Office of Congresswoman Kay Granger
12th DISTRICT OF TEXAS

FACT SHEET FOR STUDENTS
DESIRING A CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION
FOR UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

Entrance Requirements

A candidate must be a resident of the 12th Congressional District. A candidate who is temporarily residing outside the 12th District because their parents are involved in government service must prove legal residence within the 12th District and show that the move outside the District is temporary. The legal residence of the father normally determines residency. If the parents are divorced, the residence of the parent with whom the applicant lives determines their legal residency.

The candidate for an academy nomination must be a citizen of the United States and be between the ages of 17 and 22. Candidates must have reached their 17th birthday, but NOT have passed their 23rd birthday on or before July 1 of the year they would enter the academy. The Merchant Marine Academy is an exception in that you must not have attained 25 years of age as of July 1 of the year of entry. The candidate **MUST** be unmarried, not pregnant, nor have a legal requirement to provide support to a dependent. Academy applicants must be physically fit, have excellent vision as well as physical dexterity and agility as demonstrated on the Physical Aptitude Examination administered by the academies.

A young man or woman with these qualifications must apply to me no later than **October 15th** of the year **BEFORE** he or she desires to enter one of the academies (this is usually the senior year of high school). Screening and processing of the candidates will be completed in time to enable me to meet the deadline for submitting my congressional nominations to the academies. Should a candidate not qualify for a nomination, notification will be given early enough so they may make other educational plans.

Screening Process

To assist in evaluating and selecting nominees, I require:

- a completed formal application
- a recent photograph no larger than 2 ½" wide by 3" tall
- an **official** (not photocopy) transcript of high school work, and college if applicable
- **official** (not photocopies) SAT and/or ACT scores
- a resume that includes work experience and additional activities not listed on our application
- **three** letters (only) of reference from persons who can provide assessments of an applicant's character, motivation, personality traits, and over-all suitability for a service academy (two of the letters should be from persons in the 12th district)
- 500 words or less essay based on the theme, "Why I Want to Attend a United States Service Academy"

Note: I request only three letters of recommendation. Please do not send more than three. The committee will only use the first three letters received in the office.

For the Class of 2018, the deadline for receiving these items in my office is **5:00pm on OCTOBER 15, 2013.** At that time, an applicant will qualify for an interview with my Service Academy Advisory Board.

Please submit a current application form found at kaygranger.house.gov
Please discard any previous applications.

The academies do not give an academic examination. Instead, they use the results of the College Entrance Examination Board (SAT) or the American College Testing Program (ACT). Applicants must make their own arrangements to take these tests and should do so **AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**.

*When determining who will receive your SAT and ACT score reports, please be sure to include code **6967** for SAT tests and code **7693** for ACT tests so that your test scores will be sent directly to our office. Tests should be taken as many times as possible as the best combination of scores will be used by the academies.

Selection of Candidates

Applicants will interview with members of my Service Academy Advisory Board. This interview is mandatory in order to be considered for a nomination. The most highly rated applicants will be nominated to the Academy of their choice. My part in the selection process is screening applicants

and submitting lists of nominees to the academies. From these lists the academies make the actual appointments.

Vacancies

Normally, our congressional district has one place to fill in each class entering each of the three major service academies. The vacancy is created by the graduation of a cadet/midshipman from our district each year. However, when a cadet/midshipman leaves an academy for any reason before graduation, it creates a vacancy for the next year and changes the cycle.

Many young people I will nominate rank sufficiently high so that the academies select them for entrance through quotas other than "congressional." These include "athletic" or "additional." Thus, more candidates now have the opportunity to enter an academy than in past years.

If you have not already contacted the Academy of your choice, please do so now by using their web site. This will let the Academy know you seek admission, and they will provide you general information, a pre-candidate questionnaire plus open a pre-admission file on you. Their web sites are:

U.S. Air Force Academy	www.usafa.edu
U.S. Military Academy (West Point)	www.usma.edu
U.S. Naval Academy	www.usna.edu
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy	www.usmma.edu

NOTE: You must have opened your file with each academy that you wish to attend in order for our office to give you a interview.

Merchant Marine Academy

A different nomination procedure is followed for the Merchant Marine Academy. Each Texas Member of Congress can nominate ten candidates, who then compete with all others nominated for the 15 spots Texas is allocated.

Coast Guard Academy

There are no congressional nominations or geographic quotas for the Coast Guard Academy. These appointments are made by the Commandant of the Coast Guard by means of a national competitive examination. Applications should be received by the Director of Admission, U.S. Coast Guard

Academy, New London, Connecticut, 06320, before December 1 of the year prior to entrance at the academy. Their web site is www.cga.edu.

In Summary

Selection of candidates by the academies is based on academic records, class standing, SAT and/or ACT scores, results of the medical examination and physical aptitude tests, leadership potential and personal interviews.

There are always numerous applications for each vacancy, and competition is heavy. However, ANY person who meets the requirements of the academies has a chance to be nominated.

My office will provide prospective candidates an application packet upon request. **No one will receive an interview or qualify for a nomination unless a completed application and all accompanying information is on file with my office by OCTOBER 15, 2013.**

For further information, please contact my office at 817-338-0909, or write:

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