2019 United States Service Academy Nominations

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Nomination Packet

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TO: APPLICANTS TO THE U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

FROM: CONGRESSMAN TOM MALINOWSKI

Nominating qualified young men and women to attend the United States Service Academies is among the more gratifying responsibilities of a Member of Congress. I admire you for your interest in joining the ranks of one of the most venerable traditions in our Nation’s history. Please take a few moments to read through the following materials with care, as the information will assist you with navigating the process of applying for a nomination to a service academy. I look forward to receiving your completed application.

A Member of Congress has the ability to nominate up to ten applicants for one vacancy to be filled at an Academy and is not permitted to have more than five men or women in each Academy at one time. Generally, a vacancy is created only by graduation. At the Merchant Marine Academy, I may nominate up to ten young men and women to compete with other nominees on a statewide basis for a quota of six appointments allotted to the State of New Jersey.

My nominations to all Service Academies are strictly competitive, based on the recommendations of my Academy Review Board. The conclusions of the Board members are reached after reviewing the applicant’s academic record and extra-curricular activities and conducting an interview with the applicant. A final selection will be made after the Board submits its recommendations.

The Academies require that you complete a separate application and take a medical qualification examination to ensure that you can meet the rigid standards of physical fitness.

You must certify that you are a legal resident of the Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey. This complies with the statutory specifications for appointment. Due to recent changes in the congressional district lines in the State of New Jersey, please visit http://www.house.gov/ and enter your zip code into the “Find Your Representative” search box in the upper right hand corner of the website to confirm that you reside in the Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey. If you have questions regarding the congressional district in which you reside, please call my office for assistance at 908-547-3307.

The final selection in the competition of men and women who are nominated is determined by the academic board of each Academy, which selects candidates considered to be the best qualified on the basis of all-around ability and the likelihood of success in the military profession.

Please report your scores on the SAT and/or ACT directly to me by using my assigned score code numbers. My SAT code number is 2781. My ACT code number is 7530.

All applications and required materials must be in my Somerville District Office by 5 pm on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 to receive consideration my Academy Review Board.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Each nominating source uses a selection process for Academy nominations designed to meet its own needs and standards. The different procedures are often confusing to applicants who apply to more than one source. Carefully studying and following the instructions of each office can avoid misunderstandings.

PLEASE NOTE: By signing the application you will have indicated an understanding and acceptance of the nomination requirements as set forth by the Office of Congressman Tom Malinowski.

Because of the extreme competition for nominations, you are urged to apply to every nominating authority available to you (both U.S. Senators, your Congressional Representative, and the Vice President). Should your eligibility allow, you may also apply to the President. Ideally, students seeking a nomination should begin the Congressional Academy process in April of their junior year of high school.

Congressman Malinowski will be able to nominate qualified candidates to the United States Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Military Academy at West Point and Naval Academy. Included is an informational fact sheet outlining the requirements for each Academy.

Due to the large number of applicants, you will be interviewed for only one Academy. Therefore, careful consideration should be given to your choice of an Academy. Academy designation may be changed any time prior to Tuesday October 15, 2019.

Contact with the admissions office of the Academy of your preference is imperative. The Academy will establish a file and forward to you general information and detailed admissions requirements including a Prospective Candidate Questionnaire.

Congressman Malinowski’s Review Board will conduct a personal interview with each applicant meeting all requirements. Selections are made competitively on the basis of academic performance, leadership potential, extra-curricular activities, physical aptitude, personal interviews and letters of recommendation. Qualified individuals for each vacancy will be recommended by the board to Congressman Malinowski for nomination. The final ranking and subsequent appointments will be at the discretion of the Academies.

Certain information must be provided in order for you to be considered an applicant. It is your responsibility to submit the required information. The deadline for submitting the required information will be Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

To ensure that Seventh District applicants have an opportunity to be reviewed by the Academies, please let the Congressman’s office know immediately if another authority nominates you or should you change your career goals. This will offer the opportunity to another student.
The Academies provide guidelines for applicants who may be eligible to be considered for an appointment. A candidate must be an American citizen by the date of induction into an Academy and of good moral character. If you are a naturalized citizen, you must provide documentation.

**The United States Air Force Academy, Military Academy at West Point, and Naval Academy** require you to be at least 17 years old, but not have passed your 23\(^{rd}\) birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A candidate must be unmarried with no dependents.

**The United States Merchant Marine Academy** requires that you be at least 17 years old, but not have passed your 25\(^{th}\) birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A cadet may be married, but couples may not be domiciled either on or off campus.

### All Academies require you to pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). The Academy to which you have applied will initiate the scheduling of an examination with the Department of Defense. Once taken, the examination may be used for all service academies and four-year ROTC scholarship programs.

