Congressman Russ Fulcher

Serving the 1st District of Idaho

Service Academy Nomination Application Packet

Office of U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher
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U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher
First Congressional District of Idaho

TIMETABLE OF APPLICATION PROCESS, ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Timetable for the Application Process:

March 1, 2020: **Request Nomination Application**
Students, who reside in the First Congressional District of Idaho and meet the eligibility criteria, may begin submitting application materials to request a Congressional Nomination for a Service Academy.

November 15, 2020: **Nomination Application Deadline**
ALL applications and required materials MUST be postmarked by November 15, 2020. **No exceptions will be allowed.**
Please mail or deliver to:

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Applicants are responsible for making sure their files with my office are complete. If you do not submit the required information by the post marked deadline, your application may not be given consideration.

November – December 2020: Review of Completed Applications by Service Academy Board
The Academy Service Board has the option of interviewing all applicants who qualify for a nomination. The board will look closely at all aspects of those individuals who are being considered.

Mid-December 2020: Announcement of Nominees
The nominations will be made, and all nominees will be notified.

Beginning February 2020: Offers of Appointment from Academies
Nomination by U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher does not automatically result in selection by the Military Service Academies. **Selection for appointment to each Academy is ultimately decided upon by the academies.**

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements as of March 1st of the year of admission to the Academy:

I. Age: The student must be between 17 and 22 years of age.

II. Citizenship: Applicant must be a United States Citizen by November 1 of the application year.

III. Marital Status: Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependants.

IV. Domicile: Candidate must reside in the First Congressional District of Idaho.

Selection Criteria

Nominations from U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher are based on a "whole person" evaluation. Applicants are considered for nomination based upon five levels of criteria.

I. **Scholarship**: Evaluation of academic records will include the applicant's grade point average, SAT / ACT scores, class ranking, student's willingness to embrace academic challenges, and if applicable any college records.

II. **Leadership:** Consideration will be made based on the student's leadership experience and potential command ability. The consideration of this qualification will be based upon the applicant's records of extracurricular activities. Quality of involvement is stressed over the number of activities.

III. Character / Motivation:
Consideration of the motivation and desire of applicants to attend a service academy is based upon the essay submitted by the applicant, their recommendations, and their interview before the Academy Nominee Selection Board.

IV. **Medical / Physical**:
The academies schedule medical and physical fitness examinations. Students will be notified when and where to report for these tests.

V. Competitiveness:
The final consideration of an applicant for a nomination is comparative in nature, appraising each applicant's attributes against all others who are applying.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tori Shockey at 1.208.888.3188 or tori.shockey@mail.house.gov.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for a possible nomination, a student must read all guidelines carefully and complete all of the steps below prior to **November 15, 2020**. Please send all completed materials to:

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Materials:

1. **Letter Requesting Nomination** – Submit a letter to U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher requesting a nomination. This must be written in a formal business format.
2. **Application for Nomination** – Return the completed Application for Nomination
3. **Resume –** Provide a detailed listing of your academic, community service, Extracurricular activities, athletic activities, and any other notable accomplishments.
4. **Essay –** Compose an essay of no more than 500 words, which provides insight into why you desire to attend a Service Academy and why you would be a good candidate for admission. **This essay must be separate and distinct from your letter.**
5. **Photo –** Attach a recent photo to your completed application (does not have to be a professional photo).
6. **Letters of Recommendation** – Submit at least three letters of recommendation from individuals unrelated to you, who can assess your intellect, character, and suitability for military service. **One** from a teacher, principal, school administrator, guidance counselor, or academic dean; **one** from an employer or extracurricular faculty advisor; and **one** from a person of your choice. *These letters may be given to you in sealed envelopes with their signature across the seal or they may be sent directly to our office at the above address.*
7. **Official Transcripts –** Submit a copy of your official transcripts to be sent directly from your high school (or college) to the above address.
8. **Standardized Test Results –** Have your scores sent directly from the testing services to the above address or use our office's reporting codes: **ACT-code 7371; SAT-code 5460**. If your standardized test score is notated on your transcript that will suffice.

MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION

The President of the United States, Vice President, Members of Congress and some other agencies and organizations have the authority to nominate persons for admission to a Service Academy.

Applicants should direct any questions regarding the admissions process for a particular Academy to the Academy's Admissions office. Applicants are responsible for initiating a pre-candidate file at each Academy to which they are seeking a nomination. Contact information for each of the academies is listed below.

