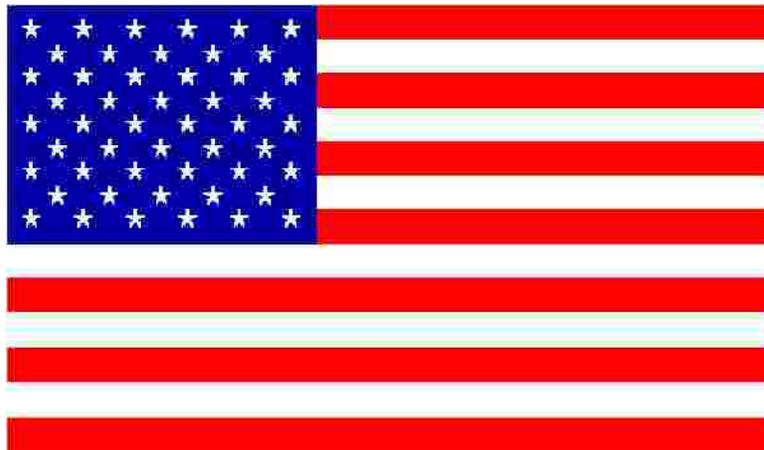


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CHECK LIST

All of the following required items must be sent to my District Office in Minnetonka, Minnesota postmarked by **Friday, October 31, 2008**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination. For delivery verification, you may wish to request a return receipt from the post office.

- _____ APPLICATION FORM – Completed and signed by applicant. Must be typed or legibly written
- _____ OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT – This must include classes currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank. If you would like to provide your transcript from your senior year, you may send it as an update as long as your application is complete by October 31.
- _____ OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (if applicable) – This must include current classes and GPA.
- _____ CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH – A wallet size picture with your name and hometown on the back.
- _____ PERSONAL ESSAY – This essay must be typed and thoroughly completed.
- _____ RECOMMENDATION FORMS – You are required to have three (3) recommendation forms mailed by the postmarked deadline. The recommendation forms may be completed by counselors, principals, teachers, religious leaders (i.e. priests, rabbis and ministers), coaches or community leaders. These forms may be accompanied by written letters of recommendation from your recommenders. Up to two (2) additional letters of recommendation (with or without forms) may be submitted for your application packet. Letters in excess of this number will not be reviewed. **NOTE: Recommendation forms are the chief cause of delays in completing an application process. Start this process now to ensure that they are postmarked by the deadline.**
- _____ COPY OF OFFICIAL SAT/ACT SCORES – The test scores must be mailed by the postmark deadline. Carefully consider the dates that you are taking tests; if you wait until September your scores may not arrive on time. You may have your scores sent directly to my district office by entering my score report codes: SAT= 6230, ACT=7485.
- _____ LIST OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – a list of all activities you participated in school and in the community
- _____ OTHER NOMINATION SOURCE – Remember it is in your best interest to apply for a nomination with both of your U.S Senators, U.S. Representative and the Vice President. Each office has its own application procedures; contact each office for information.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ø ACT / SAT Test Dates

Standardized test scores are important elements of your application. In order for your application to be considered, your test scores must be postmarked by the deadline of **Friday, October 31**. You may wish to have your test scores sent directly to my office. You can do this by using my report codes which are: SAT= 6230, ACT=7485. It would be my recommendation to take each test twice to ensure you get your best scores. The following are the ACT / SAT test dates.

ACT

April 12, 2008
June 14, 2008
October 25, 2008

SAT

March 1, 2008
May 3, 2008
June 7, 2008

Special note: Applicants may update their SAT / ACT test scores if and only if they have old test scores already in the completed application package all postmarked by the postmark deadline.

