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Dear Prospective Officers:

Thank you for your interest in serving as a commissioned officer in the service of the United States.

Members of Congress are authorized by law to nominate candidates for appointment to four U.S. service academies. These schools are the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The fifth service academy, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a congressional nomination for appointment. These institutions prepare college-age Americans to be officers of the U.S. uniformed services. Upon graduation, service academy graduates are commissioned as officers in the active or reserve components of the military or merchant marine for a minimum of five years.

The nomination authorities, number of appointments and criteria establishing the qualifications of potential service academy appointments are set by statue, federal regulations and policies established by each academy. No laws or regulations govern congressional nomination processes, as long as nominations are submitted by deadlines established by the academies and comply with chamber ethics rules. Each congressional office with nominating authority may develop its own process for managing its service academy nominations.

I have adapted and modified a "whole person" approach similar to that used by USMA, USNA, and USAFA to make my nomination decisions. This approach evaluates several broad components of a potential nominee's qualifications for appointment, including character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness and motivation. In order to ensure an efficient and objection nominations process, I have commissioned a review panel of local service academy alumni, educators, representatives of veterans' groups and other community leaders to assist in screening and vetting applicants.

This packet contains information on this process and includes the following items:

1. Instructions for 19h Congressional District Service Academy Applicants
2. Guidelines for Military Academy Appointments
3. U.S. Service Academy Contact Information
4. Application for Nomination
5. Check List

Thank you for the privilege of representing you in Congress and good luck with the process!

Sincerely,

Francis Rooney

Member of Congress

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Instructions for 19th Congressional District Service Academy Applicants

IMPORTANT The following items must be submitted by **September 28, 2020** in order for you to be considered for a nomination from the office:

1. A completed application forms. (Note: When filling out the form, please type or print neatly).
2. A new application packet must be submitted each year, even if you have applied with our office in previous years.
3. A recent photograph (*Passport size, headshot only*).
4. An essay on why you would like to attend a U.S. Service Academy.
5. An official copy of your high school and or your current higher education transcript.
6. Three (3) letters of recommendation- each in a sealed envelope with signed flap. *(Please do not submit more than three letters of recommendation.)*
7. A personal resume. *(Resumes should not exceed two pages.)*
8. SAT or ACT score. If you took the SAT prior to March 2016, please indicate the test date on the application, but do not self-report test scores. Old SAT scores will be converted according to College Board's scoring criteria once official scores have been received. When you take the SAT or ACT, you must direct them to send an official copy of your score report to this office. Codes for this office are as follows:

SAT code # 5424 **ACT code # 7339**

Only candidates who are academically qualified and have submitted all the required application material will be interviewed. **It is solely your responsibility to confirm the status of your file with the Academy Nominations Coordinator.** You will receive an e-mail notifying you when your file is complete. Should any of your contact information change during the application process it is vital you keep this office updated with the new information.

The deadline for submitting a complete application is September 28, 2020.

The application packet must be RECEIVED (not postmarked) by our Cape Coral office no later than September 28, 2020 4:00PM No Exceptions. You will not be interviewed if your file is incomplete.

If you submit all materials on time and qualify academically, you will be scheduled for an interview with a nomination board sometime in November.

All materials should be delivered to:

Office of Congressman Francis Rooney
ATTN: Service Academy Representative
1039 SE 9th Avenue, Suite 308
Cape Coral, FL 33990

Phone: 239-599-6033
Fax: 239-573-7629

Guidelines for Military Academy Appointments

The following guidelines are provided to Congressman Francis Rooney constituents who may be interested in an appointment to a U.S. Service Academy. You must be a constituent of the 19th Congressional District in order apply for an appointment through Congressman Francis Rooney.

- A candidate must be of good moral character.

- A candidate must be an American citizen by the date of induction into an academy.

- The Air Force, Naval, Coast Guard, and Military Academies require a candidate to be at least 17 years of age, but not have passed their 22nd birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A cadet must be unmarried with no dependents. The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy requires that the candidate be at least 17 years of age, but not have passed the 25th birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A Merchant Marine cadet may be married, but couples may not be domiciled together either on or off campus.

