United States
Service Academy Nominations
2009

Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
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TO:
APPLICANTS TO THE U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

FROM:
CONGRESSMAN RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN, 11TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

A Member of Congress nominates 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 nominate ten young men and women who must 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 recommendations of an Academy Review Board. This Board is comprised of members of the community with business, education and military background and experience. The conclusions of the Board members are reached after studying the academic record and extra-curricular activities of each applicant. A final selection will be made by my Academy Review Board, following the applicant's personal interview.

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

Your parent or guardian is required to execute an Affidavit of Residence form to show that you are a legal resident of the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. This complies with the statutory specifications for appointment.

The announcement of those selected for nomination will be made by January 15th. The final selection in the competition of the 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 directly to me by using my assigned SAT code number 2496. My ACT code number is 7534.

All applications and required material must be in my office prior to October 15, 2009 in order to receive consideration by my Academy Review Board.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each congressional office 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. **Misunderstandings can be avoided by carefully studying and following instructions of each office. PLEASE NOTE: By signing the application you will have indicated an understanding and acceptance of nomination requirements as set forth by the office of Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen.**

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

For classes entering in the summer of 2010, Congressman Frelinghuysen will have one vacancy each at the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Included is an informational fact sheet outlining the requirements of Congressman Frelinghuysen's Review Boards 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 October 15, 2009. **Exception:** Naval Academy candidates may also be interviewed for the Merchant Marine Academy.

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

The 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 fitness, personal interviews, and letters of recommendation. Ten names for each vacancy will be recommended by the board to Congressman Frelinghuysen for nomination. The final ranking and subsequent appointments will be at the discretion of the academies. Ten alternates for each vacancy will also be recommended to the Congressman. Should any nominations become available through cancellation, medical disqualification, or any other reason, alternates will be reconsidered.

Certain information **must be provided** for you to be considered an applicant. **It is YOUR responsibility to submit the required information.** The **postmark deadline** for file completion is October 15, 2009.

In order that more 11th District applicants have an opportunity to be reviewed by the academies, please let us know immediately if you are nominated by another authority. Additionally, should you change your career goals, please notify us. This will offer the opportunity to another student.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION

FACT SHEET

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.

U.S. Air Force, Military, and Naval Academies require you be at least 17, but not have passed your 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A candidate must be unmarried with no dependents.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy requires you be at least 17, but not have passed your 25th 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.

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY **Director of Admissions** **Colorado Springs, CO 80840** **800/443-9266**	**U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY** **Director of Candidate Guidance** **Annapolis, MD** **410/293-1000**
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY **Director of Admissions** **West Point, NY** **845/938-4041**	**U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY** **Admissions Office** **Kings Point, NY 11024** **866/546-4778**
U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY No congressional nomination is required. Call 860/444-8444 or write New London, CT 06320 to obtain information or application forms.	

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 scholarships programs.

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

REQUIREMENTS

Residency: Applicant must be a legal resident of the 11th Congressional District.

Application Form: The enclosed application should be completed and returned **promptly** along with a photograph. It **is preferred** that you send your information as you complete it. **Please do not wait** to send required information at one time. This will allow us to help you obtain any missing information prior to the postmark deadline.

Scholastic Information Card: Ask your high school counselor or principal to complete the Scholastic Information Card. Please ask that the completed form be returned to you in a sealed envelope. It is your responsibility to ensure that all information is provided. Please feel free to call our office at any time to check on the status of your file.

3 Letters of Recommendations: Choose someone who knows you well (a teacher, coach, employer, etc.) to write a recommendation letter for you. Have the person sign their name across the seal of the envelope. Only three recommendation letters will be presented to the review boards. Please do not submit additional letters. If the person writing your letter insists on mailing it to our office, be sure they use the Morristown address and please call to verify that it has been received. It is your responsibility to confirm that the materials needed to complete your file have been received by this office.

Transcript: Ask our 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 copy is an ineligible substitute). The transcript should be returned to you in a sealed envelope. (Please do not request your transcript before the completion of your junior year).

Numerical Class Rank/Size: Numerical class rank and the approximate size of the class is required. This information must be included on the recommendation form completed by your guidance counselor or principal. A few schools have advised 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.