United States Military Academy
Director of Admissions
United States Military Academy
606 Thayer Road
West Point, New York 10996
(845)938-4041 or (800)822-2769
Website: http://www.usma.edu

United States Air Force Academy
USAFA / RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840
(800)443-9266
Website: http://www.usafa.af.mil

United States Coast Guard Academy
Director of Admissions
15 Mohegan Avenue
New London, Connecticut 06320
(800)883-USCG
Website: http://www.cga.edu/
* It is not necessary to seek a Nomination to attend the Coast Guard Academy. U.S.C.G.A. accepts candidates based on their own testing criteria. Any individual interested in applying must contact the Academy directly.

United States Naval Academy
Candidate Guidance Office
United States Naval Academy
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, Maryland 21402
(410)293-4361 or (800)638-9156
Website: http://ww.usna.edu

United States Merchant Marine Academy
Director of Admissions
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York 11024
(800)732-6267
Website: http://www.usmma.edu
* The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy uses state quotas to determine admission, rather than district quotas. For the Merchant Marine Academy, a Member of Congress may nominate as with other academies, however, there is no dedicated position available. Each nominee selected must compete statewide for the vacancies and the Merchant Marine Academy makes the selection.

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ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

Please rank the Academies to which you are applying in the order of your preference (one to five, as applicable):

_____ United States Air Force Academy _____ United States Naval Academy

_____ United States Military Academy _____ United States Coast Guard (no nominations made)

_____ United States Merchant Marine Academy

Personal Information:

Name: _____
(*last*) (*first*) (*middle*)

Nickname or familiar first name: _____

Permanent Address: _____
(*street/post office box*) (*city*) (*state*) (*zip*)

Mailing Address: _____
(*street/post office box*) (*city*) (*state*) (*zip*)

Home Telephone: (____)_____ Cell Phone: (____)_____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____
(*MM/DD/YYYY)*

Social Security Number: _____-_____-_____ Gender: _____

Parents/Guardian: _____
(Father or Guardian / daytime phone number)

_____
(Mother or Guardian / daytime phone number)

Academic Information:

High School: _____ Graduation Date:_____

GPA: _____ GPA: _____
(Weighted) *(Unweighted)*

Class Rank: _____ Class Size: _____

SAT Scores: Total: _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____

ACT Scores: Total: _____

English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____

College/University Experience (if applicable): _____

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(*Include name of institution, dates of attendance, GPA*)

Attachments:

Please provide the following documents as attachments to these forms as part of the application:

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- Please make sure that you have your **Official Transcripts** and all **Standardized Test Results** sent directly to our office.

Signatures:

I hereby certify that I am a legal resident of the First Congressional District of the State of Idaho and meet all of the eligibility requirements as stated in the information guide and application provided by U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher's office.

I request that U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher consider my application for a Congressional Nomination to the United States Service Academy or Academies that I have listed.

I understand that the postmark deadline for this application is **November 15, 2020**. If I have not submitted all of the requested information postmarked by the deadline, I understand that my application may not be given consideration.

I, the undersigned, certify that the information I have provided on this application is accurate and has been completed to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____

Applicant Name (printed): _____

Date: _____

For applicants under 18 years of age:

I approve of this application and certify that all of the information provided by my child or ward is accurate.

I understand that if my child or ward is nominated to a Service Academy, any announcement to the news media will be made by U.S. Congressman Russ Fulcher's Office.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Name (printed): _____

Date: _____

*Due to the **Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579)**, federal and state government agencies are prohibited from releasing information or discussing anything regarding another individual without the individual's written permission. Your signature on the page authorizes me, as a United States Representative, to contact the proper officials on your behalf, to discuss the matter and receive any information pertinent to you and your concerns.*

United States Service Academy Nomination
Principal or Guidance Counselor Evaluation Form

U.S. Representative Russ Fulcher

To be completed by applicant's principal or guidance counselor

Name of applicant _____

First **Middle** **Last**

The person named above is applying to one or more of the United States Service Academies and you have been asked to provide a recommendation. The academies provide a college education leading to a career as an officer in the Armed Forces. Your recommendation will help me to select the best possible candidates. Note: The person completing this form must be the applicant's high school principal or guidance counselor. Please complete this form using additional paper if needed. Your recommendation will only be shared with the applicant upon his/her request. Your help is greatly appreciated.

1. **What are the leadership characteristics of the applicant?**

2. **What are the personality traits of applicant for leadership (strengths and weaknesses)?**

3. **How does the applicant work under pressure?**

4. **How does the applicant get along with others?**

GENERAL COMMENTS and/or RECOMMENDATIONS regarding applicant?

Please return the completed form in a sealed envelope with your name signed across the flap to the applicant for inclusion in his/her application packet. If you have any questions, please contact Tori Shockey at (208) 888-3188. Again, thank you for your help.

Name (signature): _____ ; _____ Date _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

Name of School: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Sincerely,

Russ Fulcher

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