



# CONGRESSMAN JACK KINGSTON

*First District of Georgia*

## UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS



### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Because of the extreme competition for nominations, you are urged to apply to every nominating authority which your eligibility allows, (i.e., Presidential, Vice Presidential, Senator, Congressman, Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans, etc.) However, if you receive a nomination from another source, please let me know immediately.

Each Congressional Office uses a selection process which is designed to meet its own needs and standards. To applicants who apply to more than one office these different procedures are often confusing. Last minute misunderstandings can be avoided by carefully studying and following the instructions of each office.

The information outlined below is required in order for you to be considered as an applicant. It is your responsibility to submit this information and to keep it updated. The deadline for receipt of the Nomination Packet is **1 OCTOBER** because there must be adequate time to assess each candidate's qualifications. Although information received after the deadline is acceptable until the selections of nominees are complete, candidates whose files are incomplete when nominations are made cannot be given consideration.

Careful thought should be given to your first choice of an academy. Second choices are considered in the event that there are not a sufficient number of qualified candidates in an academy category to fill a slate of nominees; this rarely happens.

### II. REQUIREMENTS

A. Eligibility. As of July 1 of the year of admission to a U. S. Service Academy: He or she must be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday, must be a United States citizen, and must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

B. Residency. Applicants must be a legal resident of the First Congressional District of Georgia.

D. Academic Achievement. Your Transcripts and College Board Scores are key in this process.

C. Leadership. Leadership potential and physical fitness are judged from the information provided on your Application Form. The Academies place a high premium on leadership and extra-curricular activities. Unlike civilian colleges, the Service Academies also place strong emphasis on physical training.

### **III. NOMINATION TYPE: PRINCIPAL WITH COMPETING ALTERNATES**

There are three methods of nomination which may be used by Members of Congress. They are: Competitive, Principal with Competing Alternates, and Principal with Numbered Alternates. Members may use any of these methods at their discretion. Regardless of the nominating method and means of evaluation used, it is strongly encouraged that a full slate of ten nominations be submitted for each vacancy. The higher the number of nominees, the better the quality of an incoming class is likely to be.

The nomination method utilized by Congressman Jack Kingston's Academy Board is Principal with Competing Alternates. This method provides for designation of the Principal Nominee by the Member of Congress and his Academy Board. The other nine unranked nominees are submitted to the academy applicant pool for evaluation and compete as alternates with this pool. If the Principal qualifies (scholastically, medically, and in physical aptitude), he or she will be appointed and will fill the Principal vacancy. Please note that if the Principal does not qualify, the alternates then compete for the Principal vacancy. Principal selection at this point is based on merit as determined by the evaluation and ranking of the alternates by the service academy.

### **IV. BASIS FOR SELECTION**

Selections are made competitively on the basis of composite of academic factors and leadership potential, extra-curricular activities, physical fitness, and recommendations. The following are included:

**Grade Point Average and Class Ranking:** We look for GPAs of 3.5 or higher.

**College Board Scores:** The academies normally establish qualifying scores for admission. We look for total SAT scores of Math and Verbal to be above 1100. The Board looks for individual ACT scores of 23 and above. The Nomination Board and the US Service Academies accept the highest individual verbal and math scores from all tests taken.

**Extra-Curricular Activities and Leadership:** The Board and I look for a "whole candidate" who has strength in all areas.

**Motivation:** One of the most important considerations in the selection of nominees is motivation -- the candidate's desire to attend an academy. It is also the most difficult to measure. To an extent, motivation can be judged by a candidate's diligence in completing his file, which is the reason those with incomplete files are not considered for nominations. In addition, candidates write a personal statement on their reasons for wanting to attend an Academy.

**GOOD LUCK!**

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**Instructions for Completing the Service Academy Nomination Packet**

The Nomination Packet Deadline is **1 OCTOBER**:

Please complete and return the enclosed Application Form. Formal candidacy is established in my office upon receipt of the Application. It is not necessary for you to send all required information at once, and you should not wait to file your Application if transcripts or test scores are not immediately available.

Please submit a transcript of your high school and college studies if applicable.

SAT or ACT scores are required. Scores can come directly from SAT by using code 5719 or from ACT by using code 7351. You may also submit a copy of your scores directly to my office.

Please submit a copy of your DODMERB medical evaluation that will be scheduled through the Academy. This is another reason to open your file as soon as possible with the appropriate Academy.

Please submit a personal statement explaining the following:

- A. Why do you desire training at the Academy?
- B. Do you intend to make the military a career?
- C. In what ways do you feel you have demonstrated leadership?
- D. Have you or any members of your family served in the military?
- E. Have you been a member of JROTC, National Guard, Boy/Girl Scouts or other similar groups?
- F. Have you found it necessary during your high school years to earn money to help pay your way through school or to assist your family?
- G. Who has most influenced your life thus far, and why/ how?

The Recommendation Form should be completed by your high school counselor or principal. It may be sent directly to my office or included in your packet.

Three letters of recommendation from other sources should be sent directly to my office or included in your nomination packet.

Please submit a photo of yourself. This may be emailed to [Brooke.Childers@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brooke.Childers@mail.house.gov) or included in your packet.

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE ALL MATERIALS RETURNED BY OCTOBER 1  
SO THAT YOUR FILE WILL BE COMPLETE FOR BOARD INTERVIEWS.**

**Please mail to:**

Congressman Jack Kingston  
ATTN: Brooke Childers  
One Diamond Causeway, Suite 7  
Savannah, Georgia 31406

If you have questions, please call Brooke at (912) 352-0101  
or email her at [Brooke.Childers@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brooke.Childers@mail.house.gov)

Please print clearly or type

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class of 2017

| List Order of Preference      |  |
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| U.S. Military Academy         |  |
| U. S. Naval Academy           |  |
| U. S. Air Force Academy       |  |
| U. S. Merchant Marine Academy |  |

## CONGRESSMAN JACK KINGSTON - ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

### Biographical Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Citizen? Yes No

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

To what other nomination sources have you applied? (Senators, ROTC, President): \_\_\_\_\_

### Education

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ My class rank is \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

| SAT/ACT Scores | Critical Reading | Math | Writing | Total |
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How many years have you taken Math Chemistry Physics

### Extracurricular Activities *(Attach additional pages or resume if necessary)*

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Church & Name of Minister: \_\_\_\_\_

### References

| Name | Address | Occupation |
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UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY  
RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Characteristics

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Personality Traits

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Ability to Work Under Pressure

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Ability to Work with Others

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Testing Skills

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General Comments and/or Recommendations

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Return to the student or:  
Congressman Jack Kingston  
Attn: Brooke Childers  
One Diamond Causeway, Suite 7  
Savannah, Georgia 31406

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*Signature of Counselor or Principal*

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**UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY FILE CHECKLIST**

- Application Form
- High School and College Transcripts if applicable
- Test Scores (PSAT/SAT/ACT)
- DODMERB Results or Physician's Certificate of Health
- Personal Statement
- Completed Recommendation Form
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- A Photograph

**ALL ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 1**

**Contact:**

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