BASIC FACT SHEET

A nomination to one of the United States Service Academies is a distinct and rare honor. Acceptance of an academy appointment involves at least a nine-year obligation to the Service: four years at the academy and at least five years of active duty service. In order to process your application, we need your cooperation. The information below is provided to help you expedite your application.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The competition for nominations in the Fifth District is especially keen, and therefore you are urged to apply for a nomination from every available nominating source. These include Senators Mikulski and Cardin, the President and the Vice President. Children of deceased or disabled veterans or children of Medal of Honor winners may apply for a nomination from another source; I will not be able to duplicate that nomination. Since academies may award more appointments than are available through Congressional vacancies, more than one nomination is neither required nor of assistance in achieving an appointment. Please advise me immediately if you are nominated by another source.

Each Congressional office uses a selection process, which is designed to meet its particular needs and standards. Please carefully read and follow the specific instructions for each office.

If you have not already filed a pre-candidate questionnaire with the Academies of interest to you, please complete and mail the appropriate Academy Information Cards or go on to their web sites. Most of the academies now require that you apply via their website. Upon learning of your interest, the Academy will establish a Prospective Candidate's File for you and send you any pertinent information. ***I will not be able to offer a nomination to any student who does not have an open candidate's file at the relevant Academy and has not submitted a completed packet by my deadline***.

II. REQUIREMENTS

You must be:

A. 17 years old but not yet 23 years old to enter all academies, except the Merchant Marine Academy, which is 25 years of age .
B. A citizen of the United States.
C. Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent.
D. A legal resident of the Fifth Congressional District of Maryland. (except the Merchant Marine Academy)

You must furnish:

A. A complete application form: Please find enclosed a copy of an application. Formal candidacy is established upon receipt of the completed application. All materials must be submitted as a complete packet. SAT and ACT scores are the only exception; they may be sent directly by the testing service, but must be received by interview date.

B. Three letters of recommendation: Enclosed are forms, which can be used for these letters. Letters may come from teachers (from different disciplines), counselors, employers, coaches, clergy or anyone who knows you well.

C. An up-to-date transcript: The transcripts must be official and should include your grade point average, class rank, and your junior year course work.

D. College Boards: SAT scores are required by the academies for consideration for an appointment. Applicants are responsible for requesting testing services to provide scores to my office. **SAT** scores will be sent directly to my office if you indicate **5680** as a score recipient on the SAT registration form. ***These tests must be taken no later than the first test in October. You will not be eligible for a nomination or interview if results are not available to my office by the week following the interview date.***

III. TYPE OF NOMINATION

For each vacancy I have at the U.S. Air Force, Naval, Military and Merchant Marine Academies, I may nominate up to ten candidates to compete for that vacancy. Under the competitive appointment process that I use, the academies will select from my slate of nominees the one candidate they believe to be the most qualified for an appointment. The remaining nominees will then compete for other available appointments in a nationwide pool.

IV. BASIS FOR NOMINATION

Nominations are made competitively on the basis of the composite of the candidate's academic record, extra-curricular activities, SAT scores, and an interview with the Fifth District Service Academy Selection Board. The following are considered:

A. School Records, including grade point average and class rank. The average competitive candidate stands in the upper fifth of his or her class.

B. College Boards: For the most part, a competitive candidate must have SAT scores above 560 on the verbal and essay tests and above 600 on the mathematical test. If your scores do not meet the minimum requirements, you are strongly encouraged to re-take the SAT. Standards may vary slightly with each academy. Do not send *only* ACT results.

C. Extracurricular activities, including work, athletics, community service, and school clubs and organizations.

D. Motivation is one of the most important considerations, but the most difficult to measure. To an extent, motivation is reflected in the diligence, independence, and interest the candidate shows in completing his or her file. The interview is also designed to assess an applicant's motivation.

E. Brief Essays: Each applicant is asked to respond to three short essay questions.

V. FINAL NOTES

If your file is complete, you will be notified in early November about the scheduled time of your interview before my Service Academy Selection Board. The Board is comprised of members of the academic, military, and civic communities who serve as a panel to review nominations. All interviews will be conducted in November.

GOOD LUCK!

