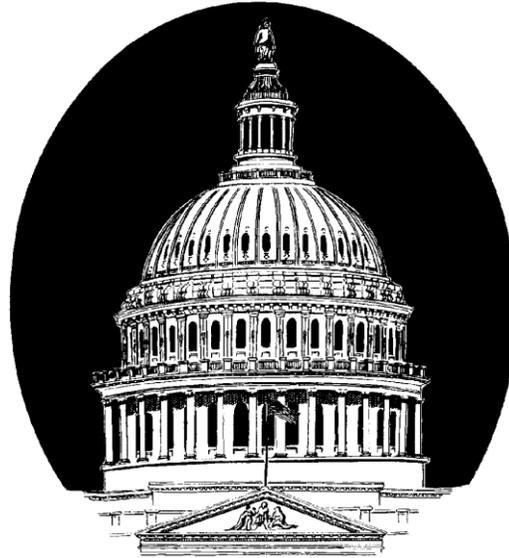


CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES



2013 Congressional Nomination Application

United States Service Academies

Congressman Bill Foster
11th Congressional District of Illinois

Please Return to:
2711 E. New York St., Suite 204
Aurora, IL 60502
Phone: (630) 585-7672



Congressman Bill Foster

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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11th District of Illinois
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1224 Longworth
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(202) 225-3515

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in obtaining a nomination to a United States Service Academy from my office. Each year, Members of Congress have the unique opportunity to nominate outstanding young men and women in their Congressional Districts to the prestigious United States Service Academies.

The Academies have a longstanding tradition of grooming patriotic leaders and high-level military professionals. I wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of this legacy of duty and honor.

Should you have any questions about the nomination process or if you require any additional information, please contact Jim Bryant in my District Office at 630-585-7672 or you may email him at jim.bryant@mail.house.gov.

Thank You,

Bill Foster

Bill Foster
Member of Congress



Congressman Bill Foster

The Nomination and Appointment Process

In order to be considered for an appointment to a United States Service Academy, each applicant must have obtained a nomination from an authorized nominating source. The Vice President of the United States, as well as Members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, may nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements established by law. Because of the very strong competition for nominations, applicants are encouraged to apply for nominations from each of these sources. In addition to seeking a nomination from Congressman Foster, you must contact the Admissions Office at each academy to open an admissions file. **Final decisions on appointments and admission are at the discretion of the service academies.**

It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy. Congressman Foster urges you to research the opportunities offered by each of the academies to serve the United States as a career officer in the Armed Forces.

US Air Force Academy Admissions

HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, CO 80840-9901
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.af.mil

US Merchant Marine Academy Admissions

300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(800) 732-6267
www.usmma.edu

US Military Academy Admissions

Building 606
West Point, NY 10996-9902
(845) 938-4041
www.usma.edu

US Naval Academy Admissions

117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-9977
(410) 293-4361
www.usna.edu



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Eligibility Requirements

Age: Applicant must be at least 17 years old, but must not have passed their 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year of entry into the Academy.

Citizenship: Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.

Marital Status: Applicant must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent.

Residency: Applicant must be a legal resident of the 11th Congressional District of Illinois. If an applicant is under 18 years of age, the voting residence of his/her parent(s) or guardian will be considered the applicant's legal residence.

Medical Fitness: A candidate who meets the minimum scholastic standards must pass a qualifying medical examination with the Department of Defense Medical Review Board (DODMERB).



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Application Schedule

October 18, 2013 - All requested information, constituting a complete application packet, **MUST BE RECEIVED**.

October/November 2013 - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congressman Bill Foster's Academy Nomination Advisory Committee. Interviews will be held at Congressman Foster's District Office, located at 2711 E. New York Street, Suite 204, Aurora, IL 60502.

November 30, 2013* - Each candidate who has received an interview will be notified as to his or her nomination status.

December 14, 2013* - Nomination Awards Ceremony for all applicants.

December 2013 – May 2014 - The U.S. Service Academies will make the majority of their appointments during this time.

