

# Service Academy Application Eligibility and Procedures

Individuals seeking a nomination to one of the service academies from Congressman Herger (2nd Congressional District of California) are encouraged to apply in the spring of their junior year of high school. Only students eligible to enter an academy in the summer of 2009 (Class of 2013) may apply for a nomination at this time. Submit the following information to:

The Honorable Wally Herger  
Attn: Leslie Schuessler  
55 Independence Circle, Suite 104  
Chico, CA 95973

## General Qualifications

- U.S. Citizenship
- At least 17 years old by July 1st of entering year and not older than 23
- Unmarried, not pregnant, no dependents
- Resident of the State of California and the 2nd Congressional District
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Must Pass academy physical requirements and medical examination
- Strong Moral Character

## Procedures Check List

- A. **Pre-Candidate Questionnaire:** Prior to applying for a nomination, candidates must complete and submit the online pre-candidate questionnaire form found on each of the academy websites. Upon 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 facilities.
- B. **Application Packet:** The first five items listed below must be sent all together for your application to be processed. SAT or ACT scores and letters of recommendation will be accepted separately. Please send all information to the address listed above.
1. **Application Form:** Fill out the [Academy Application Form](#) online and print it out to include in the packet.
  2. **Personal Statement:** Candidates are required to write a personal statement, which reflects his or her aspiration for applying to the Academies. (One page typed is sufficient)
  3. **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. Some examples: leadership positions held, athletic activities (note varsity letters earned and leadership positions), scholastic honors, etc. List any part-time or full-time jobs you have held during high school. (Please type.)
  4. **Official Transcripts:** High School transcripts should include your entire junior year and class rank. Include college transcripts if applicable.
  5. **Recent Photograph of Yourself**
  6. **SAT or ACT Scores:** Must be from testing agency itself. Scores on your official high school transcripts are not acceptable. SAT code is **4503**, ACT code is **7241**
  7. **Letters of Recommendation:** Candidates are required to submit three letters of recommendation (one must be from a school official). Additional examples: Coaches, Scout Masters, Pastors, FFA Advisors etc. Provide each individual an [Instructions for Service Academy Recommendation](#) sheet.
- C. **Screening Committee Interview:** Eligible candidates will interview with my screening committee in early January 2009. The recommendations of the screening committee will weigh heavily in my selection process. It is **strongly** recommended that each candidate be present at the interview. However, in the event a candidate is unable to appear in person, a telephone conference call arrangement can be made.

**THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING YOUR FILE IN THIS OFFICE IS **OCTOBER 31, 2008.****

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

\* Questions or concerns can be directed to Leslie Schuessler at the Chico District office: (530) 893-8363 or [leslie.schuessler@mail.house.gov](mailto:leslie.schuessler@mail.house.gov)