

US Congressman Mick Mulvaney

Application for Nomination to the United States Armed Services Academies

**** All documentation must be sent in the SAME package to the Gaffney office****

1. APPLICATION FORM - must be completed and signed by applicant. This must be typed or neatly printed. Formal candidacy can only be established upon the receipt of a completed application by the Gaffney Office. It is the responsibility of each applicant to initiate a pre-candidate file at each academy to which they are seeking a nomination.

2. PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORMS (PRF's) - Candidates must submit three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms. One must be completed by a counselor or principal. The other 2 may be from teachers, religious leaders (i.e. priests, rabbis, and ministers), coaches, or community leaders. Candidates may submit up to 3 letters of recommendation in addition to the required "PRF's" as well. All references should be from non-family members.

3. ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT - The official transcript must be in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal. If a candidate has already graduated from high school, in addition to a transcript, information outlining the candidates academic and/or employment activities since graduation should also be included.

4. CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH - Please submit a wallet size photo with name and hometown written on the back.

5. STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS - Please include ACT and/or SAT scores in the application packet. Scores that appear on a sealed transcript or in a sealed envelope from a guidance counselor will be accepted. The following codes may be used for scores to be sent directly to my office: SAT Code - 5682, ACT Code - 7665

6. Personal Statement- Please explain why you want to attend a United States Service Academy in 500 words or less.

NOTE: Qualifying candidates will be required to attend an interview session either in December or January of the nominating year. Dates, times and location will be determined at a later date.

Deadline - Completed application packets must be received in the Gaffney office by 5 pm, first Monday of November, of current year. No exceptions. Send all requested information in one package to:

The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
2014 Service Academy Nomination Board
110 Railroad Avenue, Gaffney, SC 29340

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(Please Type or Print Neatly)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name (Last,First,Middle): _____

Preferred Name: _____

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___ Place of Birth _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ zip code: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s) and Occupation(s): _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes: ___ No: _____

Are you are resident of the 5th District of SC: Yes: _____ No: _____

Have you ever been charged or convicted of a felony? Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, please explain on back of this sheet.

II: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of High School: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

Class Rank: ___ of ___ GPA _____ Graduation Date: _____

Name of College or Prep School: _____ GPA: _____

Highest Individual SAT scores: V _____ M _____ W _____ Composite: _____

Highest Individual ACT Scores: E _____ M _____ R _____ Sc _____ Composite: _____

You do not need to take both tests, but you must provide official copies of either your SAT or ACT scores.

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III: ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Please rank in order of preference the academies to which you wish to be considered for a nomination. Do not rank an academy unless you have a file open with that academy and are actively seeking an appointment. Competition is very keen for nominations and appointments. **It is often beneficial to pursue entry to more than one academy.**

AIR FORCE: _____ MERCHANT MARINE: _____ NAVAL: _____ MILITARY: _____

Have you requested nominations from any other elected officials? If so, which one(s)?

Have you applied for a ROTC Scholarship: Yes: _____ No: _____

IV: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Using a separate sheet of paper, please explain why you want to attend the United States Service Academy of your choice in 500 words or less.

V: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/HONORS AND AWARDS

Using a separate sheet of paper, please list athletic and non-athletic extracurricular activities to include leadership positions held. Please include significant honors or awards which you have received.

VI: APPLICATION AGREEMENT: Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements.

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I am a U.S. Citizen, or will be by July 1, year of nomination. I will be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, year of nomination. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any dependents. I am a legal resident of the State of South Carolina's 5th Congressional District.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required documents are incomplete or are not in the Gaffney office by 5pm, first Monday of November in the year of nomination.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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Personal Recommendation Form

This form is to be completed by a teacher, school counselor/principal, religious leader, community leader, or employer who is familiar with the applicant's desire to attend a military service academy and his/her relevant qualifications.

To the Recommender: The academies provide a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following graduation. The questions below are designed to provide the information necessary to select the best qualified candidates. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Each student must submit three personal evaluation forms, along with a complete application packet, by the first Monday of November in the year of nomination. Please keep this deadline in mind as you return this form to the applicant, along with any additional pages or letters, sealed in an envelope and signed across the flap. Please answer the SPECIFIC QUESTIONS asked on this form, and use additional pages if necessary. You are welcome to submit a recommendation letter; however, it will not be accepted as a substitute for this completed form.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. Describe the applicant's talents, strengths, and leadership ability.
3. How could this applicant improve in order to rise to the challenges presented by a U.S. service academy?
4. Do you believe the applicant plans to pursue military service as a career? Does he/she possess the maturity to fulfill the commitments and obligations that accompany a service academy education?
5. How does the applicant handle challenging situations and/or failures?
6. Do you know of any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant's performance at a service academy?

Please select the phrase that best applies to this applicant:

THE BEST (among the best I have known) EXCELLENT (has great potential)
 ABOVE AVERAGE (stands out in peer group) FAIR (has many fine qualities)

Your Name (Signed): _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Your Name (Printed): _____ Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: (____) _____ - _____

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Checklist: This is for your records. Please make sure all parts are complete by the deadline.

- Completed Application Form
- Wallet-Sized Photo Attached to Application Form
- Three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms, one from principal or guidance counselor
- Official High School Transcript
- SAT/ACT Score Sheet
- Personal Essay of 500 words or less
- Extracurricular activities sheet
- Call Park Gillespie at 864-206-6004 to verify all information has been received
- Optional up to three (3) letters of recommendation

All required items must be received in ONE PACKAGE at the Gaffney office by **the close of business, first Monday in November. Incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination. NO EXCEPTIONS.** For delivery verification, you may wish to request a return receipt from the Post Office. Send all requested information to:

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Remember that it is in your best interest to apply for a nomination with your U.S. Representative, both of your U.S. Senators and the Vice President. Each office has its own application procedures; contact each office for information.

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Service Academy Contact Information

If you haven't already done so, you should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies you desire to attend. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(866) 546-4778
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Air Force Academy
Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Military Academy
Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, New York 10996-1797
(800) 822-2769
www.usma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy
Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(888) 249-7707
www.usna.edu

NOTE: Congressional nominations are no longer required (nor are they submitted) for the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). If you are interested in attending the Coast Guard Academy, contact the academy directly at:

United States Coast Guard Academy
Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
(203) 444-8501
www.uscaa.edu