

UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY
NOMINATIONS PACKET
2009



CONGRESSMAN LINCOLN DAVIS

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www.house.gov/lincolndavis/academynominations.htm

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES
SEEKING NOMINATIONS TO SERVICE ACADEMIES

Individuals seeking nomination to one of the service academies from Congressman Davis, 4th Congressional District of Tennessee, are encouraged to apply in the spring of their junior year. Only students eligible to enter an academy in the summer of 2010 (Class of 2014) may apply for nomination at this time. Submit the following information to:

The Honorable Lincoln Davis
Attn: Tom Hayden
1804-A Carmack Blvd
Columbia, TN 38401

1. Completed "Application for Nomination to United States Service Academies"
2. Copy of birth certificate
3. **OFFICIAL** SAT or ACT scores (must be from testing agency itself)
4. **OFFICIAL** high school transcript, class rank (sent by your guidance office) and college transcript (if applicable)
5. Resume of extracurricular activities. It is very important to be thorough and include all information for each year in high school. Include both school related and outside activities (note leadership positions held); athletic activities (note varsity letters earned and leadership positions held); scholastic honors; list any part-time or full-time jobs you have held since you have been in high school. (please type)
6. Recent photograph
7. Personal statement addressed to Congressman Davis stating what motivates him or her to attend a United States Service Academy. (One page typed is sufficient)
8. **Maximum** of three letters of recommendation (one must be from a school official). Give each recommender an "Instructions for Recommender" sheet.
9. You may also attach a brief explanation of any extraordinary or unusual personal or family circumstances that you think should be taken into consideration.

You will find the necessary materials enclosed to complete the application process:

- Application
- General Academy Information
- Instructions for Recommender sheet

THE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING NOMINATION FROM THIS OFFICE IS OCTOBER 15, 2009.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING YOUR FILE IN THIS OFFICE IS DECEMBER 1, 2009.

NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS YOU HAVE OPENED A FILE WITH THE ACADEMIES TO WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING NOMINATION.

If you have questions please contact Tom Hayden at (931) 490-8699

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

(All fields must be complete; indicate (X) if not applicable)

Name (Last/First/Middle) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Social Security # _____

Permanent Mailing Address (Street, Apt. No., City, County, State, Zip) _____ Telephone # _____

Temporary Mailing Address (if applicable) _____ email address _____

Place of Birth _____ Sex (M/F) _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Father or Guardian _____ Daytime Telephone # _____ Mother or Guardian _____ Daytime Telephone # _____

High School/Address _____ Graduation Date _____ Telephone # _____

Grade Point Average _____ Class Rank / number of students _____
Unweighted = _____ Weighted = _____ /

SAT Score _____ Test Date: _____ ACT Score _____ Test Date: _____
Verbal = _____ Math = _____ English = _____ Math = _____

College Currently Attending (if applicable) _____ College GPA _____

Are you a U. S. citizen? _____ Are you presently in the military? _____

How long have you been a resident of Tennessee? _____ Are either of your parents active, retired, or disabled military? _____

Indicate academy preference with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th choices. (Indicate N for not interested)
West Point _____ Naval Academy _____ Air Force Academy _____ Merchant Marine Academy _____

Indicate with "yes" or "no" which academies to which you have applied.
West Point _____ Naval Academy _____ Air Force Academy _____ Merchant Marine Academy _____

Indicate with "yes" or "no" other sources to which you are requesting nomination.
Vice President _____ Senator Alexander _____ Senator Corker _____ Military (Service) _____

I certify that the above information is correct. It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy; I am a U.S. citizen, at least 17 but not yet 23 years of age; unmarried; not pregnant; have no legal obligation to support any children or other dependents; and legally reside in Tennessee's 4th Congressional District. I understand that the deadline to request nomination is October 15, 2009; that the deadline for receipt of completed nomination application packet is December 1, 2009; and that if I have not submitted all requested information before these deadlines that my application may not be given full consideration. I authorize Congressman Lincoln Davis or any member of his staff to obtain any information about my status with the service academies. This includes inquiring with Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board about any medical conditions that may prevent my receiving a nomination or appointment to one of the Service Academies.