- Obtaining an appointment to a military service academy is a two-fold process, the nomination process through nominating sources such as a Congressman plus the simultaneous application process through an academy. Submission of a nomination application does not trigger the academy application process; you must contact each academy individually. You can start the application process by either mailing or calling for an application. Many of the same requirements apply to ROTC programs. It is recommended that you apply to multiple service academies as well as for an ROTC scholarship.

- All academies require candidates to pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board. The academy to which the candidate has applied will initiate the scheduling of a no-cost examination and a physical fitness test at a Department of Defense facility. Once taken, the examination may be used for all service academies and for four-year ROTC scholarship programs.

- Graduation from a United States Service Academy carries a six (5) year obligation of active duty service. Voluntary, self-initiated withdrawal in the third or fourth year usually entails an assessment of tuition debt based on credits earned.

- We encourage you to apply to more than one academy, and to ask for nominations from more than one source. You will be first considered for a nomination on the basis of your primary choice of academy as indicated on your application form. Should you not receive a nomination to your primary academy choice, you will be considered for nomination on the basis of your secondary choice and/or tertiary choice, if there are nomination slots remaining to those alternative choices. This policy enables as many southwest Florida residents as possible to receive nominations.

U.S. Service Academy Contact Information

Please review the individual requirements for each Academy on their web site. Below is general information and is subject to change based on the needs of the service.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The Air Force Academy seeks individuals who possess exceptional academic prowess and leadership potential. The Admissions process includes a review of two major academic performance indicators: Prior Academic Record and College Admissions Test Scores (ACT or SAT). These two academic factors combine to create your Academic Composite Score. This score is the most important component of their selection composite, weighted at 50%. For the SAT, current high school students must submit scores from the NEW SAT only. Other Congressional nomination applicants may submit scores that have been taken within the past five years. The most recent scoring data for the SAT shows the middle 50% of admitted applicants ranging from 600-690 on Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) and 630-700 for Math. For the ACT, the middle 50% scoring range is as follows: 28-33 English, 28-33 Reading, 28-32 Math, and 27-33 Science Reasoning. Students who score below 580 ERW and 560 Math on the SAT Reasoning and below 24 English/reading and 25 math/science reasoning on the ACT normally will not be competitive for an appointment.

The highest SAT/ACT score will be used. The highest score may be taken from two different tests; therefore, to be competitive, the candidate is encouraged to retest one or more times. Students should rank in the upper 40 percent of their class; however, most cadets are ranked in the upper ten percent.
For applications contact: Director of Admissions, Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651. Phone: (719) 472-2520

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY "Kings Point"

All candidates are required to take the ACT or SAT. Required testing must be completed by the first test date of the year in which admission is sought, unless permission is requested and granted, in writing, from the Academy's director of admissions. All tests should be taken **within 16 months prior to the month of enrollment**. On the NEW SAT Reasoning Test (taken AFTER March 2016), the middle 50% of the 2023 graduating class range is 30-34 Reading and 600-660 Math.* On the ACT, the middle 50% of accepted applicants had scores ranging from 25-31 English and 26-29 Math*. You must also achieve a minimum composite score of 23. Most midshipmen rank in the upper 40 percent of their high school class.
For applications contact: Admissions Office, 300 Steamboat Road, Kings Point, NY 11024-1699. Phone: (800) 732-6267

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY "West Point"

Minimum SAT scores are 31 Reading and 580 for Math; minimum ACT scores are 23 English, 24 Math, 24 Reading, and 23 Science Reasoning. The highest SAT/ACT score will be used and may be taken from two different tests. Eighty-five percent of the cadets are from the top twenty percent of their high school class.
For applications contact: Director of Admissions, West Point, NY 10996-1797. Phone: (914) 938-4041

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY "Annapolis"

