SENATOR JOHN McCAIN
SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION
Class of 2020

Please read the entire packet before completing the application.

If you have any questions regarding this application do not hesitate to call Jana Pierce at 602-952-2410.

Remember that the deadline for submitting a completed application to our office is:

Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m (Arizona Time)

(No paper work will be accepted after the deadline)

Note: You should apply for a nomination to both of your U.S. Senators and your district congressional representative. Please contact each office to find out their academy nomination process. (All congressional offices have a different nomination process)

SENATOR JOHN McCAIN
APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO A U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY
(Please Type or Print Legibly)
Application due by October 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Arizona Time

NAME_____PHONE#_____

CELL PHONE # _____E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

LEGAL ARIZONA ADDRESS_____

CITY_____ZIP CODE_____

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT_____ COUNTY_____

LAST FOUR OF SOCIAL SECURITY NO._____ BIRTH DATE _____

HIGH SCHOOL_____GRADUATION DATE_____

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA *AND* U.S. CITIZEN? Yes

CONTACT PERSON IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY_____

PHONE# _____ CELL PHONE# _____

ADDRESS (ES) _____

CITY_____ STATE_____ ZIP CODE _____

IF APPLICABLE

TEMPORARY PHYSICAL ADDRESS_____

CITY_____STATE_____ZIP CODE_____PHONE#_____

COLLEGE/PREP SCHOOL_____MILITARY ENLISTMENT_____

Rank order (1-4) your academy preference:
(Please mark only the academies of interest)

Air Force _____ Naval _____ West Point _____ Merchant Marine _____

HIGHEST TEST SCORES:

SAT M_____CR_____W_____Total_____

ACT M_____E_____RE_____SCI_____Composite_____

WEIGHTED GPA _____ UN-WEIGHTED GPA _____

CLASS RANK _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETE APPLICATION TO:

SENATOR JOHN McCAIN
Attn: ACADEMY SELECTION COMMITTEE
2201 E. Camelback Road, Suite 115B
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Please read before signing:

I have read and understand the information packet explaining the nominating procedure and I am familiar with the requirements. I certify that I am a LEGAL RESIDENT of the State of Arizona. If I have not submitted all the necessary data by the October 15, 2015, 5:00 p.m. (Arizona Time) deadline, I understand that I will not be given final consideration for a nomination.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Signature:_____

Date: _____

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SERVICE ACADEMY
NOMINATION APPLICATION

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- **It is your responsibility to apply and register to your academy of interest.**
- **You must take the SAT/ACT before October so that your scores will be sent to our office before the deadline. It is *mandatory* to have taken these tests.**
- **It would be to your benefit to ask for your letters of recommendations *two or more week*s prior to sending your packet. It is your responsibility to ensure that the letters have been sent to our office. Please only submit three letters of recommendation.**
- **The Academy Selection Committee will not review any incomplete files or information sent after the deadline date.**
- **We recommend that you apply through *all of your* Congressional members.**
- **You may send in one item at a time or all of the items at once. However, your entire packet must be received in Senator McCain's Phoenix office by the October 15, 2015 deadline.**
- **If you have any questions, please contact Jana Pierce at my Phoenix office at 602-952-2410.**

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR A NOMINATION

- **At least 17 but not yet 23 years old by July 1st of the year to be admitted to the Academy. No older than 25 to enter the Merchant Marine Academy.**
- **A U. S. citizen and legal Arizona resident when entering the academy.**
- **Unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation for the support of a dependent.**
- **Minimum SAT or ACT scores are determined by the perspective Military Academy to which you have applied.**

COMPETITIVE APPLICANTS TYPICALLY EXHIBIT THE FOLLOWING:

- **Competitive SAT or ACT scores are determined by the perspective Military Academy to which applied, 3.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale, and a class rank in the upper 20%**
- **Notable participation and performance in extracurricular activities such as:**
  2. **Elected class officer**
  3. **After school and summer employment**
  4. **Athletics**
  5. **Scholastic teams - debating, science competitions**
  6. **Community functions**
  7. **Boys/Girls State, Boy/Girl Scouts**

MEDICAL STANDARDS

- **Height: Male (62"-78"), Female (60"-72")**
- **Preferably 20/20 vision with normal color perception. Waivers are limited.**
- **Must pass Medical Examination and Physical Aptitude Exam**

  Physical requirements vary among the academies. It is recommended that you contact the academies regarding their specific requirements.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS YOU MAY ENCOUNTER

HOW CRITICAL ARE MY SAT OR ACT SCORES?

Aside from your grades, your performance on the SAT or ACT is crucial to the Academy Selection Committee's decision. However, the Academy Selection Committee receives far too many applications to judge each one subjectively. The scores that the Academy Selection Committee assigns to your file are based on your standardized test scores and high school GPA. The other aspects of your application will factor into the selection process if your score is competitive among your peers.

You should register for these tests early in your *Junior* year. This allows you time to retake the tests if you feel that your initial scores do not reflect your true potential. Information regarding test dates may be obtained through your high school counselor.

Applicants are responsible for registering for the SAT or ACT and requesting the scores be sent to your nominating representatives and perspective academies. Senator McCain's SAT code is 4472 and ACT code is 7106.

