2018 with a committee chosen by Congressman Cook
- Nomination will be announced by December 31, 2018
- You must be at least 17 but not yet 23 years old on July 1st of the year you want to enter. You may not be married or pregnant or have any dependents.
- You must be of excellent moral character, physically fit, and academically strong.
- Students who receive a nomination are active in school and in their community, and hold some leadership roles in sports or other extracurricular activities.
- A congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance into a service academy, however, all applicants must obtain a nomination from an official source to be considered for an appointment to an academy.

I have read the information explaining the nominating procedure and I am familiar with Congressman Cook's requirements as explained therein.

I certify that the California 8th Congressional District is my legal domicile. I also certify that I have read, understand and meet all of the Service Academy Requirements and that I am eligible for nomination to a United States Service Academy.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

Return this application to:

Congressman Paul Cook

Phone: (909)- 797 – 4900

Att: Jan Leja

Email: jan.leja@mail.house.gov

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****Please include a recent photograph**