



Application Packet
Service Academy Nominations
Class of 2015

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding nominations to our nation's Service Academies. I am honored to be involved in the nomination process; and I applaud you for your desire to serve our great nation in the Armed Services. Due to the limited number of candidates I am able to nominate to each Service Academy I encourage you to contact Senator Cornyn's and Senator Hutchison's office to inquire about their nomination process as well.

The Service Academies in which I offer nominations for are the United States Air Force Academy, United States Military Academy, United States Merchant Marine Academy, and United States Naval Academy. A nomination to one of the Service Academies is a prestigious honor since an appointment requires characteristics of dedication, a desire to serve others, the ability to accept discipline, and a sense of duty and morality.

If you have any questions please contact my San Antonio office, and speak with Pete Arguello at (210) 271-2851. I look forward to receiving your application for nomination.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Cuellar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "H" and "C".

Henry Cuellar, Ph.D
Member of Congress

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

Please Return To: **Congressman Henry Cuellar Phone: (210) 271-2851**
Attention: Pete Arguello Fax: (210) 277-6671
615 E. Houston St., Suite 451
San Antonio, TX 78205

Please print or type

FULL NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____ MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: () _____ PHONE #: () _____

COUNTY: _____ EMAIL: _____

SSN: _____ DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY): _____

PARENTS OR GUARDIAN: _____

WORK #: () _____ Other #: () _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____
(Name and address)

COUNSELOR: _____ PHONE #: _____

GRADUATION DATE: _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

LIST ORDER OF PREFERENCE OF SERVICE ACADEMIES (mark only the ones you wish to attend)

____ USMA ____ USNA ____ USAFA ____ USMMA

NOTE: You must contact and register with the academies you wish to attend

HAS EITHER PARENT SERVED IN THE MILITARY? IF SO, STATE BRANCH OF SERVICE
AND RANK:

SERVICE ACADEMY FACT SHEET

The following requirements apply to entrance to all four academies to which Members of Congress make nominations: Air Force, Military Academy (West Point), Navy, and Merchant Marine. The academy process is very competitive; therefore all candidates are urged to apply to every nomination authority they qualify for. The academy generally seeks a well rounded individual who demonstrate leadership and is involved in their school and community.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be at least 17 years of age, but not past 23rd birthday as of July 1, the year of admission to an academy; must be a citizen of the United States by birth or naturalization as of July 1, the year of admission; must be men and women of good moral character who are trustworthy, emotionally stable, and motivated.

RESIDENCE: Candidate and/or his or her parents must provide proof (if requested) of residence in the 28th Congressional District of Texas within two years prior to prospective admission to an academy.

MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS: All physical examinations are conducted at designated Department of Defense medical examining centers. Examinations will be conducted only for candidates who have been officially scheduled by the Department of Medical Examination Review Board – a tri-service agency responsible for scheduling and evaluating examinations for all the U.S. Service Academies. Applicants will receive instructions for taking the Medical Examination directly from the Medical Review Board.

PHYSICAL APTITUDE: Applicants must demonstrate superior strength, endurance, and agility which will be measured by the Physical Aptitude Examination (PAE). Candidates are advised to prepare for this examination by engaging in vigorous activities such as running, general conditioning exercises, and competitive games. Details on the PAE can be found in the appropriate academy manual, together with the height and weight limitations.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: To be considered for a nomination to an Academy, the applicant must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or the American College Testing Program (ACT). It is strongly recommended that the SAT/ACT tests be taken to see which one measures the educational background most favorably. **Applicants are advised to check carefully with their guidance counselors. SAT Code: 4703**

ACT Code: 7709

APPLICATION: All applicants are required to submit the following: completed application, transcripts, resume, three letters of recommendation, personal essay, SAT/ACT. Your completed application must be returned no later than **October 29th, 2010 to my San Antonio District Office**. Applicants must indicate academy preference on the application form. Applicants will be reviewed for any or all service academies listed on the application form for which openings are available

INTERVIEW: All applicants will be interviewed in December by the Service Academy Board-28th Congressional District of Texas.

Once nominees are selected, they are submitted to the academies who then determines who will receive an offer of appointment.

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

U.S. Air Force Academy: Admissions Office, HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
Phone: 1-800-443-9266
www.academyadmissions.com

U.S. Military Academy: Director of Admissions
U.S. Military Academy
600 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-9902
Phone: 1-800-822-2769 (ARMY)
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy: U.S. Naval Academy
Candidate Guidance Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5019
(410) 293-4361
www.usna.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Admissions Office
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, NY 11024-9997
1-866-546-4778
www.usmma.edu

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination. You should apply directly to the academy for admission.

U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Director of Admissions
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
15 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-4195
1.800.883.USCG (8724)
www.cga.edu

