CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

2019 Service Academy Nomination Packet

Congressman Bill Foster
11th Congressional District of Illinois

Please Return to:
2711 E. New York St., Suite 204
Aurora, IL  60502
-or-
815 N. Larkin Ave., Suite 206
Joliet, IL 60435
Dear Service Academy Nomination 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.

If you have any questions about the nomination process or this packet, please contact Chris Adams in my district office at 630-585-7672 or email him at Chris.Adams@mail.house.gov.

Thank You,

Bill Foster
Member of Congress
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 which you are applying to open an admissions file. 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. Final decisions on appointments and admission are at the discretion of the service academies.

**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
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).
**Application Schedule**

**November 1, 2010** - All requested information, constituting a complete application packet, **MUST BE RECEIVED**. Pending a serious, unpreventable circumstance (death in the family, illness, etc.), no exceptions will be made to this deadline.

**November 2019 – December 2019** - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congressman Bill Foster’s Academy Nomination Advisory Committee.

**December 2019 – January 2020** - Each candidate who has received an interview will be notified as to his or her nomination status.

**February 2020*** - Nomination Awards Ceremony for all applicants.

**January 2020 - May 2020** - The U.S. Service Academies will make the majority of their appointments during this time.

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

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. 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. **Résumé** – Please submit a résumé of your extracurricular activities (community service, volunteer work, organizations/clubs to which you belong, athletic participation, etc…) and employment history. If you wish, a list of awards, honors, or distinctions that you have earned may be included on your résumé.

6. **Interview** - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congressman Foster’s Academy Nomination Advisory Board.
Application Form

Please attach current photo here.

Please type or print neatly.

Full Name: ________________________________________________________________

Street: __________________________________________________________________

City, State: ___________________________________________ Zip Code: ____________

Home Phone: ____________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________

Email: ________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________

Name of Parent/Guardian: ______________ Daytime Phone: ______________________

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

Are you in Good Health? ______________ Height: ____________ Weight: ____________

Do you have 20/20 vision? _____________ If not, is your vision correctable? ________

Please list all the Academies to which you are applying:

______________________________________________________________________________

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Of the Academies to which you are applying, 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 Cumulative: ____ Math: ____ Science: ____ Reading: ____ English: ____ Test Date: ________

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SAT Cumulative: ____ Math: ____ Writing: ____ Reading: ____ Test Date: ________________

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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 the names of the persons who will be writing your letters of recommendation and their phone number:

Name: _____________________________________ Phone: _________________________
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Name: _____________________________________ Phone: _________________________

Have you filed an application for a nomination from any other source(s)? 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.
Essay

In the space provided below, please answer the question: Why do you want to attend a service academy? If you would prefer, you may submit a typed, double-spaced essay of no more than two pages. Typed essays should be in Times New Roman, 12 point font.
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
Checklist
(Signify the materials you have submitted by putting an “X” on the corresponding line)

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