

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards
4th Congressional District - Maryland

APPLICATION FOR A NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES UNIFORMED SERVICE ACADEMY

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Saturday, June 20, 2009 | US Military Service Academy Showcase *see flyer |
| Friday, October 16, 2009 | Deadline for receipt of completed applications by Rep. Donna F. Edwards's Suitland office |
| Saturday, November 14, 2009 | Qualified applicants will be interviewed by Rep. Donna F. Edwards's Service Academy Review Board |
| Monday, January 4, 2010 | Nominations will be announced |
| February 2010 | US Military Service Academy Reception |
| Point of Contact: | Chonya Davis-Johnson, Deputy District Director Service Academy Coordinator Chonya.Davis-Johnson@mail.house.gov (301)516-7601 |

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

To apply for a nomination to the Air Force, Military and Naval Academies, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must reside in the 4th Congressional District of Maryland
- You must not be married, pregnant, or have any dependents
- **You must be at least 17 years of age but not older than 23 years of age on July 1, 2009**

To apply for a nomination to the Merchant Marine Academy, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must reside in Maryland
- **You must be at least 17 years of age but not older than 25 years of age on July 1, 2009**

2. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for a nomination to a United States Service Academy, the attached application and supporting materials must be **received** in Rep. Donna F. Edwards's Suitland office by **Friday, October 16, 2009**. Because of the extremely strong competition for nominations, you are encouraged to apply for nominations from other sources, including President Obama, Vice President Biden, Senator Cardin, and Senator Mikulski.

Standardized Testing. Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and American College Testing (ACT) scores will be considered in the selection of academy nominees.

Transcripts. An official high school transcript must be forwarded to Rep. Donna F. Edwards's office from the Guidance Office of your high school. The transcript must list your senior year courses and, if available, your mid-term grades. You should also provide a transcript of any college work that you have already completed.

Letters of Recommendation. Three letters of recommendation are required, including one from a science or math teacher. Other letters of recommendation may come from teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, and/or employers. Letters from immediate family members will not be accepted.

Please be sure to confirm that all recommendation letters that you have requested have been sent in time to arrive by the October 16, 2009 deadline.

Service Academy Review Board Interviews. Each qualified applicant will be interviewed by Rep. Donna F. Edwards's Service Academy Review Board. The Service Academy Review Board will conduct interviews on **Saturday, November 14, 2009**. Qualified applicants who complete their application by the **October 16, 2009** deadline will be notified by mail of their interview status.

Please do not wait until the deadline to submit your application and the accompanying materials. Please send your application to Rep. Donna F. Edwards's office when it is complete and includes the following items:

1. Checklist
2. Basic Fact Sheet, including a 2" x 2" photo of yourself
3. Applicant Questionnaire
4. Applicant Essay – Handwritten and typed
5. Notarized Affidavit of Residency

The following items should be sent **directly** to Rep. Donna F. Edwards's office by **October 16, 2009**:

1. Three letters of recommendation
(One letter must be from a science or math teacher)
2. Your highest SAT and/or ACT scores
3. Your high school/college transcripts

The completed application should be mailed or delivered to:

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards
Academy Application
5001 Silver Hill Road
Suitland, MD 20746

3. SELECTION OF NOMINEES

The final decisions on appointments and admission are made by the individual service academies. In addition to seeking a nomination from Rep. Donna F. Edwards, you must contact the Admissions Office at each academy directly to open an admissions file. All applicants who fully complete Rep. Donna Edwards's application requirements will be interviewed by her Service Academy Review Board. Following the interviews, the Review Board will propose slates of candidates for nominations to each of the service academies.

It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy. Rep. Donna F. Edwards urges you to research the opportunities afforded by each of the academies.

US Air Force Academy
Admissions
HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200
USAF Academy, CO 80840-9901
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu

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

Admission to the United States Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination. To obtain an application, please contact:

US Coast Guard Academy
Admissions
31 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-8103
(800) 883-8724
www.cga.edu

4. QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about the nomination process or the required materials, please call Chonya Davis-Johnson in Rep. Donna F. Edwards's office at (301) 516-7601. You may also e-mail Chonya Davis-Johnson at chonya.davis-johnson@mail.house.gov.