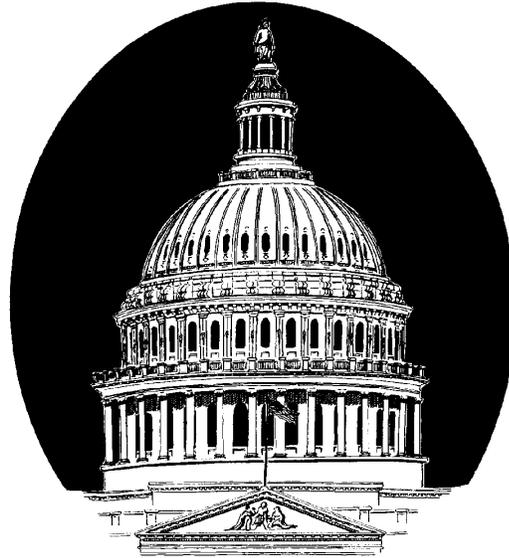


CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES



2016 Service Academy Nomination Packet

Congressman Bill Foster
11th Congressional District of Illinois

Please Return to:
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Aurora, IL 60502
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Joliet, IL 60435

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

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11th District of Illinois
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House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
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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 Brian Robb in my district office at 815-280-5876 or email him at Brian.Robb@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

October 30, 2016 - All requested information, constituting a complete application packet, **MUST BE RECEIVED**.

November 2016* - Each qualified candidate will be scheduled for a 10-15 minute interview with Congressman Bill Foster's Academy Nomination Advisory Committee.

November 2016 - December 2016* - Each candidate who has received an interview will be notified as to his or her nomination status.

January 2017 - February 2017* - Nomination Awards Ceremony for all applicants.

December 2016 - May 2017 - 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.

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 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:

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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ACT Cumulative: ___ Math: ___ Science: ___ Reading: ___ English: ___ Test Date: _____

SAT Cumulative: ___ Math : ___ Writing: ___ Reading: ___ Test Date: _____

SAT Cumulative: ___ Math : ___ Writing: ___ Reading: ___ Test Date: _____

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

Name: _____	Phone: _____
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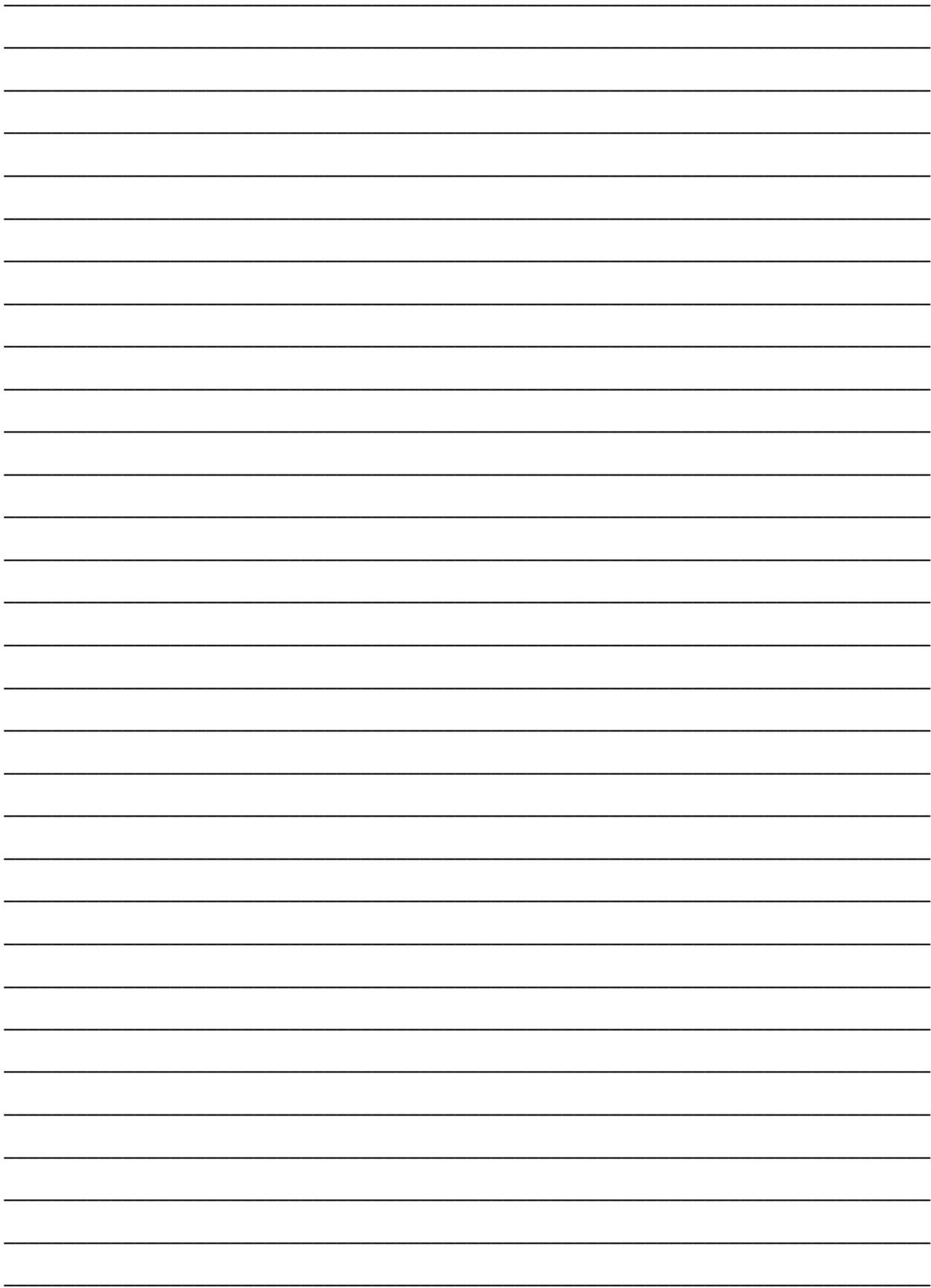
Have you filed an application for a nomination from any other source(s)? Y or N

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.



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 _____