

Dear Applicant,

I appreciate your interest in attending a United States Military Service Academy.

I consider making nominations to the service academies as one of my most privileged responsibilities as a Member of Congress.

The high quality of education provided by each of the academies is one of the most prestigious available anywhere in the world. The academic, physical, and character requirements are stringent.

I am providing you information about the academies, as well as a nomination application packet that needs to be filled out and returned to my office by November 28, 2016. You also need to contact the academies you are interested in attending. These websites are:

- West Point – [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)
- U.S. Naval Academy – [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)
- U.S. Air Force Academy – [www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy – [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)

DEADLINE for your packet is November 28, 2016. Please provide the following in your application packet.

1. Application Form
2. Three (3) letters of recommendation (Letters cannot be written by family/relatives)
3. An official transcript of high school grades and any college credit received
4. A copy of all SAT and/or ACT scores
5. A recent photograph
6. A typed, double-spaced 250 to 500 word essay based on the theme, “Why I want to Attend a U.S. Service Academy”
7. Academic and Extracurricular Qualifications form (extracurricular resume can be submitted)

**Students who are interested in an appointment should contact the Academy they wish to attend directly. You will not be considered for a nomination from our office unless you**

**have filed an application to the Academy/s that you wish to be considered for nomination and appointment.**

If you have further questions, please call Jan Leja at my Yucaipa district office at (909)-797-4900. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "C".

Col. Paul Cook (Ret.)

Member of Congress

Eighth District of California

Application for United States Military Service Academy Nomination

Please type or print:

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

It is my desire to attend the: \_\_\_ United States Force Academy; \_\_\_ United States Military Academy (West Point); \_\_\_ United States Naval Academy (Annapolis); \_\_\_ United States Merchant Marine Academy (Rank in order with 1 being 1<sup>st</sup> preference)

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Address of Residency: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other/Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

United States Citizen: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Has either parents served or currently served in the United States Military: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Hometown Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_; Will you be taking the test again? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

ACT Score: Composite \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously sought a nomination through U.S. Congress/Senator/Vice President/President: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you also seeking a nomination through U.S. Senate/Vice President/President? Please identify: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are employed or have been employed during school or beyond, who is your employer?

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Position:

\_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per week do you work? After school: \_\_\_\_\_ In the summer: \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments you might have about your work experience while in high school:

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Nominating Procedure**

- Qualified applicants will be contacted and asked to attend an interview in December of 2016 with a committee chosen by Congressman Cook
- Nomination will be announced by December 31, 2016
- You must be at least 17 but not yet 23 years old on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year you want to enter. You may not be married or pregnant or have any dependents.
- You must be of excellent moral character, physically fit, and academically strong.
- Students who receive a nomination are active in school and in their community, and hold some leadership roles in sports or other extracurricular activities.
- A congressional nomination does not guarantee acceptance into a service academy, however, all applicants must obtain a nomination from an official source to be considered for an appointment to an academy.

I have read the information explaining the nominating procedure and I am familiar with Congressman Cook's requirements as explained therein.

I certify that the California 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is my legal domicile. I also certify that I have read, understand and meet all of the Service Academy Requirements and that I am eligible for nomination to a United States Service Academy.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this application to:

Congressman Paul Cook

Attention: Jan Leja 34282 Yucaipa Blvd., Yucaipa, CA 92399

Phone: (909) - 797 - 4900

Email: jan.leja@mail.house.gov

**\*\*Please include a recent photograph\*\***