

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT**  
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**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) and/or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

**IF APPLICABLE:**

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

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

College/Prep School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior Military Experience (please describe):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Branch/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE NUMBER IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE:** (1 being your first choice, if applicable)

**AIR FORCE \_\_\_\_\_ MILITARY \_\_\_\_\_ NAVAL \_\_\_\_\_ MERCHANT MARINE \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please request nomination only to academies that you would like to attend. If your preference changes, notify this office before the deadline date. Every attempt will be made to nominate you for your first choice.*

**PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:**

I hereby certify that I am a legal resident of the state of Washington, and of the Eighth Congressional District. I have read the information sheet explaining the nominating procedures and am familiar with the nomination criteria and requirements.

I understand that I must submit all the required documents no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, **November 18th, 2011** in order to be considered for a nomination.

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

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Congressman Dave Reichert  
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**APPLICATION MATERIAL  
UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS**

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**Dear Applicant,**

America's service academies represent the best and brightest in our nation's colleges and universities. By attending a service academy you will be a part of some of our nation's oldest and most honored traditions. Our service academies train and educate their cadets and midshipmen to the highest standards and the end result is young men and women who are trained for a lifetime of public service. I encourage any who are interested to apply for nomination to the service academies.

Good Luck,



**An Introduction to Service Academies**

Each year high school juniors nationwide apply to their local Representative to be nominated for appointments to the different United States military academies. These academies are:

- The United States Military Academy in West Point, New York
- The United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland
- The United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- The United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kingston, New York

*Note: The United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut does not require a congressional nomination.*

Applicants may also apply to their United States Senators for nomination or to the Vice President of the United States who may nominate candidates at large from across the country.

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#### **Who May Apply?**

To apply for a nomination you must be:

1. A U.S. citizen.
2. Between the ages of 17 and 23. Applicants for the Merchant Marine Academy may be as old as 25.
3. Unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation for the support of a dependent.

*Applications should be sent to your Congressman or Senator. It is recommended that you apply through all possible sources.*

#### **Application Procedure**

To apply you will need to provide my office the information listed below as well as **apply directly with the service academy** or academies of interest.

Please send my office:

1. A completed application form. Forms may be obtained from my website or by contacting my District Office (206.275.3438).
2. A sealed copy of your high school transcript.
3. Three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation may not come from family members and at least one letter must be from a teacher, principal or high school counselor.
4. SAT or ACT scores sent directly from the testing agency;
5. Resume – please list activities, employment experience, honors, awards and accomplishments. You may also want to include a statement of personal interests and experiences.
6. Essay – Your essay should address why you should be nominated to a service academy. Please keep the essay to 2 pages, use 12 point font and double space.
7. Photo

#### **When Should You Apply?**

You should **apply directly to the academy** of your choice **and to as many nominating authorities as you are eligible for** between the spring of your junior year and the fall of your senior year. All requested material must be turned into my office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 2011.**

#### **Remember...**

*It is your responsibility to see that **all materials** are received in your file before the November deadline.*

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**Our Nomination Process:**

All applicants who complete and submit their applications by the November deadline will be scheduled for an interview with an Academy Selection Committee. The Committee consists of residents of the Eighth District who have military backgrounds. Interviews run approximately 15 minutes in length. The Academy Selection Committee nomination recommendations are then presented to Congressman Reichert for a final nomination decision.

**Selection of the Nominee:**

Members of Congress have the opportunity to fill either one or two vacancies at each academy every year. In theory, Members of Congress may fill only their vacancies. In practice, however, all nominees are considered from a national pool and selected according to their relative merits.

**One Last Test – Physical Examination**

All service academies require a physical examination to see if candidates are medically able to meet the intense demands of the physical and athletic programs provided at the academies. Once a pre-candidate file is opened for you at the academy of your choice, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire. The academy will then decide whether to schedule you for a medical examination. If you are notified that you need to appear for a physical, you will see a physician who is provided by the Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Board (DoDMERB). There is no cost to the candidate for this examination.