

I appreciate your interest in attending one of the United States service academies. Selection to attend one of our nation's military academies is one of the highest honors bestowed on our country's young people, and I will be glad to consider you for a nomination to the class entering in the summer of 2009.

Please complete the application and send it to my Washington office as soon as possible, along with three recommendation forms, a list of qualifications, and a list of additional instructions. All requests for Congressional nominations should be submitted to my office no later than November 15, 2008. Congressional nominations for the class entering in 2009 will be submitted to the academies by January 31.

Please view the list of admissions offices for the various academies. If you have not done so already, you need to contact the academies you are interested in so that they may establish admissions files for you.

Admission to the academies is highly competitive, and individuals nominated from the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District must meet the high standards set by the academies. Although the selection process is very difficult, the rewards the service academies give to the individuals who qualify are great.

I commend your interest in serving your country, and I wish you the very best as the selection process continues. If you have any questions or need additional information, feel free to contact Peggy Fields in my Washington office at (202) 225-4801.

**BUD CRAMER**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS**

1. Complete and return your application form as soon as possible. If you do not yet have all the information requested, you may send the missing data later and we will add it to your file. Meanwhile, the application form will verify that you are seriously interested in pursuing a nomination.
2. The following information **MUST** be on file in my Washington office no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - A. Completed application
  - B. High school transcript
    - a. H.S. student: thru 11<sup>th</sup> grade
    - b. H.S. graduate: final transcript (and college grades if available)
  - C. Copy of ACT and/or SAT I scores
  - D. Three recommendation forms to be completed by your high school principal, counselor, coach, or teachers.
  - E. A small photo (no larger than 3" x 5")
3. Contact the academies as soon as possible so that they may initiate files for you. Respond promptly to the academies' requests for information so that your academy file will be complete if you receive a nomination. Even though you may have a preference, you are well advised to have files at the other academies as backup. Members of Congress are limited in the number of nominations they can make to each academy and always make an attempt to grant first choices.

**IMPORTANT:** Be sure to register for the SAT I or ACT test at the first opportunity if you have not already done so. Take the test again if you believe you can become more competitive by improving your scores.

**A REMINDER:** Give yourself as many options as possible by applying to both United States Senators for a nomination, and for a Reserve Officers Training Corps scholarship as well. The service academies and ROTC have similar missions, but I can nominate to only a limited number of academy slots. Check with your guidance counselor or a recruiting office for ROTC information.

**ABOUT CITIZENSHIP:** You **MUST** be a United States citizen to be admitted to an academy. Any applicant who is not should discuss his or her status with my staff. We may be able to assist with expediting the naturalization process when the applicant is able to apply for citizenship and has good potential for being admitted to an academy.

# QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

## LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES:

1. Must be a U.S. citizen by July 1 of the year of admission;
2. Must be between the age of 17 and 21 on July 1 of the year of admission (17 and 25 for the Merchant Marine Academy)
3. Must not be pregnant, married, or have legal requirement to provide support for a dependent;
4. Must be a resident of the Congressional District from which he/she is nominated. Legal residence is determined by the residency of the parent or legal guardian with whom the nominee lives.

## GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION:

\* A "whole person" evaluation is determined from evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, goals, and motivation.

1. A high academic record
  - SAT I or ACT is required of all applicants. General minimums are:

-----SAT-----ACT-----

Air Force 500 Verbal 550 Math 24 Eng. 25 Math

Merchant Marine 400 Verbal 500 Math 21 Eng. 25 Math

Military 480 Verbal 540 Math 23 Eng. 23 Math

Naval 520 Verbal 600 Math 26 Eng. 26 Math

\* Rank in upper 20% of your class

\* Participation and performance in high school extracurricular activities

2. Physical and medical qualifications

\* A Physical Aptitude Examination is required of all nominees.

\* A Medical Examination, handled through the academies and the Department of Defense, is required of all nominees.

\* Vision Requirements:

- Air Force- 20/20 uncorrected for 60-70% of applicants

- Military- 20/20 uncorrected for 70% of applicants

- Naval- correctable to 20/20 for all applicants

\* Minor disqualifying defects subject to medical or dental correction can be waived. Disqualifying illnesses include: chronic skin diseases, organic heart diseases, uncorrected hernias, and loss of either thumb or great toe.