* Date is subject to change. You will be notified if any changes are made to this schedule.



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Application Procedure

- 1. Application Form** - Complete the Application Form and attach a recent photograph. A wallet sized photo is preferred.
- 2. Standardized Test Scores** - Scores from your SAT or ACT must be sent to my office directly from the testing center. Please use the following codes: SAT- 1472 and ACT- 7385.
- 3. Transcripts** - Official transcripts, including your current Grade Point Average (G.P.A.), numerical class rank and complete course listing, must be submitted in a sealed envelope which has been signed across the seal by a school official. If you have completed any college coursework, please provide a transcript for this as well.
- 4. Letters of Recommendation** - Three letters of recommendation must be submitted by each applicant. Letters may be from anyone with knowledge of your academic achievements (a letter from a math or science teacher is preferred), work ethic and character, or volunteer and extracurricular activities. It is common for applicants to submit letters of recommendations from teachers, clergy, employers, coaches, scoutmasters, guidance counselors, etc. Each letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope and include the signature of the person making the recommendation. Letters of recommendation from family members will not be accepted.
- 5. Application Packet Deadline** - The deadline for submitting a complete application packet is Friday, October 18, 2013. A complete application packet consists of an Application Form with a photo, SAT/ACT scores, official transcripts, all three letters of recommendation, an essay, and a signed Privacy Act Release Form. No submissions or materials will be accepted after this deadline.
- 6. Interview** - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congressman Foster's Academy Nomination Advisory Board. Interviews will take place on two Saturdays in October and November.



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Application Form



Please type or print neatly.

Name (last, first, middle): _____

Permanent Address: _____

City, State: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? _____ If not, what is your status? _____

Are you in Good Health? _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

20/20 Vision? Yes No Correctable? Yes No N/A Email: _____

Which Academies are you applying to? _____



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Of the Academies you wish to attend, please indicate your preference by ranking them 1 – 4 (1 being your first choice).

- ___ U.S. Naval Academy
- ___ U.S. Military Academy
- ___ U.S. Air Force Academy
- ___ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

Name of High School: _____
Date of Graduation/Expected Graduation: _____ Counselor: _____
Grade Point Average: _____ Class Ranking: _____ Class Size: _____

ACT Total: ___ Math: ___ Science: ___ Reading: ___ English: ___ Test Date: _____
SAT Total: ___ Math: ___ Writing: ___ Reading: ___ Test Date: _____

If you have any Post-Secondary education, please list it below:

Name of Post-Secondary School: _____
Semesters Completed: _____ Major/Area of Study: _____

If you are currently or were previously enlisted in the Armed Forces, please identify your branch of service, service rank, and entry date:

Please list any sports/athletic activities in which you have participated.

Sport/Activity	Year(s)	Position
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



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Please list any extracurricular activities and clubs (National Honor Society, Band, etc.) in which you have been a member or participant and any leadership positions that you held.

Activity/Club	Year(s)	Role/Title
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list any awards, honors, or distinctions you have received:

Please list any jobs you have held and a brief description of your duties:

Employer	Responsibilities	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please list the names of the persons who will be writing your letters of recommendation and their contact information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Have you filed an application for a nomination from another source? Y or N

If yes, who: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

*My signature certifies that the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.



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Privacy Act Release Form

In the event that the Office of Congressman Bill Foster finds it necessary to make inquiries on your behalf concerning your nomination, it is crucial that you have given permission for such inquiries to be made.

Please PRINT your name: _____

I hereby authorize the Office of Congressman Bill Foster to make an inquiry on my behalf to obtain all necessary information related to a United States Service Academy Nomination.

Signature of Applicant

Date



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Checklist

(Signify the materials you have submitted by putting an “X” on the corresponding line)

1. Complete Application Form _____
2. Photo _____
3. Essay _____
4. Test Scores (Sent from testing center) _____
5. Official Transcript(s) _____
6. Letters of Recommendation (3) _____
7. Privacy Act Release Form _____



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