The middle 50% of the most recently admitted class at the Naval Academy is composed of midshipmen with an SAT score range of 620-760 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) and 620-760 Math. Corresponding ACT scores for the mid-50% range is 26-32 English and 27-32 Math. They will accept any ACT or SAT test that is taken before the January 31 application deadline, even if the results arrive after January 31. Eighty-three percent of the midshipmen are from the top twenty percent of their high school class.
For applications contact: Director of Candidate Guidance, Annapolis, MD 21402-5019. Phone: (800) 638-9156 or (410) 293-4361

U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

Congressional nominations are not applicable for appointment to the U. S. Coast Guard Academy. It is a direct appointment process on a best-qualified basis. Applicants must contact the academy directly between July 1st and December 15th prior to entrance the following June. There is no minimum test score requirement for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Successful candidates usually score at least 1120 combined Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) and Math on the SAT or have an ACT Composite of at least 24.
For applications contact: Director of Admissions, 15 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320-4195. Phone: (800) 883-USCG

United States Service Academy
Congressional Nomination Application Form
Office of Congressman Francis Rooney

Name _____
(As recorded on birth certificate)

Email _____

Permanent Address _____

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(Applicant must live or have a permanent residency in Congressman Rooney's Florida District 19)

Permanent Telephone Number (___) _____

Temporary Address (if applicable) _____

_____
(Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)

Temporary Telephone Number (if applicable) (___) _____

Social Security Number _____

Date of Birth _____ **Place of Birth** _____

Father's Name _____ **Daytime Phone** _____

Mother's Name _____ **Daytime Phone** _____

High School _____ **Date of Graduation** _____

Rank in Class _____ **Grade Point Average** _____
(N/A is not a class rank – please ask your school)

Weighted _____

Test Scores

SAT Reading (10-40) _____ SAT Math (200-800) _____

SAT Composite (400-1600) _____

Date Taken _____

ACT English (1-36) _____ ACT Math (1-36) _____ ACT Reading (1-36) _____

ACT Science (1-36) _____ ACT Composite (1-36) _____

Date Taken _____

Letters of Assurance _____

Have you ever applied for a Service Academy nomination to any source, Congressional or otherwise, for a class entering prior to this year? *(please circle)* Y / N
If yes, what was the result?

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Are you a participant in a Civil Prep Academy or a Prep School Program Service Academy?
Yes ------ No------

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Please indicate your preference as to which academies you wish to attend. Rank them first to fourth.

If you have not started the application process with each academy at time of turning in this application, you will not be considered for that academy.

DO NOT NUMBER UNLESS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THAT ACADEMY.

_____ U.S. Military Academy _____ U.S. Air Force Academy
_____ U.S. Naval Academy _____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
_____ U.S. Coast Guard

Please indicate all other Service Academy nomination sources to which you are applying:

_____Senator _____Senator _____JROTC

_____Vice President _____President

Another U.S. House of Representative's office: _____

Clubs and Activities _____

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Athletics _____

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Elected Offices _____

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Honors and Awards _____

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Community Activities (include Scouting and the highest rank achieved) _____

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Jobs _____

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You are encouraged, on attached sheets, to elaborate on any of the above information that you feel is pertinent. You may also explain your reasons for seeking an academy nomination.

I, the undersigned, declare that the information I have provided on this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____ _____

Signature of Applicant **Date**

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ATTN: Service Academy Representative
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Office of Congressman Francis Rooney
Service Academy Application Check list

_____ Congressman Francis Rooney application form

_____ Picture of candidate (Passport size, headshot only)

_____ Essay on why you would like to attend a U.S. Service Academy

_____ Official Transcript in a sealed envelope with signed flap

_____ Three (3) letters of recommendation- each in a sealed envelope with signed flap
(Please do not submit additional letters of recommendation.)

_____ Personal resume *(Resumes should not be longer than two pages.)*

_____ Official SAT/ACT scores

In order to be eligible for consideration, a physical, paper-copy of your application and all required documentation must be present in Congressman Francis Rooney's Cape Coral District Office no later than 4:00 pm on <u>September 28, 2020.</u> The mailing address for this office is:

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