Essay: Briefly state why you want to attend the academy of your choice. Please confine your essay to 1 page.

Deadline: Send the above information to the Morristown office. All information must be postmarked by **October 15, 2009.**

Interviews: Interviews Will Be Scheduled for November 21 & 22, 2009 for all eligible applicants. A personal interview is required. Service academy nominating boards will convene **only** on November 21 & 22, 2009. Every effort has been made to avoid conflicts with district and state sports activities. The personal interview is a non-waiverable element of the application process. Interviews will be held in the Morristown office. Special arrangements can be made with dependents of active duty military personnel who are located outside the State. You **MUST** call our office to discuss these arrangements no later than 3 weeks prior to the postmark deadline. To the extent possible, special scheduling time requests for November 21 & 22 will be honored, if notice is received prior to October 15, 2009.

AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCE

(To be completed and executed by parent or legal guardian of person making regular application as nominee to a Service Academy in order to establish legal residence in 11th Congressional District of New Jersey, in compliance with statutory specifications and qualification)

I, _____, of lawful age, being a resident of _____

In _____County, do, on oath and under penalties of perjury, depose and say:

1. That I am the parent and entitled to the custody of, or the legal guardian of, _____, a minor, who has applied to Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, Member of Congress, for consideration as nominee to the United States _____ Academy; that _____ is my son/daughter and is my legal ward and lives with me; and that our legal residence is: _____

2. That I have resided at the above address for _____ years, and although I may from time to time have sojourned to other parts, it has always been and still is my continuous, firm, fixed, and unwavering intention to return to said address and to reside there permanently.

3. That in evidence thereof, I depose and say that:

   a. My domicile is _____

   b. I have paid real estate taxes to _____ County, New Jersey, during the following years: _____

   c. I am registered to vote in _____ County, New Jersey and I have voted in primary and/or general elections in said County in the following years: _____

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Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ___ day of _____ 20

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Notary Public

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
30 Schuyler Place, 2nd Floor
Morristown, NJ 07960
Telephone: (973) 984-0711

APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO:

( ) U.S. Air Force Academy
( ) U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
( ) U.S. Military Academy
( ) U.S. Naval Academy

If applying to more than one, indicate preference by (1), (2), (3) and (4).

NOTE: BE SURE THAT YOUR FILE IN MY OFFICE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE DATE OF OCTOBER 15, 2009.

1. Three letters of recommendation from persons who can vouch for your character and your qualifications.
2. An Affidavit of Residence (form enclosed) that you are a bona fide resident of the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey.
3. A transcript of your latest academic record, SAT/ACT test scores, and class rank. (form enclosed for guidance counselor)
4. A recent photograph with your name identified on the back.

NAME: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____

_____
(CITY) (STATE, ZIP CODE) COUNTY)

TEMPORARY ADDRESS (if away at school or other) _____

HOME TELEPHONE_____ HEIGHT_____ WEIGHT_____

SOCIAL SECURITY NO._____AGE____BIRTH DATE_____

FATHER'S NAME_____OCCUPATION_____

ADDRESS_____ BUS. PHONE_____HOME_____
(if other than above)

MOTHER'S NAME_____OCCUPATION_____

ADDRESS_____ BUS. PHONE_____HOME_____
(if other than above)

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR NOMINATION FROM ANOTHER SOURCE?_____

IF SO, FROM WHOM? _____

HAVE YOU FILED PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS? WITH WHOM, WHEN,

RESULTS:_____

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HAVE YOU VISITED A SERVICE ACADEMY? _____

NAME OF ACADEMY AND YOUR IMPRESSIONS: _____

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HAVE YOU APPLIED TO ANY COLLEGES?_____IF SO, RESULTS:_____

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DO YOU INTEND TO MAKE THE AIR FORCE/ARMY/NAVY/MERCHANT MARINES YOUR CAREER?_____ WHY?_____

IF NOT, WHAT IS YOUR ULTIMATE AMBITION AS A CAREER?_____

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GENERAL INFORMATION: Since my nominations to the service academies are not based solely on academic ability, it will help if you answer the following regarding potential leadership, character, motivation, and a sound physical condition.

