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Dear Academy Applicant:

Thank you for expressing an interest in a nomination to one of the Service Academies, I appreciate your contacting my office.

I will need the following listed documentation returned to my **Anchorage** office no later than December 15 in order for your application to be considered. Do not send your application to any of the district offices outside of Anchorage, or to the D.C. office. You may also find the application on my website at donyoung.house.gov.

- (1) Completed Application Form
- (2) Certified School Transcript
- (3) SAT or ACT scores
- (4) Two letters of recommendation - one to be from school principal or counselor and one from anyone of your choosing.
- (5) Proof of Alaska residency - determined by parent's active Alaska voter registration or valid Alaska driver's license if applicant is under the age of 18. If applicant is over the age of 18 his/her active Alaska voter registration or valid Alaska driver's license. (Confirmation will be made by my office.)

You must plan to take your tests no later the November so that I will have your scores before the December deadline. When you request your SAT or ACT scores, please indicate my Identification Number: 4995 (SAT) 7221 (ACT), so that a copy of your test scores will be forwarded directly to my office.

The final determination on nominees will be made during the first week of January, and the nominations sent to the academies shortly thereafter.

Please do not hesitate to contact my Anchorage office if you have any questions concerning the application packet.

Sincerely,


DON YOUNG
Congressman for all Alaska

Enclosures

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION

I would like to be considered for a nomination to the
(Please Indicate Preference by Number. Be Sure to List at Least Two Choices.)

_____ Air Force Academy

_____ Military Academy

_____ Naval Academy

_____ Merchant Marine Academy

FULL NAME: _____

ALASKA MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TEMPORARY MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (____) _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

AGE: ____ BIRTH DATE AND PLACE: _____

U.S. CITIZEN? ____ ALASKA RESIDENT? ____ HOW LONG? _____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: _____ DATE OF GRADUATION: _____

CLASS RANK: ____ OF ____ PERCENTILE RANK: ____ HOW LONG? _____ GPA: ____

TEST SCORES: SAT: V ____ M ____ ACT: E ____ M ____ R ____ S ____

PARENTS: _____

Father's Name

Occupation

Work Phone

Mother's Name

Occupation

Work Phone

CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH YOU BELONG: _____

OTHER SOURCES TO WHOM YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR A NOMINATION: _____

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG'S ANCHORAGE DISTRICT OFFICE BY DECEMBER 15. IT SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFIED COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, ONE OF WHICH SHOULD BE FROM YOUR HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR.

MEMORANDUM

Re: Service Academy Nominations

There are four service academies to which the Congressman may make nominations - the Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Military Academy at West Point, the Air Force Academy in Colorado, and the Merchant Marine Academy in New York.

WHO MAY APPLY: An applicant for a nomination must be a legal resident of the state of Alaska. Applicants whose parents are temporarily stationed at one of the military bases, but who maintain a legal residence in another state, should apply to that state.

HOW TO APPLY: An applicant interested in a nomination to one of the four academies should write a letter stating his/her interest to his/her Congressman, two Senators, and to any other source for which he/she qualifies. He/she should apply to all sources possible; however, he/she should remember that not more than one nomination is necessary.

WHEN TO APPLY: An applicant should apply in the spring of his/her junior year in high school. At the latest, the completed application packet must be in my Anchorage district office by December 15th of his/her senior year.

REQUIREMENTS BY MY OFFICE: Each applicant must complete and return the personal information form which I supply. He/she must arrange to have a certified copy of their transcript of grades sent to my Anchorage office, as well as two letters of recommendation. (One should be from the high school principal or counselor.) The SAT test should be taken in both the junior and senior years of high school, and those scores submitted to my Anchorage office. I do not use Civil Service test because the testing sites are inconvenient and impossible for some applicants. I do use the SAT scores to determine whether the candidates are likely to be chosen by the academies.

REQUIREMENTS BY THE ACADEMIES: The academies require fairly high scores on the SAT. Because of the great number of applicants each year, and the limited number accepted, the academies can afford to select only the most highly qualified applicants. Therefore, candidates should take this test as many times as possible and do as well as they can.

Academies also stress leadership abilities - did you take part in sports and were you the captain of any team? Contact sports are important as they are engaged in at the academies. Participation in school and community activities is important. Applicants must be between 17-22 years of age and never have been married.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: Each applicant is given a physically qualifying test and it is necessary because of the strenuous physical activities at the academies. Most of the academies begin their sessions in July, and the summer is spent in basic training. It is a physically exhausting time for most cadets, and they must be able to tolerate this phase of the academy life.

COMMENTS: I cannot stress too much that life at the academies is not easy and that a great amount of determination and endurance is required to survive and do well. The education provided by the academies is excellent, but is more involved than just a free education. There is also the military aspect of training, and some cadets drop out because of their feelings about the military way of life. All of these things must be considered when a person applies for a nomination to one of these academies.

NOMINATIONS: Having considered all the candidates, I make my nominations to the academies, trying as much as possible to nominate those to the academy of their first choice. Sometimes it is just not possible to give everyone their first choice, because of the limited number of vacancies. Each member of congress may have just 2. cadets attending an academy at one time. When one graduates or drops out there is a vacancy, and then nomination of IQ candidates can be made to compete for that vacancy, Of course, if there are two vacancies, he can nominate 20 candidates and so on. Thus, one year a congressman can have 2 vacancies at the Naval Academy and can nominate 20 candidates, whereas he may have only one vacancy in the Air Force Academy and can nominate 10 candidates. The methods of nomination are described in the academy catalogs. The Merchant Marine academy is the exception to the above. A Congressman and Senator may nominate 10 applicants each year, without regard to the number of vacancies. The number of students attending this academy is determined by the population of each state. Alaska is allowed two candidates to enter the Merchant Marines Academy each year.