

Instructions for 8th Congressional Service Academy Applicants

In order to be considered for a nomination, you must submit the following:

1. Completed application form. Please type or print neatly. **Please include a recent photograph.**
2. A maximum 600-word essay explaining your reasons for seeking a nomination to an academy.
3. Only (3) three letters of recommendation. They can come from a teacher, employer, minister or someone who knows you well. If you are Home Schooled please contact our office for instructions.
4. Official high school and/or current higher education transcript. Your GPA and class rank must be included for your file to be complete.
5. Official copy of your ACT or SAT report sent to this office, if it is not included on your transcript.

Only candidates who are qualified academically and who have submitted all application materials will be interviewed. ***It will be your responsibility to confirm the status of your file.***

The deadline for completed application is November 10, 2014

The purpose of the nomination procedure is to present the academies with a group of qualified candidates from every area of the country. My nomination functions as a recommendation to the academies and my responsibility is to nominate the best-qualified young people in the 8th Congressional District of California. Top applicants will be asked to attend an interview in late November.

All materials should be mailed to:

Congressman Paul Cook
Attn: Jan Leja
34932 Yucaipa Blvd.
Yucaipa, CA 92399

Phone - (909) 797-4900
Fax - (909) 797-4997
e-mail: Jan.Leja@mail.house.gov

I wish you the best of luck.

Congressman Paul Cook

Applicant Name: _____

Congressman Paul Cook - U. S. SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Please indicate which Service Academies you **have applied to** and what your order of preference with one (1) being your first choice.

(This will allow us to nominate you to your second or third choice if you are not nominated to your first choice)

Air Force Military (West Point) Naval (Annapolis) Merchant Marine

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____ **3rd Choice:** _____

Have you been contacted directly by an academy? Yes No

If, yes, which academy and by whom and why?

What other offices are you currently seeking a nomination through?

(it is in your best interest to request a nomination through all sources available to you)

___ None ___ Senator Dianne Feinstein ___ Senator Barbara Boxer ___ President ___ Vice President

Have you previously received a nomination from any of the above sources or the Congressman Yes No

If yes, when did you apply? _____ What were the results? _____

Is either parent a graduate from one of the Service Academies? Yes No

If yes, which academy: _____

Is, or was, either parent career military? Yes No

If yes, what branch of the service and what rank? _____

High School attended: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

High School Guidance Counselor: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ email address: _____

Have you attended any educational institution beyond high school? Yes No

If yes, where?: _____

What courses taken?: _____

Applicant Name: _____

ACADEMIC and EXTRACURRICULAR QUALIFICATIONS and ACTIVITIES

(If additional space is needed, feel free to include additional pages or submit a resume.)

Please list the activities you participated in and in which grades. Include clubs, sports and organizations. Also include awards, honors, offices, athletic position and etc.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Academic Distinction:

H. S. Honor Roll	9 10 11 12
National Honor Society	9 10 11 12
Office held: _____	
AP or Honors Classes	9 10 11 12
Academic awards or honors:	
_____	9 10 11 12
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Student Government Participation:

Student Council	9 10 11 12
Office held: _____	
Class President	9 10 11 12
Class Officer	9 10 11 12
_____	9 10 11 12

Awards or honors:

_____	9 10 11 12
_____	9 10 11 12
_____	9 10 11 12

Member of Clubs or School Organizations:

JROTC	9 10 11 12
Highest Level of Leadership held: _____	
Awards or honors:	

Choir	9 10 11 12
Special Choir	9 10 11 12
Band	9 10 11 12
Special Band	9 10 11 12
Drama	9 10 11 12
Speech and Debate	9 10 11 12
Speech & Debate Team	9 10 11 12
Match Wits Team	9 10 11 12
Peer Tutoring	9 10 11 12
Peer Counseling	9 10 11 12
School Clubs (like French Club or Key Club)	

_____ 9 10 11 12

Office held: _____ 9 10 11 12

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES Cont.

Other Awards and/or Honors:

High School Varsity Level Athletics:

Sport	Captain	Year Involved
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 10 11 12
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_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	9 10 11 12
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Faith Based Activities:

Service Clubs: (i.e. 4H Club or Civil Air Patrol)

Awards and/or Honors:

Volunteer Work (i.e. Hospitals and Churches)

Non-Profit Organizations:

Scouting

Awards and/or Honors:

Non-SCHOOL SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Sport

_____	9 10 11 12
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Applicant Name: _____

WORK EXPERIENCES

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

What is your 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 November of 2014 with a committee chosen by Congressman Cook.
- Nomination will be announced by December 31, 2014.
- 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 or have any dependents.
- You must pass a physical aptitude test and be medically qualified.
- You must be of excellent moral character.
- Students who receive appointment offers are active at school and in their community, and hold some leadership roles in sports and 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 sheet explaining the nominating procedure and I am familiar with Congressman Cook's requirements as explained therein.

I certify that the 8th 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:

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****Please include a recent photograph.**

Service Academy Information

Nomination to a service academy is only one part of the academy appointment procedure.

Candidates must individually contact each academy and request application information

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)

West Point Admissions
U.S. Military Academy
Building 606
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-9902
(845) 938-4041
www.usma.edu/admissions/

Naval Academy (Annapolis)

Candidate Guidance Office
117 Decatur Rd.
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(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
1-866-546-4778
www.usmma.edu

(FOR INFORMATION ONLY – THERE IS NO CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION PROCESS)

Coast Guard Academy

Admissions Office
U. S. Coast Guard Academy
31 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320
1-800-883-8724
www.uscga.edu