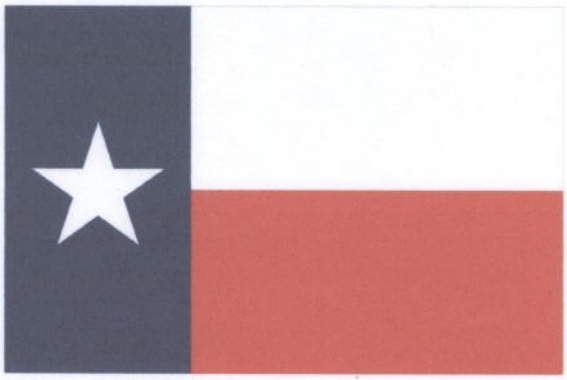
Service Academy Nomination Application Packet 2009-2010



Due November 30, 2009

Congressman Kenny Marchant
Attn: Academy Coordinator
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Service Academy Nomination Requirements

All information listed below is required for an application packet to be complete.
Please submit all requirements together.

- ✓ **Residency**: A candidate must be a resident of the 24th Congressional District. A candidate who is temporarily residing outside the 24th District because their parents are involved in government service must prove legal residence within the 24th district and show that the move outside the District is temporary. The legal residence of the father normally determines residency. If the parents are divorced, the residence of the parent with whom the applicant lives determines their residency.

- ✓ **Age**: You must be at least 17 years old by July 1 of the year of your induction but not have passed your 23rd birthday. If you are applying for the Merchant Marine Academy, you must not have attained 25 years of age by July 1 of the year of entry.

- ✓ **Medical Examination**: One of the Academy's requirements is that all applicants are in good physical health and are medically qualified. It is in your best interest to schedule an appointment with DoDMERB prior to submitting your application to Congressman Marchant's office. Please note that DoDMERG generally takes 30 days to process results. Candidates who are medically qualified by the Academy at the time of their interview will be given stronger consideration than those who have not yet been reviewed.

- ✓ **Application Form**: The enclosed two-page application form should be completed, signed, and returned by you.

- ✓ **Recommendations**: You must include 2 completed recommendation forms in your packet. People who know you well such as a teacher, counselor, principal, minister, priest, rabbi, coach, employer, scoutmaster or community leader should complete these forms. Please do not have family members complete these forms. When completed, it should be returned to you in a sealed envelope. It is your responsibility to ensure these forms are completed in a timely manner and included in your packet.

- ✓ **Official High School Transcript**: You must include an official high school transcript. Your high school **numerical rank/class size** and **GPA MUST** be included on this transcript. Without this information on your transcript, your file will be considered incomplete. Should your school not rank students, you must have the counselor or principal denote this on your transcript. You should also see that your counselor denotes your GPA on a 4.0 scale.

- ✓ **SAT/ACT Scores**: In order to be considered for a nomination, you must have taken the SAT/ACT prior to November 2010 in order to meet our November 30, 2010 deadline. You may take these tests several times to try to improve your scores – your highest scores will be accepted. You must have official copies of your scores sent to Congressman Marchant's district office. SAT code is 4441, ACT code is 7705.

- ✓ **Questionnaire:** Please complete the questionnaire included in the packet.

- ✓ **Resume:** Your resume should include school and community activities, athletic participation, honors, awards, after school and summer jobs, leadership positions and recognitions of achievement.

- ✓ **Other Transcripts**: If you have graduated from high school and attended classes at another school or university, you must include a transcript for those classes with your packet.

- ✓ **Recent Photo**: Please staple a photograph of yourself to the first page of the application.

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Application for Nomination to a U.S. Service Academy
2009-2010

Both pages of this application must be completed and returned with the applicant's signature at the bottom of page two. Please type or print legibly.

Please indicate which academy you would like to attend; if you are interested in more than one academy, please rank them in order of your preference, first to last.

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy
_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
_____ U.S. Military Academy
_____ U.S. Naval Academy

NOTE: It is highly recommend that you take time to research each of the service academies. For example, many students do not know that a Merchant Marine Academy student can be commissioned into any branch of the Armed Services upon graduation.

Full Name:_____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Preferred First Name)

Current Mailing Address:_____
(Street / P.O. Box)

_____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Texas Residence: (*If you listed a Post Office Box or a temporary address above. Service Academies require the listing of your street address in Texas.*)

_____
(Street / P.O. Box)

_____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ Cell Phone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail address: _____

Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s):_____
(Mother) (Father)

Mother's Work Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Father's Work Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Are you the child of an active or retired member of the United States Military? _____YES_____NO

Are you the child of a deceased veteran, disabled veteran, prisoner of war, serviceman missing in action, or Medal of Honor Awardee?
If yes, please specify:_____

High School Attended: _____
(School Name)

_____
(School Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

_____
(School Phone Number) (Counselor's Name)

Expected Date of Graduation: _____ / _____ / _____

High School GPA: _____
(Please have your counselor convert this to the 4.0 scale.)

Class Rank: _____ / _____

SAT: Critical Reading_____ Math_____ Writing_____ Composite_____

ACT: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Composite _____

Have you attended any college?_____YES_____NO

If yes, college attended:_____
(School Name)

_____
(School Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Date(s) Attended:_____ Credit Hours Earned :_____

Current GPA:_____ Number of Hours Currently attending:_____

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:**

Privacy Act of 1974 Statement: Congressman Marchant, please monitor my progress in seeking an appointment to an Academy. I hereby consent for the academy to divulge information from my records for this purpose.

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy. 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, 2010. I will be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2010. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident in the 24th district of Texas.

