Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart

Service Academy Nomination Application Packet

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Application Procedure for Service Academies through the Office of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart

Note to Applicant: You are being considered for a nomination to one or more of the service academies. You will not be considered for an academy which you have not designated as your choice on the application form. However, you must meet the scores listed on the “Minimum Requirements” for the respective academy in order to be scheduled for an interview.

1. **Application Form** – Complete application form and attach a recent, high-quality photograph.

2. **Recommendation Forms** – Ask your high school counselor or principal to complete one recommendation form, and choose two others to fill out a form, such as a teacher, coach, employer, or someone who knows you well. Have them return the completed form to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal.

3. **Transcripts** – Ask your counselor or principal for a copy of your transcripts and make sure the transcript includes your course listing and grades, current G.P.A., and class rank. The transcript should be returned to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal.

4. **Standardized Test Results** – To have scores forwarded to our office directly from the testing center, please use the following codes: SAT – 0275, ACT – 7345. Many transcripts will include copies of your SAT or ACT scores. If so, this is sufficient and you need not send in separate score results, unless you have updated scores. No scores will be accepted after the first business day in November.

5. **Deadline** – Send the above information to the Southeast Florida Office. Completed application packets must be received by the first business day in November. The mailing address is:
   8669 NW 36th Street Suite 100
   Doral, FL 33166

6. **Interview** – Interviews are held in mid-November, at the Southeast Florida Office. Qualified candidates will be contacted to schedule a fifteen-minute interview. If you are unable to attend, you must send a written request for a waiver with your application packet. Waivers will be granted only to those who have a military obligation or whose parents are stationed overseas on assignment.
**Application Timeline**

**March-November** – COMPLETE PACKET
Candidates must complete application packets and return them to Congressman Díaz-Balart’s Southeast Florida Office.

**First Business Day of November** – DEADLINE
All required information for a completed application packet must be received by this date. Please make sure to use sufficient postage.

**December** – INTERVIEWS
Qualified candidates are interviewed for approximately 15 minutes by Congressman Diaz-Balart’s Service Academy Advisory Board. Interviews are held at the Southeast Florida Office.

**Early January** – NOTIFICATION
Congressman Diaz-Balart submits nominations to the academies and notifies all interviewed candidates of nomination status a few weeks after the interviews have taken place.

**December-May**
Although some appointments are offered beyond May, the academies will make the majority of appointments between December and May.

**Late June or Early July**
Appointed cadets are due at the U.S. service academies.
**Minimum Requirements**

*Note to Applicant:* The completion of these requirements makes one eligible, but does not guarantee a nomination. Congressman Diaz-Balart will submit the nominations to each academy, and selection is competitive. If you have not yet started a file at the academy of your choice, do so immediately.

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<td>U.S. Citizen/Age 17-21 Unmarried/No Dependents Nomination req’d PAE and DODMERB exams 6 years post-grad active duty</td>
<td>SAT V-520, M-600 ACT E/R-25, M/S-26 Highest is taken</td>
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<td>U.S. Citizen/Age 17-21 No Marriage Restrictions Nomination req’d PAE and DODMERB exams 8 years post-grad reserve duty</td>
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PAE: Physical Aptitude Exam / CFT: Candidate Fitness Test / DODMERB: Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board
Application Form

Please rank the academies 1-4. Please do not rank any academies that you have not applied to.

___ U.S. Naval Academy  ___ U.S. Air Force Academy
___ U.S. Military Academy  ___ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

I. Personal Data

Full Legal Name: ___________________________ SSN: ___________

Home Address: _____________________________

Mailing Address: _____________________________

Home Phone: ___________________ Mobile Phone: ___________

Email Address: _____________________________ Are you a U.S. Citizen? Y/N

Date and Place of Birth: _____________________________

Name of Parents/Legal Guardians: _____________________________

Name of High School: ___________________________ Date of Graduation: ___________

II. Academic Data

GPA (weighted): ___________ GPA (unweighted): ___________

ACT Scores: E_____M_____R_____SC_____ SAT Scores: V_____M_____W_____ 

Class Rank: _____ of _____ (Top _____%)

Currently Attending: ☐ High School ☐ Junior College ☐ 4 year College ☐ Prep School

If attending college, are you on scholarship? If yes, explain:

________________________________________

III. Leadership Data

Please check all applicable:

☐ Boys’/Girls’ State or National
☐ Eagle Scout
☐ Boy Scout/Girl Scout
☐ Key Club/Interact
☐ National Honor Society
☐ Officer of Class/Student Council
☐ Officer of School Club
☐ Academic Honors Club
☐ School Band/Chorus

☐ School Newspaper/Yearbook Editor
☐ Jr. ROTC Officer
☐ Debate Club
☐ Language
☐ Church Membership
☐ Football _____ years
☐ Baseball/Softball _____ years

☐ Track/Cross Country _____ years
☐ Volleyball _____ years
☐ Wrestling _____ years
☐ Other Sport _____ years
☐ Civil Air Patrol & Navy Sea Cadets
☐ Hours worked per week (after school)_____ 
☐ Hours worked per week (summer) _____

List any other: ___________________________
IV. **Essay:** Briefly state why you want to attend the academy of your choice.

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V. **Attachments:** You are encouraged to attach a resume or list of honors and awards, activities, or any information you feel is pertinent to your application.

VI. **Signature:** I, the undersigned, declare that the information I have provided on this application form is true and correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_________________________________________  ________________________________
Signature of Applicant                        Date

Please print your name as it appears on the line above
Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart’s
Service Academy Nomination
Recommendation Form

NOTE TO CANDIDATE: You are required to submit three recommendation firms --- (1) from you high school counselor or principal, and (2) others from a math or science teacher, coach, employer, or someone who knows you well. Have them return the completed forms to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. Send recommendation forms, application form, transcripts, and SAT or ACT scores to the District office by the first business day of November.

1. Name of Applicant ____________________________

   Last First Middle

   Address _______________________________________

   Street City/State ZIP

NOTE TO RECOMMENDER: The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to one of the United States Service Academies. The academies provide a college education leading to a career as a military officer. The questions posed below suggest the kind of information that would be helpful in the selection process; however, it is provided for your convenience only, and we would welcome your additional comments in whatever form you see appropriate. Your assistance in this candidate’s evaluation is very helpful to us and is greatly appreciated. Please seal and sign the back flap of the envelope and return to the candidate, who will submit it unopened with his/her application. Please know their DEADLINE IS THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY OF NOVEMBER.

2. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? ______________________

   ________________________________________________________________

3. What do you consider to be the applicant’s talents or strengths? __________________

   ________________________________________________________________

4. What do you consider to be the applicant’s weaknesses? ______________________

   ________________________________________________________________

5. Do you know of any personal circumstances or conditions which might affect the applicant’s performance at the academy? _________ If yes, please explain:

   ________________________________________________________________
6. Please give us you appraisal of the applicant in terms of the qualities listed below. Leave blank those which you have no information about.

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7. Please comment on the ratings that you have assigned in item 6 above, and any additional statement about the applicant record, potential, or personal qualities which you believe would be helpful in considering this person’s application for the service academies. (Do not hesitate to attach an additional sheet)

Recommender’s signature____________________________________________________________

Recommender’s name (Please print)____________________________________________________

Position or Title______________________________________________________ School or Firm____________________________________________________

Address

Please return this form directly to the applicant as soon as possible in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.