## ADMISSIONS OFFICES ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

U.S. Military Academy Admissions Office Building 606 Thayer Road West Point, NY 10996-1797 Phone: (914) 938-4041	U.S. Naval Academy USNA Admissions Office Annapolis, MD 21402-5019 Phone: (410) 293-4361
U.S. Air Force Academy Admissions Office Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651 Phone: (719) 472-2520	U.S. Coast Guard Academy Admissions Office New London, CT 06320-4195 Phone: (203) 444-8444
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Admissions Office Kings Point, NY 11024-1699 Phone: (516) 773-5391 or 1-800-732-6267	

**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE UNITED STATES SERVICE  
ACADEMIES FROM THE 5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Rank Your Academy Preferences from 1 to 4:

Military \_\_\_\_\_ Naval \_\_\_\_\_ Air Force \_\_\_\_\_ Merchant Marine \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Name Called \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Father) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Mother) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Address (if different from applicant) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages of Siblings \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No; If not, give alien reg. # \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

College Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ (4.0 scale) Class rank: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Test Scores (send copy of official scores)

SAT: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_

ACT: Date \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_

(Have the above GPA and class standing certified by your counselor)

Please state why you wish to attend one of the U.S. Service Academies in 50 words or less using the space below.

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**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**  
HIGH SCHOOL ONLY; PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT RESUME  
(If additional space is needed, please use attached supplement)

**SCHOOL RELATED (Athletic, Academic, and Other Clubs)**

Activity	Grade	Comments

**ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL (Work, Scouting, Church, Community, etc.)**

Activity	Grade	Comments

**I AM ALSO SEEKING A NOMINATION THROUGH**  
(Congressman/Senator/Vice-President)

**PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:**

I certify that the information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I have not submitted all requested information listed on the Instruction Sheet by the November 15th deadline my application may not be given final consideration for a Congressional appointment.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**  
**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BUD CRAMER**



**EXAMPLE - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Comments</u>
National Honor Society	11,12	Vice-President (12)
Marching Band	9,10,11,12	Clarinet Soloist
Latin Club	9,10,11	Secretary (10)
Congressional Intern	11	Congressman Bud Cramer
Yearbook	10,11,12	Co-Editor (12)
Habitat for Humanity	9,10	
Girls State Delegate	12	
Mayor Student Tutoring	10,11	
Drama	9,10,11,12	
Chamber Choir	10,11,12	
All-State Chorus	9,10,11,12	
Science Olympiad	10	Silver Medal- State
Student Council	9,10,11,12	President (12); VP-(11)
Varsity Basketball	10,11,12	Captain

**Congressman Bud Cramer, 5th District of Alabama  
UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES NOMINATION  
RECOMMENDATION FORM**

TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE:                      DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Telephone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Applying to: [ ]USMA [ ]USNA [ ]USAFA [ ]USMMA

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Dear Evaluator:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation form for the young person named above who is applying for a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. The purpose of the academies is to provide a college education leading to a career as an officer in our nation's military service. The questions asked will assist in the selection process and help determine if this individual will receive a congressional nomination. Your comments regarding this young person are extremely important and greatly appreciated.

Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal of the back flap. Thank you for your cooperation.

BUD CRAMER  
Member of Congress

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EVALUATOR:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject Taught: \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant?

Very Well (i.e. more than a year) \_\_\_\_\_

Fairly Well (i.e. more than 1 semester) \_\_\_\_\_

Not Very Well (i.e. less than 1 semester) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel comfortable being asked to evaluate the candidate? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Do you recommend this candidate for a service academy? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Comments regarding answers given above are necessary and appreciated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe personal circumstances (positive and negative) which may have impacted this individual's development (scholastic, personal, physical, career). You may want to consider the following: family obligations, family background, economic status, motivation, etc. Attach additional sheet if necessary.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- \* Please evaluate the candidate using the following statements.
  - \* Using the scale below, rate the statement on how it best describes the candidate in relation to other students.
  - \* Use only one response for each statement.
  - \* Comments are appreciated.
- 1 = one of the top few I have seen in my career; 2 = top 5%; 3 = top 10%  
4 = above average; 5 = average; 6 = below average; 7 = not observed

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This Candidate:

**1. GETS ALONG WITH OTHERS:**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**2. SHOWS CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF OTHERS:**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**3. COMMUNICATES EFFECTIVELY IN FACE TO FACE DISCUSSION:**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**4. COMMUNICATES EFFECTIVELY IN WRITTEN WORK:**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**5. EXHIBITS LEADERSHIP SKILLS:**

PERSONAL: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

GROUP: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

**6. EXERTS MAXIMUM EFFORT AND SHOWS A STRONG DESIRE TO ACHIEVE HIS/HER GOALS:**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

7. HAS ABILITY TO SET REALISTIC GOALS:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

8. SEEKS ACADEMIC CHALLENGES BEYOND THAT REQUIRED BY NORMAL COURSEWORK:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

9. ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

10. ACCEPTS CRITICISM AND MAKES IMPROVEMENTS FROM IT:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

11. HANDLES STRESSFUL SITUATIONS:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

12. EXERCISES CARE ABOUT HIS/HER APPEARANCE:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

13. SHOWS STRONG PERSONAL MOTIVATION TO ATTEND A SERVICE ACADEMY AND PURSUE A CAREER IN THE MILITARY (As opposed to family or community pressure):

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Comments \_\_\_\_\_