1) DO YOU WEAR GLASSES?___IF YES, ARE YOUR EYES CORRECTABLE TO 20/20 WITH PRESCRIPTION LENSES?_____

2) HAVE YOU TRAVELLED TO OR LIVED IN OTHER LOCALITIES?_____
PLEASE ELABORATE:_____

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3) WHAT HAVE YOU DONE DURING THE LAST TWO SUMMER VACATIONS?_____

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4) DESCRIBE WORK EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE HAD:

Dates	Full/Part-time	Type of work	Earnings

5) LIST EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Community, School, Hobbies)
Please do not include sports:

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6) ARE THERE ANY ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU FEEL YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR TALENT? IF SO, PLEASE STATE:

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7) IN WHAT SPORTS AND GAMES DO YOU PARTICIPATE AND WITH WHAT DEGREE OF SUCCESS?

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8) HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF AN HONOR VIOLATION, PLACED ON PROBATION, OR DISMISSED FROM ANY SCHOOL? IF SO, PLEASE GIVE A FULL EXPLANATION.

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9) WHAT ACADEMIC AREAS DO YOU INTEND TO EXPLORE AT AN ACADEMY?

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10) LIST THE BOOKS YOU HAVE READ IN THE LAST YEAR, OMITTING TEXTBOOKS. PLEASE INDICATE WITH A CHECKMARK THOSE BOOKS YOU READ IN CONNECTION WITH SCHOOL WORK. _____

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11) LIST HONORS, PRIZES, AWARDS, ETC…YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN THEIR ORDER OF IMPORTANCE._____

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12) LIST ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICES YOU HAVE HELD IN THEIR ORDER OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU. _____

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13) DESCRIBE AN EXPERIENCE (PERSONAL) WHICH HAS GIVEN YOU THE GREATEST SATISFACTION. _____

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14) IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS YOUR MOST OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT? WHY? _____

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15) WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST STRENGTH? _____

_____

WEAKNESS? _____

16) WHAT DO YOU REGARD AS YOUR GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR SCHOOL? _____

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17) PLEASE ATTACH A BRIEF ONE-PAGE STATEMENT OF YOUR REASONS FOR SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY WISH TO PRESENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR APPLICATION.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Congressman Frelinghuysen's
SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION SHEET
For students applying for an
Academy Nomination

_____
(applicant's name)

_____
(high school)

To the Guidance Counselor:

Please provide the information requested below and attach an official copy of the applicant's transcript through his/her Junior year.

When completed, please return to: Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen, 30 Schuyler Place Morristown, NJ 07960. This information must be received by October 15th.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Joan Hamilton at Congressman Frelinghuysen's Morristown office. The telephone number is (973) 984-0711.

Grade Point Average: _____ **Class Rank:** _____
(through Junior year) (through Junior year)

SAT Scores: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
(date) (verbal) (math) (writing) (date) (verbal) (math) (writing)

ACT Composite Scores: _____ _____
(date) (score)

Counselor's Name: _____ **Phone#:**_____

Signature: _____**Date:** _____

ATTACH TRANSCRIPT

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES
APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Application form – Submit the completed form.

2. Affidavit of Residence – Submit the form after it has been notarized.

3. Academic Record and Class Rank – Arrange to have these sent directly to my office.

4. SAT and/or ACT scores – Request that scores be submitted to my office. You may use Code 2496 on the SAT for reporting the scores.

5. Letters of Recommendation – Arrange for three letters of recommendation to be submitted to my office to arrive by the October 15th deadline.

6. Photograph – Submit a recent photograph with you name written on the back.

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IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL ITEMS REQUIRED FOR NOMINATION ARE IN MY OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL JOAN HAMILTON IN MY DISTRICT OFFICE AT (973) 984-0711. THE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 30 SCHUYLER PLACE MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY 07960.

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2009 Schedule
Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen
United States Services Academy Nominations

April 1	Application process opens
October 15	Postmark deadline for file completion
October 25	Interview notices mailed
November 21-22	Personal interview
December 20	Nominee notification by mail begins

ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE SERVICE ACADEMIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Congressman Rodney P. Frelinghuysen
30 Schuyler Place
Morristown, NJ 07960
Attn: Joan Hamilton

THE POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR FILE COMPLETION IS October 15, 2009