I have read this entire application and all required materials are included. I acknowledge that if I have not submitted all of the necessary data by November 30, 2009, I will not be given consideration for the nomination.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ /_____

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Personal Recommendation Form

2009-2010 Application for Nomination to a U.S. Service Academy

To be completed by a school counselor/principal/teacher, employer, community leader, scoutmaster, religious leader, etc. Family members may not complete personal recommendation forms.

Note to Student: You must turn in TWO Completed Personal Recommendation Forms with your packet. Your Packet will be Incomplete if these are not included.

_____

Printed Name of Applicant (Last, First, Middle)

The person named above is applying for a nomination to a United States Service Academy through Congressman Marchant's office. We understand that your time is valuable and we appreciate your help in our selection process. The academies provide a college education and training for students to become a commissioned officer in the Armed Forces following graduation. The questions below are designed to provide the information necessary to select the best qualified candidates. Each student evaluation must be received in our office by November 30, 2009. Please assist the student in meeting this deadline. Additional pages will be accepted, but are not required. Please type or print legibly.

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

(2). Describe the applicant's talents, strengths, and leadership qualities.

(3). What are the applicant's weaknesses?

(4). How does the applicant handle stressful and challenging situations? Has the applicant encountered failure and how did he/she manage the situation?

(5). Are you aware of any personal circumstances that could affect the applicant's performance at the academy?

(6). Describe the applicant's relationship with his/her peer group? Does he/she stand out among peers? Does he/she have the ability to get along well with others?

To the evaluator: Please return this completed form in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap to the applicant for inclusion in his/her application packet. Thank you again for your time.

Name (signature)_____ Date_____

Name (printed) _____ Title _____

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Congressman Marchant's Candidate Questionnaire

Please briefly answer each of the following questions. You may use additional paper if necessary.

1. **How have you prepared yourself for the academic, physical and moral challenges presented by a federal service academy?**

2. **Briefly describe an experience that demonstrates your leadership capabilities.**

3. **What disappointments/obstacles have you encountered in life? How did you handle these situations?**

4. **When did you decide that you wanted to join a service academy? What generated your interest? Do you have family members or friends who are/were in the military?**

5. **Why do you want to attend a military academy instead of a traditional university? Have you applied to any traditional universities?**

6. **Do you understand, that if selected, you must commit to a minimum of five years in military service? Do you plan to pursue a career in the military? Are there any specialized fields that interest you?**

7. **Do you think you can abide by an honor code? How do you think you would react if you were aware that a peer or even a close friend was guilty of an honor code violation?**

8. **What is unique about your personality, character or talent that makes you stand out from all other students competing for a nomination?**

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Nomination Process for Service Academies

Selection of Candidates- The 24th district will elect an Academy Advisory Board to assist Congressman Marchant select nominees for candidates seeking appointments. The applicants will be asked to attend an interview in front of the Academy Advisory Board. The candidates will be ranked and the highest ranking individuals will be submitted to the academies as nominees. The academies choose from the nominees and extend the actual appointments.

Vacancies- Normally, each congressional district has one place to fill in each class entering each of the three major service academies. The vacancy is created by the graduation of a cadet from our district each year. However, when a cadet leaves an academy for any reason before graduation that creates a vacancy for the next year and changes the cycle. Therefore, it is possible that some years we may have more than one or worst case scenario, no vacancies to fill for a particular academy.

Many young people nominated rank sufficiently high so that academies select them for entrance through quotas other than "congressional". These include "athletic", "additional", "Secretary of the Army", "qualified alternate", etc. Thus, more new candidates now have the opportunity to enter an academy than in past years.

Merchant Marine- A different nomination procedure is followed for the Merchant Marine Academy. Each Texas member of Congress can nominate ten candidates, who then compete with all others nominated for the 15 spots Texas has allocated.

Coast Guard Academy- There is not a congressional nomination or geographic quota for the Coast Guard Academy. These appointments are made by the Commandant of the Coast Guard by means of a national competitive examination. You should contact Coast Guard or visit their website for an application.

In Summary- Selection of candidates by the academies is based on academic records, class standing, SAT or ACT scores, results of the medical examination and physical aptitude tests, leadership potential, and personal interviews.

There are always numerous applications for each vacancy, and competition is heavy. However, **any person who meets the requirements of the academies has a chance to be nominated.**

Congressman Marchant's district office will provide prospective candidates an application packet upon request. **All material should be sent to the district office.**

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Additional Information

SAT and ACT Test Dates

Standardized test scores are important elements of your application. In order for your application to be considered complete, you must either send an official copy of your scores or have the testing centers send your scores to my office. The codes for my office are: **SAT: 4441 ACT: 7705**. To meet this deadline, I suggest taking one or both of the tests on these dates:

SAT

March 14, 2009
May 2, 2009
June 6, 2009

ACT

April 04, 2009
June 13, 2009
September 12, 2009
October 24, 2009
December 12, 2009

*Note: All test scores must be postmarked by **November 30, 2009**. However, your test scores can be updated between the time of your application and the time of the Academy Board meeting if your score is higher on a later test; this will only be permitted for students who submit their first score(s) on or before the official deadline to complete their files.

Service Academy Contact Information

If you haven't already done so, you should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies you desire to attend. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly.

U.S. Air Force Academy
Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(866) 546-4778
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Military Academy
Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, New York 10996-1797
(800) 822-2769
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy
USNA Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(888) 249-7707
www.usna.edu

NOTE: Congressional nominations are no longer required (nor are they submitted) for the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). If you are interested in attending the Coast Guard Academy, contact the academy directly at:

United States Coast Guard Academy
Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
(203) 444-8501
www.uscag.edu