### NOTE: Graduation from a United States Service Academy obligates you to serve five years of Active Duty Service.
REQUIREMENTS

Residency: An applicant must be a legal resident of the Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey. To verify your congressional district, visit http://www.house.gov/ and use the “Find My Representative” search box in the upper right hand corner of the website or call the Somerville office at 908-547-3307.

Application Form: The enclosed application should be completed and submitted along with a photograph of the applicant and all required information in a single large envelope. The only aspect of an applicant’s file that should arrive separately is the official score report(s) for the SAT and/or ACT that the College Board will send directly to the office following the student’s request.

Three (3) Letters of Recommendation: Choose someone who knows you well - a teacher, coach, employer, etc. - to write a recommendation letter for you. Each person should return the letter to you in a sealed envelope with his/her name signed across the flap of the envelope. Submit all three letters together with your application and other required materials. Only three recommendation letters will be presented to the Review Board. Please do not submit additional letters. Note: Your guidance counselor or principal is permitted to substitute a letter for the General Comments section of the Scholastic Information Sheet. That letter will be included with your file but will not count as one of your three letters of recommendation.

SAT & ACT Score Reports: The applicant must request that the College Board send his/her official score report(s) for the SAT and/or ACT to the Office of Congressman Malinowski. Unofficial reports and photocopies are not permitted. The SAT code number is 2781. The ACT code number is 7530. The official score report(s) are the only part of the application materials that should arrive separately.

Essay: Briefly state why you want to attend the Academy of your choice. There is a 500 word limit.

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REQUIREMENTS

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**Scholastic Information Sheet:** Ask your high school counselor or principal to complete both pages of the Scholastic Information Sheet. If your counselor or principal chooses to include a letter in place of completing the General Comments section of the form that is acceptable. The counselor’s/principal’s letter will not count as a letter of recommendation. Please ask that the completed form be returned to you in a sealed envelope with the person’s signature across the flap of the envelope. You must submit the Scholastic Information Sheet at the same time as the application and other required materials.

**Numerical Class Rank/Size:** Numerical class rank and the approximate size of the class are required. This information must be included on the Scholastic Information Sheet completed by your guidance counselor or principal. A few schools have advised that they do not rank students. In order to complete all requirements, an accurate estimate of your class standing will have to be made by your guidance counselor or principal. There is a box on the Scholastic Information Sheet that your counselor or principal should check if that person is making an estimate of the applicant’s class ranking.

**Transcript:** Ask your guidance counselor or principal for an official transcript that includes your course listing and grades, current GPA, class rank, and SAT/ACT test scores. Your final junior grades must be listed on the official transcript (report card copies are not permitted). Please do not request your transcript before the final grades from your junior year have been added to your transcript. The transcript should be returned to you in a sealed envelope with the signature of your counselor, principal or a school official across the flap of the envelope. The transcript and the Scholastic Information Sheet may be returned to the applicant in separate envelopes or together in a single envelope. You must submit the transcript at the same time as the application and other required materials.

**Deadline:** Your complete application, along with all required information, must be received in a single large envelope at the Somerville District Office by **5pm on Tuesday October 15, 2019.**

**Interviews:** Interviews will be scheduled for Saturday November 23, 2019 **for all eligible applicants.**

The personal interview is mandatory. Eligible applicants will receive a letter informing them of the time and place for the interview. Special arrangements can be made for dependents of active duty military personnel who are located outside the State. You must call the office to discuss these arrangements prior to the application deadline. Special scheduling time requests for Saturday November 23, 2019 will be considered if notice is received **prior to 5 pm on Tuesday October 15, 2019.**

**PLEASE PRINT AND SAVE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION**

Save as pdf file with your last name, first name and academy choice in the following format: **doe_john_usma.pdf**
2019 United States Service Academy Application for Nomination

Congressman Tom Malinowski  
Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey  
75-77 North Bridge Street  
Somerville, NJ 07090  Phone: 908-547-3307

Please note that all materials for the application **must** be received in the Somerville District Office by 5 p.m. Tuesday October 15, 2019.

Please indicate your **1st choice only**.  
It is my desire to attend the United States:

**I. Personal Information:**

Last Name: __________________________  First Name & MI ______________________________

Legal NJ Address: __________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________  County____________  Zip Code + 4: __________ - _________

Telephone: __________________________  Email: _________________________________________

Date of Birth: _______________________  Place of Birth: ________________________________

Father’s Name: ______________________________  Occupation: ____________________________

Mother’s Name: _____________________________  Occupation: ____________________________

**II. Education:**

Name of High School: ______________________________  Graduation Date: __________

Counselor’s Name: _____________________________  Counselor’s Telephone: ______________

Are you attending college? ______ if yes, where: _______________________________________

Are you attending Prep School? ______ if yes, where: ___________________________________
III. Athletics:
Please list athletic activities, sport teams and position/leadership role with which you participate(d):

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IV. Extracurricular Activities:
Please list extracurricular or volunteer activities in which you participate(d):

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V. Other Hobbies and Interests:
Please list any hobbies or additional interests with which you are involved in:

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VI. Employment:
Please list all jobs and/or internships that you have held or are currently holding:

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VII. Recommendation Letters:
Please submit 3 letters of recommendation as outlined in the directions.
A letter from your guidance counselor or principal in place of the General Comments section of the Scholastic Information Sheet will not count as a letter of recommendation.

