Nomination to a U.S. Service Academy
Useful Information from the Office of Congressman Tom Tiffany

Requirements:
• Must be a U.S. citizen
• Single
• At least 17 years old (but not 23) as of the date classes begin
• Without dependents (and not pregnant)
• A resident of the 7th District
• COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN MY OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5 P.M., OCTOBER 14, 2022

Nomination vs. Appointment
An elected official has a set number of nominations they can make each year. Your nomination by an elected official is NOT an appointment to an Academy. Your nomination is necessary, however, for an Academy to appoint you. Only an Academy can appoint someone to attend.

Medical Requirements: The academies require a thorough medical exam as part of the admissions process. Applicants with less than perfect vision may be ineligible or need a waiver depending on the academy. Few “eye waivers” are approved (the Merchant Marine Academy grants none), so even superior candidates may be rejected for this reason. The individual academy catalogs should be consulted for each school’s requirements.

ACT/SAT Scores: Your scores on these tests are an important part of your application. If you have not already taken the test you should arrange to take it as early as possible. Please note that at least one of the academies is now requiring the new writing portion of the test. Your guidance counselor can provide registration information. You can have your scores sent directly to my office by listing my code number (ACT: 7760; SAT: 0265) on the test form.

Evaluation Criteria: The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude, medical fitness, personal goals, and motivation in performing each nominee’s “whole-person” evaluation. These are also the criteria I use to determine nominations.

Pre-candidate Questionnaires: Contact the academy or academies of your choice to request a pre-candidate questionnaire. This is the first step in Admissions Office’s evaluation of your record. The results of this evaluation are provided by each academy to members of Congress to assist them in screening their applicants.

Nomination: The nomination process is very competitive. Each elected official is limited in the number of nominations they can submit to each individual academy per year. Each congressional district can never have more than five appointees attending an academy at any one time. For this reason I encourage you to explore all service academy options. I also urge you to apply for a nomination from my office as well as Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson, and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Further information regarding application procedures for these nominations is available through each academy’s website. Applying for more than one nomination increases your chances of securing a nomination. More than one nomination, however, is neither required nor helpful in gaining an appointment. If another authority nominates you, please notify me so that I may allow other candidates the opportunity for nomination.
Checklist of Necessary Items for U.S. Service Academy Nomination

- Application
- Official copy of ACT or SAT scores
- Official high school transcript sealed by school. Transcript must be in a sealed, unopened envelope.
- Recommendation letter from school principal or counselor. Letter must be in a sealed envelope with their signature upon the seal.
- Recommendation letter from English, Math or Science teacher. Letter must be in a sealed envelope with their signature upon the seal.
- Recommendation letter from another person who has known you for at least three years and is NOT a relative. Letter must be in a sealed envelope with their signature upon the seal.

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APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO UNITED STATES ACADEMIES
7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

Please list the academy or academies for which you wish to be considered in order of preference. **Please only list academies which you intend to apply.** You are encouraged to rank all academies you intend to apply to as it is possible to obtain multiple nominations. Failure to list an academy will result in not being considered for an open slot at that academy:

1) ____________________
2) ____________________
3) ____________________
4) ____________________

Have you requested a pre-candidate file at any of these academies (circle one)?  Yes  No
If yes, which one(s)? ___________________________________________________________

Have you submitted a pre-candidate questionnaire at any of the academies (circle one)?  Yes  No
If yes, which one(s)? ___________________________________________________________

Have you attended any Academy Leadership Seminars (circle one)?  Yes  No
If yes, which one(s)? ___________________________________________________________

Have you applied to Wisconsin’s two U.S. Senators or the Vice President of the United States?  Yes  No
If yes, which one(s)? ___________________________________________________________

**Personal Information**

Name: ____________________________________________________________________
  (Last)  (First)  (Middle)

Current Address: ____________________________________________________________
  (Street Address)  (Apartment #)

__________________________________________
  (City)  (State)  (Zip Code)

Home Phone: (__) ____________________  Cell Phone: (__) ____________________

Email: ____________________

Date of Birth: ____________________
  (Month)  (Date)  (Year)

Place of Birth: ____________________
  (City)  (State)
Current Age: ______________

Please list the names/handles you use on the following social media platforms:

   Facebook: ______________
   Instagram: ______________
   Twitter: ______________
   Snapchat: ______________
   YouTube: ______________

Do you wear eyeglasses?  Yes  No  Do you wear contacts?  Yes  No

Are you a U.S. citizen?  Yes  No

Are you a 7th District resident?  Yes  No

Have you ever been arrested?  Yes  No
If yes, what was the offense? __________________________________
What was the outcome (dismissal, conviction, acquittal)? ________________

*An arrest will not necessarily bar your nomination. The Academy Nomination Commission will take disposition, seriousness and nature of the violation into account.

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): ______________________________________________________
   (Last Name)  (First Name)
   __________________________
   (Relationship)

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s): ______________________________________________________
   (Last Name)  (First Name)
   __________________________
   (Relationship)
Education Information

Current/Most recent high school: ____________________________________________

                            (Name)

______________________________________________________________________________

(Street Address)

______________________________________________________________________________

(City)                        (State)                        (Zip Code)

___________________________

(Telephone Number)

Dates Attended: _______________-_____________________

(Month/Year)                (Month/Year)

Principal’s Name: ________________________________

Guidance Counselor’s Name: __________________________________

Current Year in School:   9    10    11    12

Year of Graduation: __________________________

Year you are requesting nomination for: ____________________________

Class Rank: ___________ out of __________

Cumulative G.P.A.: ______ on a scale of _________

Have you taken the ACT exam?  Yes   No     If not, when will you take it? _____________

Have you taken the SAT exam?  Yes   No     If not, when will you take it? _____________

*You do not need to take both tests, but you must provide official copies of either your SAT or ACT scores. If you have already taken either examination, you should contact the College Entrance Examination Board for SAT scores, or ACT for ACT scores and request that a copy of your scores be sent directly to Congressional Code 7760 for ACT and Congressional Code 0265 for SAT. If you have not yet taken these examinations, please list these codes as one of the recipients of your scores at that time.

Have you ever been disciplined by your school administration for any reason in the last two years (If yes, please explain on a separate sheet of paper)?   Yes   No
Additional Information

On a separate sheet of paper, please type your answers to the following questions. Please include your name and the current date at the top of each page.

1) What areas of study would you like to pursue at the academy and why? (300 words)
2) Describe a time in your life where you faced a difficult task or hardship, how did you overcome the challenges you faced? (300 words)
3) List school and/or community activities you are involved in including duration and hours per week.
4) List any academic, community, or athletic awards or honors you have received.
5) List any job experience including duration and hours per week.

*If you feel there are special conditions or circumstances regarding your application that we should take into consideration, please elaborate briefly (e.g. extremely difficult course load, a traumatic event that affected your performance, etc.).