

March 3, 2020

Dear Prospective Academy Candidate:

Thank you for your participation in the Idaho Congressional Delegation, Annual Service Academy Day. The purpose of the event is to share information with prospective candidates and parents about the nomination process to our Nation's Service Academies.

The U.S. Service Academies have a long tradition of excellence in training leaders of our Nation. Many of our Presidents, military, and national leaders, as well as leaders in business, technology and industry are academy alumni. Graduates receive an education that is second to none, giving them a competitive edge when applying for graduate programs and in the job market. Sadly, many of Idaho's outstanding students are not aware of the benefits of receiving an academy education.

If you are highly motivated and looking for a challenge in your life in addition to wanting to serve your country, the first step is to apply for a congressional nomination. Every candidate is eligible for four congressional nominations. You will want to apply to the Vice President of the United States office, your two Senate offices and your Congressman/Congresswoman's office. I would strongly encourage you to seek all four nominations.

The application process to the Service Academies can be lengthy. Should you receive a nomination, it does not guarantee you an appointment; it is only the first step in the process. Final decisions are made by the individual academies. So, while the information you send to my office will be used to compete for a nomination, you must also open a file with each respective academy. The data received by the academies enable authorities to judge your competitive standing for the actual appointment.

Applications and reference forms can be found on my website or requested from my office. You will need to submit: a completed application; a principal/guidance counselor form; three letters of references; a transcript of grades indicating class rank and GPA; ACT or SAT scores; a one-page essay explaining why you want to attend an academy; a resume; and a cover letter requesting a nomination. Your application packets must be completed and arrive in my office by **November 15<sup>th</sup>**.

For more information please visit my website or contact one of my offices. Again, the rewards of an academy education and career in the military are distinctive, valuable, and many. I wish you my best in this and all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russ Fulcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Russ" and last name "Fulcher" clearly distinguishable.

Russ Fulcher  
Member of Congress