Ø Service Academy Contact Information

U.S. Air Force Academy

Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
1-800-443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Military Academy

Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, New York 10996-1797
1-800-822-2769
www.usma.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Admissions Office
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
1-866-546-4778
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy

USNA Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
1-888-246-7707
www.usna.edu

Ø Other Nomination Source Contact Information

Senator Norm Coleman

2550 University Avenue W, Suite 100N
St. Paul, MN 55114
651-0645-0323
<http://coleman.senate.gov>

Senator Amy Klobuchar

1 Federal Drive
Whipple Federal Building, Suite 298
Fort Snelling, MN 55111
612-727-5220
<http://klobuchar.senate.gov>

The Vice President Dick Cheney

Eisenhower Executive Office Building
Attn: Military Academy Nominations
Washington, D.C. 20501
www.whitehouse.gov



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APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ____/____/____ Social Security Number: _____

Gender (circle one): MALE FEMALE Are you a United States Citizen? _____

If not, list your country of citizenship: _____

Name of Parents / Guardians: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Temporary Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of High School: _____

High School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

GPA: _____ Class Rank: ____/____ Graduation Date: _____

SAT Scores:
Math: _____ Writing: _____ Critical Reading: _____ Composite: _____

ACT Scores:
English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____

Composite: _____

APPLICATION CONTINUED

ACADEMY INFORMATION

Number 1-4 the academies in order of preference:

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy

_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

_____ U.S. Military Academy

_____ U.S. Naval Academy

An appointment to the Service Academies is based on a desire by the candidate to devote a lifetime of military service and implies recognition by the appointee of an obligation to the government to devote him / herself to a military career. Are you interested in an appointment on that basis?

Yes _____ No _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name of "hometown" Newspaper: _____

Is it okay to use your name in a press release after receiving a nomination or appointment?

Yes _____ No _____

****NOTE:** Please include a list of your extra curricular activities and leadership responsibilities.

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

APPLICATION AGREEMENT: Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements. If you do not include your signature, your application will not be considered for nomination:

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I am a U.S. Citizen, or will be by July 1, 2009. I will be at least 17 years, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2009. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident of the 3rd Congressional District of Minnesota.

I certify that the information I have provided in the application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not postmarked by October 31, 2008.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

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PERSONAL ESSAY

“Why I want to attend a U.S. Service Academy”

- ∅ Type a 500 word essay on the reasons you want to attend the U.S. Service Academies. Please be sure to be thorough and include several of the following points but not all.
- When did you decide to attend the academy?
 - Describe your leadership capabilities that would make you valuable to the academies.
 - How have you prepared yourself for the academic, physical and moral challenges presented by a military service academy?
 - Why do you want to attend a military academy over a traditional university?
 - What generated your interest in the academies?



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RECOMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

To the Applicant: This form is to be completed by a teacher, school counselor/principal, religious leader, community leader or employer who is familiar with the applicant’s desire to attend a military service academy and his / her relevant qualifications.

To the Recommender: The Service academies provide a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following graduation. The questions below are designed to provide the information necessary to select the best qualified candidates. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Each student must submit three personal evaluations forms, along with a complete application packet by October 31, 2008. Please keep this deadline in mind as you return this form to the applicant, along with any additional pages or letters, sealed in an envelope and signed across the flap. Please answer the specific questions asked on this form, and use additional pages if necessary. You are welcome to submit a recommendation letter; however, it will not be accepted as a substitute for this completed form.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Describe the applicant’s talents, strengths and leadership ability

3. How could this applicant improve to rise to the challenges presented by a U.S. Service academy?

4. Do you believe the applicant plans to pursue military service as a career? Does he / she possess the maturity to fulfill the commitments and obligations that accompany a service academy education?

5. How does the applicant handle challenging situations and/or failures?

6. Do you know any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant’s performance at a service academy?

7. Select the phrase that best applies to this applicant:
 - a. The Best (Among the best I have known)
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 - c. Excellent (Has great potential)
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Your Name (Signed): _____ Date: ____/____/____

Your Name (Printed): _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____ Phone: _____

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