Recommendation Letter #1: Name ____________________________ Position __________________
Recommendation Letter #2: Name ____________________________ Position __________________
Recommendation Letter #3: Name ____________________________ Position __________________

VIII. General Information:
Please answer each of the following five (5) questions within the space provided:

What academic areas do you intend to explore at an Academy?

2. Please list the honors, prizes, awards, etc. that you have received in order of importance to you:

_________________________________________  ______________________________________
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_________________________________________  ______________________________________
_________________________________________  ______________________________________
_________________________________________  ______________________________________

3. Who do you consider your greatest influence and why?


4. What do you consider your greatest character trait and why?


5. Please list any members of your family that have served in the Armed Forces?

_________________________________________  ______________________________________
_________________________________________  ______________________________________
IX. Testing Scores:
Please list the date(s) and corresponding scores for the SAT and/or ACT tests.

SAT: Scores for new SAT tests range from 200-800. Indicate your score for the Math, Reading and Writing sections.

Test Date: ________ M: _____ R: _____ W: _____
Test Date: ________ M: _____ R: _____ W: _____
Test Date: ________ M: _____ R: _____ W: _____

Future Test Date(s) _________________________________________

ACT: Scores for the ACT range from 1 to 36 for each section. Please indicate your Composite score along with the scores in the English, Math, Reading and Science sections.

Test Date: ________ C: _____ E: _____ M: _____ R: _____ S: _____
Test Date: ________ C: _____ E: _____ M: _____ R: _____ S: _____
Test Date: ________ C: _____ E: _____ M: _____ R: _____ S: _____

Future Test Date(s) _________________________________________

X. Nominating Sources:
Please list all other nominating authorities to whom you have applied for a nomination:

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XI. Essay:

Please state why you want to attend one of the U.S. Service Academies in 500 words or less.
(You may type your answer on a separate sheet of paper. Single space Times New Roman 12 Font)

XII. Certification & Signature:

Please read before signing:

I have read the informational sheets explaining the nominating procedures and I am familiar with these requirements. I certify that I am a legal resident of the Seventh Congressional District of New Jersey and that the information within this application and the information within the materials accompanying the application are true and accurately presented. **If I have not submitted all necessary materials by the Tuesday, October 15, 2019 deadline, I understand that I may not be given final consideration for a nomination.**

Signature: ___________________________  Date: ___________________

Disclaimer: Must be original signature
Congressman Tom Malinowski  
SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION SHEET  
For students applying for an Academy Nomination

To the Guidance Counselor:

Please return the second page of this form, along with an official copy of the applicant’s transcript through his/her Junior year, to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the back. The student will submit the sealed envelope to the office as part of his/her application.

This information must be submitted along with the entire application by 5pm on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact John Marshall at Congressman Malinowski’s Somerville District Office. The telephone number is 908-547-3307.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND A TRANSCRIPT REFLECTING FINAL JUNIOR YEAR GRADES TO THE STUDENT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR SIGNATURE ACROSS THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE. IF TWO ENVELOPES ARE NECESSARY, PLEASE SEAL AND SIGN BOTH ENVELOPES.

The application and all required information should be submitted in a large envelope to:  
Congressman Tom Malinowski  
75-77 North Bridge Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876

All required information is due by 5PM on TUESDAY OCTOBER 15, 2019.
Guidance Counselor Comments/Recommendation

Applicant Information:

Last Name: __________________________ First Name & MI _________________________________

Legal NJ Address: ____________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ County____________  Zip Code + 4: __________ - __________

School Name: _____________________________________________________________________

School Address: ____________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ County____________  Zip Code + 4: __________ - __________

Telephone Number of School: ____________________________________________________________________

Applicant’s Year In School: ____________   GPA: ____________   on a ____________ scale.

Class Rank: ________ out of ___________  □ Check here if this ranking is an estimate.

SAT Test Date: ____________  M: ______ R: ______ W: ______

ACT Test Date: _____________ C: ______ E: ______ M: ______ R: ______ S: ______

List School Activities Applicant Currently Participates In:

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General Comments / Recommendation:
If you would prefer, you may attach a letter to this form instead of completing this section. Your letter will not be charged against the student’s limitation of three letters of recommendation.

Guidance Counselor’s Signature: ___________________________________ Date: ____________

Disclaimer: Must be original signature

Guidance Counselor’s Printed Name: _________________________________________________