The committee *will not* accept any copies of your SAT scores or ACT scores. Scores that are attached to your high school or college transcripts will not be accepted.

If you retake the SAT or ACT tests, please notify our office of any increases in your scores. Please note that the Academy Selection Committee considers your highest scores.

You can have your SAT or ACT scores mailed to Senator McCain's office or you can provide your user name and password for the scores to be accessed by staff via www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org.

SAT USER NAME: _____

SAT PASSWORD: _____

ACT USER NAME: _____

ACT PASSWORD: _____

By signing below you are granting Senator McCain's office permission to access your SAT and/or ACT scores via www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org.

_____ _____

Signature Date

WHAT OTHER FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED?

Strong social pressures may influence your decision to attend a service academy. Therefore, one of the most important factors the Academy Selection Committee determines is the nominee's own motivation to attend.

Additional factors the Academy Selection Committee considers are a candidate's athletic activities, military history, leadership ability, involvement in community or church activities, employment history, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, and special circumstances. However, please remember these are factored in with the candidate's GPA and standardized test scores.

WHEN DO I APPLY?

You should apply directly to the academies of your choice and to all of the appropriate congressional representatives, between the spring of your Junior year in high school and the fall of your Senior year.

As long as the age requirements are met, high school graduates and college students are encouraged to apply at any time. If you are renewing your application from a prior year, please be sure to update your file and complete a new application form.

Early filing is highly recommended, since it allows the academies and congressional officials more time to familiarize themselves with your personality and academy potential. Also, this allows you more flexibility in scheduling the mandatory medical exam.

Please remember, it is <u>your</u> responsibility to see that <u>all</u> materials are received in our Phoenix office by the deadline. (October 15, 2015 5:00pm – Arizona Time)

TO WHOM DO I APPLY?

Candidates are required to obtain one nomination per service academy from at least one nominating source before they can be offered an appointment. No nominations are required for a Coast Guard Academy appointment. Candidates should apply for a nomination to both of their U.S. Senators and their district congressional representative. Senator McCain represents the entire State of Arizona. If you are unsure of your district congressional representative, you may contact Senator McCain's office or your county's records and elections department for assistance.

A few academy nominations are also available from the Vice President of the United States. Presidential and military nominations are also available to active duty military members, active reserve members, and ROTC cadets. Special nominations are available for children of Medal of Honor recipients, deceased or disabled veterans. Please contact the academies that interest you to obtain information regarding these types of nominations.

HOW ARE THE NOMINEES CHOSEN?

Each U.S. Senator may have five cadets at each one of the three Service Academies (Air Force, Naval, West Point) at any one time. The number of new vacancies available are determined by the number of cadets who graduate or leave the academies each year.

Senator McCain's Academy Selection Committee, comprised of academy graduates and enlisted military veterans, evaluates each candidate. The candidates are evaluated on the basis of their academic and personal achievements. Then, the Academy Selection Committee scores each candidate to determine who will receive an interview. The interviews help determine which candidates are selected for each available vacancy. Senator McCain selects a principal with alternate nominees. In the case of the Merchant Marine Academy, ten nominees are chosen and forwarded for selection.

WILL I GET MY FIRST CHOICE OF ACADEMIES?

In the enclosed application, we ask that you select your service academy preference. Every effort is made to accommodate your first choice. It is important that you request nominations only for the academies you want to attend. If your academy preference changes, please notify our office before the October 15, 2015 deadline.

WHY DO I NEED TO TAKE A PHYSICAL EXAM?

The service academies require a physical examination to determine a candidate's medical qualifications for the rigorous physical portion of the educational programs. Once a pre-candidate file is opened for your chosen academies, you will be asked to complete a questionnaire. Then, each academy determines the medical examinations scheduling. If you are notified that you are selected to appear for a physical, you will see a physician provided by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Board. There is no cost to the candidate for this examination.

WHEN WILL I KNOW IF I HAVE BEEN NOMINATED OR APPOINTED?

Senator McCain will mail his <u>nomination</u> decision to you by the end of January. The academies will notify you of their <u>appointment</u> decision between mid-January to mid-June.

SENATOR McCAIN'S ACADEMY NOMINATION

COMPLETE PACKET CHECKLIST

_____ **1) COMPLETED APPLICATION**

_____ **2) PERSONAL STATEMENT**

(One page essay discussing the reasons why you are interested in attending a U.S. Service Academy)

_____ **3) LIST OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

(Resume format- A summary of your extracurricular activities and length of time involved in each activity, employment experience, honors, awards and other personal achievements)

_____ **4) OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT**

(Inform school to include class rank and GPA on your transcripts and send them to the address below. Transcripts have to be official which usually includes a signature and/or school seal.)

_____ **5) SAT AND/OR ACT TEST SCORES**

(Sen. McCain's code for SAT is 4472/ ACT is 7106)

(Copies of ACT or SAT scores will not be accepted. Scores attached to a high school transcript will not be accepted.)

_____ **6) 3 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

(Only three letters will be accepted. Do not send more than three letters. Suggested recommendations: school principal, teachers, guidance counselor, military officers, employers, or coaches. Recommendations from relatives or friends are not acceptable!)

All the above information must be received in the Phoenix Office no later than October 15, 2015 5:00 p.m. – Arizona Time.:

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