Signature _____ Date _____

General Academy Nomination Information

U.S. Air Force Academy

Director of Admissions
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80840
(800) 443-9266
www.academyadmissions.com

U.S. Naval Academy

Director of Candidate Guidance
Annapolis, Maryland 21402
(800) 638-9156
www.nadn.navy.mil

U.S. Military Academy

Director of Admissions
West Point, New York 10996
(800) 638-9156
www.usma.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
Kings Point, New York 11024
(800) 732-6267
www.usmma.edu

There are no Congressional nominations to the **U.S. Coast Guard Academy**. To obtain information or applications contact them at:

U.S. Coast Guard Academy
New London, Connecticut 06320
(203) 444-6267
www.cga.edu

Eligibility

Nominees to the service academies must be United States citizens and applicants to Congressman Davis' office must be permanent residents of Tennessee' 4th Congressional District. Candidates must be at least 17 years old and not 23 years old by July 1 of the year of admission. Candidates must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support any dependents. These stipulations have been established by the service academies.

Prior to applying for a nomination, each candidate must contact the academies directly to request a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire. Upon the completion and return of this form to the academy, you will be informed of academy requirements, such as medical examinations and physical aptitude tests. It is also recommended that each candidate attempt to visit the academies to meet with admissions representatives, talk to cadets and view the facilities.

DODMERB

All academies require you pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). Candidates who meet the minimum scholastic standards will be scheduled to take a service academy qualifying medical examination. The academy to which you have applied will initiate the scheduling of the exam; once taken the results may be used for all service academies. Candidates who have questions about their medical exam results should direct them to: DODMERB

8034 Edgerton Drive, Suite 132
USAF Academy, CO 80840-2200
(719) 333-3562

Medical Scheduling and evaluation are time-consuming processes, especially if consultation, retesting, or corrective action is required. The process may take from six weeks to four months.

Method of Nomination

The law pertaining to congressional nominations stipulates that each Member of Congress is allowed a maximum of five "charges" at each academy in any given year (Merchant Marine is an exception). When a "charge" graduates, a vacancy is created that the member may fill. Each member nominates a slate of ten (10) candidates for each vacancy. Congressman Davis uses a "competitive" form of nomination. Using this method, the Member of Congress submits to the academy an unranked list nominees for each vacancy. The academy then reviews the list and selects the most fully qualified candidate. This candidate becomes the member's "charge". The remaining nominees are then considered and may also be offered appointments, but they will not be the member's "charge".

Due to the competitiveness of the selection process, it is strongly recommended that each candidate apply to both U.S. Senators, their U.S. Representative and the Vice President.

If an applicant has a parent who is an active or retired military person, a disabled or deceased veteran, a POW/MIA, or a Medal of Honor winner, the candidate may be able to apply for a Presidential nomination through the military or other form of nomination. For further information, please refer to the academy catalog or speak to an admissions representative or liaison officer.

Additional Information

- Congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance to the service academies, but only assures that your application will be considered first by the review boards. Your application to each academy that you are considering should be completed during or before the first semester of your senior year.
- Academically, the majority of students accepted to the academies are in at least the top 20% of their class, with higher than average test scores.
- Most students who receive appointment offers are active at school and in their community and hold leadership roles in sports and other extracurricular activities.
- Acceptance of an offer of appointment from an academy obligates you to at least a nine-year commitment, four years at the academy and five years of active duty service. Serving in the military means that you may be faced with the possibility of a combat situation. If you are just looking for a great education and great job skills, apply to a college or university. If at anytime you are uncomfortable about the military commitment, you are free to back out of the process at anytime.

**Instructions—Letters of Recommendation for
United States Service Academy—Application for Nomination**

Candidate: Please give a copy of this sheet to the three people who agree to write a letter of recommendation for you.

Recommender: This student has expressed desire to attend a United States Service Academy (i.e. Military Academy at West Point, Naval Academy at Annapolis or the Air Force Academy). Admission to these academies is extremely limited, highly competitive and an appointment is an esteemed honor and achievement. After successfully completing a rigorous four-year program in one of these competitive schools and receiving a first rate education, a successful graduate will be pledged to serve a term as an officer in our armed forces.

In order to apply to a service academy, an applicant must obtain a nomination from an authorized source, and this applicant has requested a nomination from Congressman Lincoln Davis, Representative of the Fourth District of Tennessee. Congressman Davis and his Academy Selection Committee would appreciate your thorough and honest evaluation of applicant's fitness for U.S. Service Academy admission and ensuing military career. The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, goals and motivation in determining each applicant's "whole person" evaluation.

Congressman Davis, his staff and his Academy Selection Committee will hold your comments in the strictest confidence. Thank you and we appreciate your assistance.

Please write a letter of recommendation on your letterhead or personal stationary (be sure to include a return address and phone number). Please send the recommendation letter before **December 1, 2009** directly to:

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