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U. S. Service Academy Nomination Program

To be considered for an appointment to a US Service Academy, an applicant must have a nomination from an authorized nominating source. Candidates may apply for nomination from multiple nominating sources, including their Member of Congress. For residents of the 10th Congressional District, those are the following:

Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich
14400 Detroit Avenue
Lakewood OH 44107
216-228-8850 phone
www.kucinich.house.gov

Vice President Joe Biden
Eisenhower Exec Office Building #290
Washington DC 20501

Senator Sherrod Brown
600 East Superior Avenue #2450
Cleveland OH 44114
216-522-7272 phone

Senator George Voinovich
37 West Broad Street #970
Columbus OH 43215
614-469-6774 phone

Other nominating sources include a presidential nomination for sons and daughters of career military personnel, a commander's nomination of an enlisted member, certain ROTC schools nominations, and the academies nominations of sons and daughters of veterans who are service connected deceased or disabled, missing in action or who have received the Medal of Honor.

Congressman Kucinich uses the competitive method of nomination. He submits a slate of up to 10 nominees to each academy. Nominees are presented in an unranked list. Each academy evaluates all nominees and rates them according to their qualifications. The best-qualified candidate is selected by the academy for an offer of admission.

Academies are required to select at least one fully qualified candidate from each congressional list, and may choose more than one candidate.

This is a guide for application to nomination by Congressman Kucinich

SPRING of JUNIOR YEAR

Advise guidance counselor that you are interested in attending a US Service Academy

Attend **ADADEMY DAY** sponsored by Congressman Kucinich's office. Your Guidance Office will be notified of the date, time and location. This is an informative session at which you can see a presentation on each of the academies and meet with the individual academy representatives to ask questions.

Begin the pre-candidate questionnaire and application process at the academies you are interested in attending. You can register at each academy's web site.

US Air Force Academy
HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Dr #200
USAF Academy CO 80840
800-443-9266
www.usafa.edu

US Military Academy
Building 606
West Point NY 10996
845-938-4041
www.usma.edu

US Naval Academy
117 Decatur Rd
Annapolis MD 21402
410-293-4361
www.usna.edu

US Merchant Marine Academy
Steamboat Rd
Kings Point NY 11024
866-546-4778
www.usmma.edu

You can also apply directly to the US Coast Guard Academy. A congressional nomination is not required for admission to this academy.

US Coast Guard Academy
31 Mohegan Ave
New London CT 06320
880-883-8724
www.uscga.edu

PRIOR to the END of JUNIOR YEAR

Submit your Application for Nomination to Congressman Kucinich. You can request this form be mailed to you or download it from the congressional web site at www.kucinich.house.gov. Go to Services For You. Then click on Service Academy Nominations. The Application for Nomination should be sent along with a letter of request for nomination explaining your interest in a military career.

Request that your official high school transcript, showing complete junior year grades, be sent to the congressional office. Your SAT/ACT scores may be reported on your transcript or have them sent directly to the congressional office using the codes:
SAT 1601 and **ACT 7606**

Seek assistance from your guidance counselor in compiling your academy information.

THROUGH the SUMMER

Complete and return your pre-candidate questionnaires to the appropriate academies, read the academy catalogs and try to visit the academies of your choice.

Contact those individuals (at least three) who you would like to write letters of recommendation on your behalf.

During the summer, become involved in community, religious or work organizations that will help you demonstrate your character and leadership qualities.

SEPTEMBER of SENIOR YEAR

Confirm that the congressional office has received both your Application for Nomination form and your high school transcript.

Compile and submit a list of your awards and extracurricular activities.

Begin confirming receipt by congressional office of your other information, including a letter of request to Congressman Kucinich, test scores, and three letters of recommendation.

DEADLINES

OCTOBER 15th – Application Form

Completed Application Form must be received by the congressional office no later than October 15th.

NOVEMBER 15th – Completed File containing items below A-F

A. **Letter** requesting consideration for nomination
B. **Completed Application Form** (due October 15th)
C. **SAT and/or ACT Test Scores**
D. **Official High School Transcript** – must include class rank, grade point average, senior courses and senior grades if available
E. **Three Letters of Recommendation –** Letters may be written by a counselor, teacher, employer or person from your community who knows you. Remember it is the content of the letter that is important. The letter should reflect your leadership qualities, skills and abilities. Only three letters will be accepted. Recommenders should mail original letters, not copies, directly to the congressional office.
F. **List of Awards and Extracurricular Activities** – outline your accomplishments in school, your community, employment or any other activities. Include a statement on why you wish to attend a service academy.

IMPORTANT: It is the responsibility of each applicant to submit all information on time. **If deadlines are missed, you will not be considered for nomination.** This office will do all we can to help you by answering questions and offering guidance. Please feel free to call us at 216-228-8850 as often as necessary.

INTERVIEW with NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Those who complete their files by the November 15th deadline will be invited for a personal interview with our academy screening committee composed of 10th District community leaders. Applicants will be evaluated based on their qualifications. The committee will then recommend the ten best candidates for nomination to each academy. Interviews will be held on the second or third Saturday in December. You will be notified of your interview by letter. If there are fewer that ten applicants per academy, interviews will not be necessary.

ANNOUNCEMENT of NOMINATIONS

Those nominated will be notified by letter, usually before February 1st.