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Thirty-ninth District—California

### **Application for Congressional Nomination Instructions:**

Applications that do not conform to the instructions will not be accepted. Applications will be accepted starting on October 3, 2016 through October 28, 2016. Our office does not use rolling admissions thus no preference is given to applications submitted early.

#### **Required Materials:**

1. Application
2. Resume
3. Statement of Purpose –maximum length 1 page, single spaced, 12 pt. font.
4. Letters of Recommendation
5. Wallet sized photograph
6. Transcript – may be unofficial, copy of original, or printed from online. Must clearly show students name
7. Copy of SAT/ACT scores – may be unofficial, copy of original or printed from online

#### **Submission Process and Format:**

Applications must be submitted to “210 W. Birch Street, Suite #201, Brea, CA 92821, Attention: Academy Nominations”. Applications can be submitted by mail or delivered in person. Each application must be submitted in a single envelope.

Do not submit applications in binders, booklets, or with plastic covers on the pages. Applications should have applicant name and page numbers clearly marked at the bottom of each page.

Submitted applications must be complete containing all required materials including letters of recommendation. Do not turn in instruction pages, or pages 3 and 4 of application. Do not staple application.

### **Letters of Recommendation:**

Letters should be collected by the students to be turned in with the application package. Letters must be in sealed envelopes with the writers' signature on seal. Additional requirements about letters of recommendation are in the application.

### **Duty to Notify:**

By applying to our office for a nomination, you accept an ongoing duty to inform the nominations coordinator immediately if you cancel, withdraw, fail to complete your academy application, receive a nomination from a source outside Representative Royce, or receive a letter of assurance (LOA) from an academy.

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**Application for Congressional Nomination**

Deadline: October 28, 2016

**I. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M/F  
Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes/No  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ 9-Digit Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are either of your parents active, retired, or disabled military? Yes/No  
Are there any members of your family who have graduated from a military academy? Yes/No  
Relation to you: \_\_\_\_\_ Academy attended: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date (mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_  
Un-weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Weighted GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Highest SAT Score (Old Format): V \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_  
Highest SAT Score (New Format March 2016): Evidence-Based Reading/Writing \_\_\_\_\_  
M \_\_\_\_\_  
Highest ACT Score: V \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ R \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ Composite: \_\_\_\_\_  
Will you be taking the SAT/ACT again? Yes/No If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you have already graduated, what is your current status (college, working, etc.)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**III. ACADEMY INFORMATION**

Mark next to each academy the order of preference for those you are applying to.  
Army \_\_\_\_\_ Navy \_\_\_\_\_ Merchant Marine \_\_\_\_\_ Air Force \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you visited a service academy? Yes/No  
Do you have a candidate file currently open at an academy? Yes/No  
Status of Candidate Fitness Assessment: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please circle any other sources for a nomination to which you are applying to:  
President Vice President Senator JROTC

**IV. APPLICANT BACKGROUND**

*Do not duplicate information. You must include dates. Background examples include honors, awards, leadership position, etc. Provide reference for categories 1-6. Must be typed using the following format. See page 3 for a sample applicant background.*

1. School related athletic activities:

2. Non-school related athletic activities:

3. School related clubs and organizations:

4. Non-school related clubs and organizations:

5. Academic honors and awards:

6. Employment and volunteer experience:

7. Please attach the following to your application:

**A. Statement of Purpose.** Explain why you would like to receive an appointment to a service academy. Maximum length: 1 page single spaced and in 12pt font.

**B. Three Letters of Recommendation.** Do not submit more than three letters. Two letters must be from the following: English instructor, Math instructor, Science instructor, History instructor, or school counselor. The third letter is your choice.

Reference #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #3: \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby state that the information contained in this application is correct, and that it is my intention to attend a military academy if appointed. I am a U.S. Citizen, or will be by my reporting date to the respective academy; am at least 17 years but not yet 23 years of age by my reporting date to the respective academy; unmarried; not pregnant; have no child support obligation; and a legal resident of the State of California.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## SAMPLE APPLICANT BACKGROUND

1. School related athletic activities:
  - JV Golf Team, Freshman-Sophomore (2 years)
  - Varsity Golf Team, Junior-Senior Year (2 years)
  - Team Captain, Varsity Golf: Senior Year (1 year)
  - MVP, Varsity Golf (2014)
2. Non-school related athletic activities:
  - Youth Lacrosse Coach, 2012-2014, Summer & Winter 3 hours/week
  - Black Belt First Degree, 2012
3. School-related clubs and organizations:
  - Yearbook Club, 2011-2013
  - Robotics Club, 2011-2013, President 2012-2013
  - Symphony Band (2011-2015) All Saxophones Section Leader
  - Key Club (2011-2014): Vice President, 2013; President, 2014
  - JROTC, 2012-2013
4. Non-school related clubs and organizations:
  - California Boys State, 2014
  - Boy Scouts of America – Eagle Scout, 2014; Eagle Bronze Palm, 2014
  - US Naval Sea Cadets, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer (2011). Citation Ribbon as Battalion Honor Cadet (01/2011). NSCC Unit Commendation Ribbon POLA (7/2012).
5. Academic honors and awards:
  - International Baccalaureate Certificate, 2014
  - AP Scholar with Distinction, 2013
  - National Honors Society, 2013-2014
  - California Scholarship Federation, 2014
  - Principal's Honor Roll (2012-2014) Reference: Jane Smith, JaneSmith@school.edu
  - USNA Summer STEM Program, 2013
  - USMA Summer Leadership Experience (SLE), 2014
6. Employment and volunteer experience:
  - Food Bank, Church (100 hours) 2012 – Supervisor John Smith, 626-964-5123
  - Business Intern (150 hours) summer 2014 | Reference: John Smith, JohnSmith@biz.com
  - Cashier (2012-2011) 20 hours/week M-F for 15 weeks
  - Babysitter (2010-2011) 10 hours/week Sat-Sun for 10 weeks

This is an EXAMPLE of how you may be evaluated in November 2015 when you interview with Congressman Royce's Selection Review Committee.

**SELECTION REVIEW COMMITTEE QUESTIONS**

- Why do you want to attend a U.S. Service academy?
- Why have you chosen this specific academy?
- Why does a military career appeal to you?
- Explain the service commitment upon graduation. How it will impact your future plans?
- Which high school activities have prepared you for success at a military academy?
- Describe what you think military training at the academy would involve?
- How have you prepared for the physically demanding academy life?
- What do you consider your strongest attributes?
- Where do you see yourself in ten years?
- How far are you on your application to the academy?
  - scheduled DoDMERB
  - passed CFA
  - submitted essays
  - been interviewed
  - submitted SAT/ACT scores
  - provided letters of recommendation
- What will you do if you do not receive a nomination or offer of appointment?
- Tell me about your visit to the academy

**INTERVIEW OBSERVATIONS**

Poise/Self Confidence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eye Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
 Voice/Articulation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grammar \_\_\_\_\_  
 Forthrightness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Self-Expression \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appearance/Neatness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Motivation/Determination \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTION RESPONSES**

Background/Self Image \_\_\_\_\_  
 Motivation/Career Interest \_\_\_\_\_  
 Academic Preparation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Leadership Potential \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical Preparation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Candidate Preparation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Honor/Ethics \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMITTED MATERIALS**

Personal Statement \_\_\_\_\_  
 Letters of Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total: \_\_\_\_\_