U.S. CONGRESSMAN
Collin C. Peterson

7th District, Minnesota

2021
Application for Nomination to a
U.S. Service Academy
Congressman Collin Peterson
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CHECK LIST

All of the following required items must be sent to my District Office in Marshall Minnesota postmarked by October 30, 2020. Incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination. Applications must be mailed, not faxed. For delivery verification, you may wish to request a return receipt from the post office.

____ APPLICATION FORM – Completed and signed by applicant. Must be typed or legibly written

____ OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT – This must include classes currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank. If you would like to provide your transcript from your senior year, you may send it as an update as long as your application is complete by October 30.

____ OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (if applicable) – This must include current classes and GPA.

____ CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH – A wallet size picture with your name and hometown written on the back.

____ PERSONAL ESSAY – This essay must be typed and thoroughly completed.

____ RECOMMENDATION FORMS – You are required to have three (3) recommendation letters mailed by the postmarked deadline. The recommendation letters may be completed by counselors, principals, teachers, religious leaders (i.e. priests, rabbis and ministers), coaches or community leaders. Up to two (2) additional letters of recommendation may be submitted for your application packet. Letters in excess of this number will not be reviewed. See the RECOMMENDATION FORM attached to this application for information required to be included in recommendation letters. NOTE: Recommendation letters are the chief cause of delays in completing an application process.

____ COPY OF OFFICIAL SAT/ACT SCORES – The test scores must be mailed by the postmark deadline. Carefully consider the dates that you are taking tests; if you wait until September your scores may not arrive on time. You may have your scores sent directly to my district office by entering my score report codes: SAT= 6230, ACT=7485.

____ LIST OF EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES – a list of all activities you participated in school and in the community, including athletics, music and drama, clubs and societies (offices held), scholastic awards and honors, community service/volunteer work and employment and anything other activity you consider important.

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

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U.S. Congressman Collin Peterson
1420 East College Drive
Suite 800A
Marshall MN 56258
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **ACT / SAT Test Dates**
  Standardized test scores are important elements of your application. For your application to be considered, your test scores must be **postmarked** by the deadline of **October 30, 2020**. You may wish to have your test scores sent directly to my office. You can do this by using my report codes which are: SAT = 6230, ACT = 7485. It would be my recommendation to take each test twice to ensure you get your best scores.

  Special note: Applicants may update their SAT / ACT test scores if and only if they have old test scores already in the completed application package all postmarked by the postmark deadline.

- **Service Academy Contact Information**

  - **U.S. Air Force Academy**
    Admissions Office
    Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
    1-800-443-9266
    [www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu)

  - **U.S. Military Academy**
    Admissions Office
    West Point, New York 10996-1797
    1-800-822-2769
    [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

  - **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**
    Admissions Office
    Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
    [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

  - **U.S. Coast Guard Academy**
    Admissions Office
    15 Mohegan Avenue
    New London, CT 06320
    (860)444-8503 (no nomination is required)
    [www.uscga.edu](http://www.uscga.edu)

  - **U.S. Naval Academy**
    USNA Admissions Office
    117 Decatur Road
    Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
    1-888-246-7707
    [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

- **Other Nomination Source Contact Information**

  - **Senator Amy Klobuchar**
    1200 Washington Avenue S
    Room 250
    Minneapolis, MN 55415
    612-727-5220
    [http://klobuchar.senate.gov](http://klobuchar.senate.gov)

  - **Vice President Mike Pence**
    [https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-trump-administration/academy-nominations/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-trump-administration/academy-nominations/)

  - **Senator Tina Smith**
    60 Plato Blvd East
    #220
    St. Paul, MN 55107
    651-221-1016
    [http://smith.senate.gov](http://smith.senate.gov)
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APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Last    First    Middle

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ______/_____/______ Place of Birth: ______________________________

Gender (circle one): MALE    FEMALE      Are you a US Citizen? ____

Height:__________ Weight: _________________  Uncorrected Visual Acuity: _________________________

Name of Mother / Guardian: ___________________________________ Occupation _____________________

Name of Father / Guardian: ___________________________________ Occupation _____________________

CONTACT INFORMATION

Home Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

City: ______________________________ State: _______________ Zip Code: _____________

Email: ____________________________________________________ Phone: (______) _______-__________

Temporary Address: _________________________________________________________________________

City: ______________________________ State: _______________ Zip Code: ____________

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of High School: _______________________________________________________________________

High School Address:_______________________________City____________________State_____Zip______

Counselor:____________________________Phone:_______________________ Graduation Date: _________

Have you attended college?______ If so, where__________________________________ Number of Years___

Military Service, if any (branch, rank, length of service) __________________________________________

SAT Scores:
Math: _________ Writing: _________ Critical Reading: _________ Composite: _________

ACT Scores:
English: _________ Math: _________ Reading: _________ Science: _________

Composite: _________ GPA:_______________ Class Rank:_________ / __________
ACADEMY INFORMATION

Please indicate which Academies you have applied for and number 1-4 the academies in order of preference:

- U.S. Air Force Academy  
  Applied: Y / N  
  Rank: _____

- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
  Applied: Y / N  
  Rank: _____

- U.S. Military Academy  
  Applied: Y / N  
  Rank: _____

- U.S. Naval Academy  
  Applied: Y / N  
  Rank: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name of “hometown” Newspaper: _____________________________________________________________

I release this information to the office of Congressman Collin Peterson for use in the Service Academy nomination process. If I am selected for a nomination, I authorize Congressman Peterson to release my name as a nominee in press releases and other public documents.

Signature (student) _______________________________________________________ Date: ______________

Signature (parent/guardian) ________________________________________________ Date: ______________

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

APPLICATION AGREEMENT: Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements. If you do not include your signature, your application will not be considered for nomination:

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, 2021. I will be at least 17 years, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2021. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident of the 7th Congressional District of Minnesota.

I certify that the information I have provided in the 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 postmarked by October 30, 2020.

Signature:_______________________________________________________ Date: _____/_____/__________

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Type a 500 word essay on the reasons you want to attend the U.S. Service Academies. Please be sure to be thorough and include several of the following points but not all.

- When did you decide to attend the academy?
- Describe your leadership capabilities that would make you valuable to the academies.
- How have you prepared yourself for the academic, physical and moral challenges presented by a military service academy?
- Why do you want to attend a military academy over a traditional university?
- What generated your interest in the academies?
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RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant: ______________________

To the Applicant: This form indicates the information that should be contained in your recommendation letters to be completed by teachers, school counselors/principals, religious leaders, community leaders or employers who are familiar with your desire to attend a military service academy and your relevant qualifications.

To the Recommender: The Service academies provide a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following graduation. The questions below should be answered in your letter and 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 evaluations forms (recommendation letters), along with a complete application packet by October 31, 2019. Please keep this deadline in mind as you return this form and recommendation letter to the applicant, sealed in an envelope and signed across the flap. Please answer the specific questions asked on this form in your letter. You may use this form as a cover sheet for your letter.

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 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 any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant’s performance at a service academy?
7. Select the phrase that best applies to this applicant:
   a. The Best (Among the best I have known)
   b. Above Average (Stands out in peer groups)
   c. Excellent (Has great potential)
   d. Fair (has many fine qualities)

Your Name (Signed): __________________________________________________________ Date: ___/___/_______
Your Name (Printed): ________________________________________________________ Title: ___________________
Mailing address: ____________________________________________________________ Phone: ___________________

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Email: __________________________________________