

Eighth Congressional District United States Service Academy Program Application

Dear Applicant:

1. Application Requirements to the U.S. Service Academies:

There are certain criteria that must be met when applying to any of the service academies. An applicant must meet eligibility requirements, qualify medically, pass a physical aptitude test and obtain a nomination from either of their U.S. Senators, their District U.S. Representative, or the Vice President of the United States. Federal law mandates that candidates must be a resident of the state and House district where they receive their nomination.

2. How to Contact the Academies:

All prospective candidates should request a pre-candidate questionnaire from all four academies. It is important to establish a file with the academies, as well as with this office. The phone numbers and addresses of the academies are:

U.S. Air Force Academy
Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
1-719-333-3070

United States Military Academy
Admissions Office
600 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-9902
1-914-938-4041

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
800-732-6267

U.S. Naval Academy
USNA Admissions Office
Annapolis, MD 21402-5019
1-410-293-4392

****PLEASE NOTE**THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY DOES NOT REQUIRE A NOMINATION. IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN APPLICATION, YOU MAY CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY AT:**

U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
1-203-444-8444

3. Testing-What You Should Know:

The service academies require candidates to take the SAT and/or the ACT. Testing information can be obtained through your guidance counselor. It is recommended that one or both of these tests be taken several times, to try and improve scores, and then reported to this office and to the service academies. Tests taken after those scheduled in October will not be scored and reported to this office in time for our evaluation purposes. The testing identification number assigned to Congressman Mac Collins's office for the SAT is 5563. Your SAT scores will be sent to this office when you provide this identifying number to the testing service.

4. SAT Requirements:

The SAT requirements to be eligible for an interview with the Academy Selection Committee are as follows:

- *SAT Verbal must be no less than a 525
- *SAT Math must be no less than a 575

In order to give you the best opportunity, we will use your highest verbal and highest math scores from all the scores you have achieved.

5. ACT Requirements:

To obtain ACT test scores, you will need to use code 7000 on your test application form. You will then be furnished an additional copy of the test scores, which you can then send to this office.

The ACT requirement to be eligible for an interview with the Academy Selection Committee is as follows:

- *ACT composite must be no less than 23.

6. Your File:

To be considered for a nomination to a U.S. Service Academy, your file information must be received no later than October 15, 2003 at 5:30pm, in the Columbus District Office. Your file must include:

- A. Your application-

The enclosed application should be typed or printed neatly. The SAT and/or the ACT scores must be verified by your counselor's or principal's signature in the space provided on the application. If your application is not complete, it will be returned to you for further information.

If your application has to be returned to you, thus resulting in your application being late, this office is not responsible and your application will be disqualified.

B. Your photograph-

Please submit a recent photograph of yourself suitable for publication.

C. Letters of Recommendation-

Three letters of recommendation are required. One of the letters must be from either your math or science teacher and one must be from your English teacher with whom you have had a recent class. The third can be either from your high school principal or counselor. Please send only those letters which are required. Additional letters will not be accepted nor made part of your official file.

D. Personal Letter/Essay-

Please submit a personal letter/essay, stating why you want to attend a U.S. Service Academy and the goals you have for a military career. Your statement may be as brief as you like, but should not exceed 250 words.

E. List of Extracurricular Activities-

List in detail, all school and outside school sports in which you have participated. List any leadership roles that you have assumed while participating in these activities. Please indicate how often you take part in these activities.

Also, list all activities such as scouting, community and church activities, and school clubs and programs in which you participate as well as leadership positions in these organizations. List all academic competitions and awards.

Finally, list all part or full time jobs you have held, with a brief description of each work experience. Include with that description any awards or recognition you received.

F. High School Transcript-

Your official high school transcript should accompany your file. If you receive an updated version before the Oct 15 deadline, please submit it to the Columbus District Office.

G. SAT/ACT Scores-

We will accept SAT/ACT scores that are pre-printed on the high school transcript if they are initialed by the counselor. Also, your SAT/ACT score sheets and/or copies of these sheets are acceptable. If you receive new test scores after you submit your application, please bring them for your interview.

7. Nomination Through Personal Interview-

The following criteria must be met in order to receive an interview with the Academy Selection Committee:

*Your file must be complete and in the Columbus District Office by October 15, 2003, at 5:30pm.

*You must qualify academically (please refer to the SAT/ACT requirements).

8. Deadline and Responsibility:

As stated previously, all required information must be received in the Columbus District Office by the October 15, 2003, deadline. A candidate's file which is not complete by the deadline will not be considered by the Eighth Congressional District Academy Selection Committee.

It is solely your responsibility to make sure all of the required information is received by the Columbus District office in a timely manner. It is suggested that you leave nothing to chance when it comes to the status of your file. Feel free to call any time with questions or concerns that you may have about your file. You are encouraged to submit all of your file information as early as possible.

9. Where to Send your Information:

All of your file requirements outlined in this packet should be submitted to:
Congressman Mac Collins
Attn: Academy Liaison
5820 Veterans Pkwy., Suite 305
Columbus, GA 31904
706-327-7228

Good Luck!

**Application for Nomination to a U.S. Service Academy
Mac Collins, Eighth District, Georgia**

PLEASE TYPE/PRINT NEATLY:

Expected date of high school graduation: _____

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Name you are called by: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Sex: _____ Birth Date: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Permanent Address: _____

County: _____

Home Telephone: _____ e-mail _____

Temp. Address: _____

Temp. Phone: _____

Father's Name and Address: _____

Father's Occupation: _____

Business Phone: _____

Mother's Name and Address: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____

Business Phone: _____

Name of High School: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of Graduate Counselor: _____

Telephone Number: _____

GPA: _____ Class Ranking: _____

SAT: Verbal- _____ Math: _____ Date Taken: _____

ACT: Composite: _____ Date Taken: _____

Above Test Information Certified by:

Counselor or Principal Signature

Please check below those academies from which you have requested a pre-candidate questionnaire:

U.S. Military Academy _____

U.S. Air Force Academy _____

U.S. Naval Academy _____

U.S. Merchant Marine _____

Please list your academy preferences: U.S. Air Force Academy; U.S. Military Academy; U.S. Naval Academy; U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

Third Choice: _____

Fourth Choice: _____

*Please make sure you have selected your choices carefully. If you change these preferences in any way before the October 15 deadline, you must notify the Columbus office of these changes.

Other Nominations:

Are you seeking a nomination through another source, such as your Senator? If so, please list:

I understand the deadline for applications to reach the Columbus District Office is October 15, 2003 by 5:30 PM, and that no exceptions will be granted if this deadline is not met. Application packets must be complete and getting all required documents into my application packet is my responsibility.

Signature

Date