

AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0603

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in attending one of our distinguished United States Service Academies in 2013. I look forward to working with you and am pleased to have you as a candidate for nomination in Colorado's 3rd Congressional District.

All application material, correspondence, and questions should be sent to:

Congressman Scott Tipton
c/o Dustin Sherer, Deputy District Director
503 N. Main Street, Ste. 658
Pueblo, CO 81003
(719) 542-1073 Office
(719) 542-1127 Fax
E-mail address: Dustin.Sherer@mail.house.gov

Please review the enclosed Instructions and Guidelines for specific instructions, important dates, and other information vital to completing the application process.

In addition to applying for a congressional nomination, you must also contact the admissions offices or visit the websites of the Service Academies you would like to attend and initiate the admissions process separately with them. I have enclosed their respective contact information for your convenience.

It is important to remember that, should you receive a nomination from my office, it only serves as a recommendation to the academies. The academies must still then choose to offer you an appointment. It is important that you apply through every available means to give yourself the best chance at receiving a nomination. Therefore I urge you to also apply through the offices of both of Colorado's United States Senators.

Best wishes and good luck as you begin your journey down this exciting path!

Sincerely,



Scott Tipton
Member of Congress

INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICANTS

The following items must be submitted by the October 8th, 2012 deadline in order for you to be considered for a nomination from this office:

1. A completed application form. When filling out the form, please type or print neatly in all capital letters.
2. A recent photograph
3. A 600 word-maximum essay, addressed to Congressman Tipton, explaining your reasons for pursuing a nomination to an academy.
4. Three letters of recommendation, one of which must come from either your high school principal or guidance counselor, and none of which can come from a family member.
5. An official copy of your high school and/or your current higher education transcript. Your GPA and class rank must be included for this to be considered a valid transcript.
6. 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 # 0672

ACT code # 7302

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 Deputy District Director.** 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 OCTOBER 8, 2012. 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 late October or November.

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CONGRESSMAN SCOTT TIPTON'S ACADEMY NOMINATION PROCESS FACT SHEET

You must satisfy all the following conditions in order to be eligible for a nomination to a United States Service Academy:

- You must be at least 17 but not yet 23 years old on July 1st of the year you want to enter
- You may not be married or pregnant and you must have no legal obligation to support a child or children
- You must pass a physical aptitude test and be medically qualified
- You must be of excellent moral character
- The majority of students accepted into the academies are in the top 20% of their class, with higher than average test scores in Math and English
- Students who receive nominations / appointment offers are active at school and in their community, and hold some leadership roles in sports and other extracurricular activities

REMEMBER...

I am generally able to nominate 10 young adults per year to a vacancy at each academy. My nomination serves as a recommendation only; the Service Academies look at the list of qualified individuals I have nominated and make appointments based on their individual standards.

You should also be pursuing nominations through Colorado's two United States Senate offices to give yourself a better chance of receiving a nomination. For more information you can contact Senator Udall's office at (303) 650-7820 and Senator Bennett's office at (303) 455-7600. You are solely responsible for the checking on the status of your file prior to the application submission **deadline of October 8, 2012**. Failure to submit a complete application package may preclude you from receiving full consideration for a nomination.

Call Dustin Sherer at (719) 542-1073 or e-mail him at dustin.sherer@mail.house.gov with "Academy Application File Status Request" in the subject line to check on the status of your file.

SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION

Receiving a nomination to a service academy is one step among many you must take to compete for an appointment. You are responsible for contacting the individual academies you wish to attend to start the application procedure with the schools as well. I have provided you with their contact information below. (Should you find any of the information below to be incorrect please contact my office immediately at (719) 542-1073 so we may update our records.)

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Admissions Office, HQ USAFA/RRS
2304 Cadet Dr., Suite 2300
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
1 (800) 443-9266
www.academyadmissions.com

US MILITARY ACADEMY (WEST POINT)

Director of Admissions
U.S. Military Academy
646 Swift Rd.
West Point, NY 10996-9902
1 (845) 938-4041
www.usma.edu/admissions

NAVAL ACADEMY

Candidate Guidance Office
117 Decatur Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
1 (410) 293-4361
www.usna.edu/admissions

MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Admissions Office
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-9997
1 (800) 732-6267
www.usmma.edu

UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION
Congressman Scott Tipton
Colorado 3rd District

Please type or print:

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Legal Address: _____
Street Apt./ Box #

City County State Zip Code

Telephone #: Home: (____) _____ Mobile: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security # _____ - _____ - _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):

Last First Relationship

Last First Relationship

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

2. ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Please rank the academy of your choice according to preference, with (1) being your first choice. This information is used solely for the purpose of determining nominations. **Insert a (0) for any academy you are not interested in attending.**

_____ Air Force Academy

_____ Merchant Marine Academy

_____ West Point (Army)

_____ Naval Academy

Name: _____

3. HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

| Sport | Participated | Letter | Captain | Office Use Only |
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1. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES /COMMUNITY SERVICE / VOLUNTEER AFFILIATIONS

| Organization | # of Years | Leadership Positions | Office Use Only |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------|
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Name: _____

2. SCHOLASTIC / ATHLETIC / VOLUNTEER AWARDS AND HONORS

- I. _____
- II. _____
- III. _____
- IV. _____
- V. _____
- VI. _____
- VII. _____
- VIII. _____

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| Total Score |
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3. WORK EXPERIENCE

Are you employed? Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, name of employer: _____

Position: _____

Hours per week? After School: _____ Summer: _____

What has working while attending high school taught you that will contribute to your success at a military academy?

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please list any additional information or comments below. You may attach a separate sheet if necessary. Do not repeat any information provided in your personal letter to Congressman Tipton.

Name: _____

CERTIFICATION & AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I certify that my legal residence is within the boundaries of Colorado's Third Congressional District. I also certify that I have read, understand, and meet all of the requirements to attend a United States Service Academy and am eligible to receive a Congressional Nomination to those institutions.

I understand that it is **solely my responsibility to confirm that status of my file during this process**, and that failure to submit all the necessary information to Congressman Tipton's office by **October 8, 2012** may preclude me from being fully considered for a nomination.

I release this information to the office of Congressman Scott Tipton for the sole purpose of its use in the selection of Nominees to the Service Academies. Use of this information for any other purpose is strictly prohibited. Should I receive a nomination, I authorize Congressman Tipton to release my name as a Nominee to the press.

Signature (applicant): _____ **Date:** _____

Signature (parent/guardian): _____ **Date:** _____