All correspondence regarding the service academies should be sent to the following address:

CONGRESSMAN STENY H. HOYER
6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 310
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Telephone inquires may be directed to: Betty Rogers 301-474-0119

THE COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE POSTMARKED BY

October 15, 2010

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

This form is to be completed, signed, and returned with your application packet.

I verify that my packet is complete and includes the following information:

_____ Application Form, including three essays

_____ Transcript of high school record, which includes junior year and class rank

_____ Guidance Counselor Form

_____ Three Letters of Recommendation

_____ Recommendation completed by _____

_____ Recommendation completed by _____

_____ Recommendation completed by _____

_____ SAT or ACT Scores (Please note: This is the only item that may be submitted separately. However, you may include a copy of an official SAT or ACT Report.

_____ Recent photograph of applicant

ALL OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE CHECKED ARE INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET, WHICH MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 15, 2010. I UNDERSTAND THAT TEST SCORES ARE THE ONLY ITEM THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY.

SIGNATURE _____

ADDRESS _____

_____

TELEPHONE _____

DATE _____

CONGRESSMAN STENY H. HOYER
6500 CHERRYWOOD LANE
SUITE 310
GREENBELT, MD 20770

Full name _____
first **middle** **last**

Social Security Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Legal address in Maryland
_____
Street **City** **Zip**

County _____ **Cong. District** ____ **Tel. #**_____

Temporary address (PREP SCHOOL, ETC)
_____

Temporary address will apply through _____
Temporary Telephone_____
Date of Birth_____ **Place of Birth:** _____

High School _____ **Year of Graduation** _____
If you have attended college, where?
_____

How many years? _____

Father's name _____ **Occupation** _____

Mother's name _____ **Occupation** _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (Indicate grade(s) for all that apply. High School only. List College activities on a separate sheet.)

_____ **Boys' State/Boys' Nation**
_____ **Girls' State/Girls' Nation**
_____ **President of Student Gov't**
_____ **Other student Gov't office**
_____ **Key Club**
_____ **Service Club**
_____ **Eagle Scout**
_____ **Boy Scout**
_____ **Girl Scout**
_____ **President of Class**
_____ **Science Club**

_____ Student Council member
_____ National Honor Society
_____ School band/chorus
_____ Editor, school publication (yearbook, newspaper)
_____ Community Award

Club Officer? _____
_____

_____ Junior ROTC
_____ Other

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION:

SPORT	VARSITY/ JV	POSITION	AWARDS	LETTERS	GRADES

If you are employed, where? _____

How many hours per week? After school_____ Summer _____

I am also seeking a nomination through_____

_____

I have previously sought a nomination through (if applicable)_____ When_____

Nominated? _____ Prep School Offered? _____

Academy Selection: Please number the Academies in order of preference. Remember that you must open a candidate file with each Academy that you select.

____U.S. Air Force Academy **____U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**

____U.S. Military Academy **____U.S. Naval Academy**

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING: I have read the Information Sheet explaining the nominating procedure and am familiar with the requirements.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM A LEGAL RESIDENT OF THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF MARYLAND.

I understand that, if my application packet is not postmarked by the October 10, 2008 deadline, I will not be scheduled for an interview and given final consideration for a nomination.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE_____

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PLEASE INDICATE: YES _____
NO _____

I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO CONGRESSMAN HOYER'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE MY NAME TO ANY LOCAL MEDIA WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN CONTACTING ME UPON THE PUBLICATION OF MY NAME IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IF I RECEIVE A NOMINATION AND/OR APPOINTMENT TO A U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY.

Please apply to your U.S. Senators simultaneously when applying to this office:

Hon. Barbara Mikulski
U.S. Senator
60 West Street, Suite 202
Annapolis, MD 21401

Hon. Ben Cardin
U.S. Senator
100 S. Charles Street
Tower 1, Suite 1710
Baltimore, MD 21201

ESSAY QUESTIONS

On separate sheets of paper, please answer each essay question in 300 words or less.

(1) Why do you want to attend one of the United States Service Academies?

(2) What experiences in your life have prepared you for the rigors and demands of life at an academy?

(3) What do you see yourself doing in ten years in terms of personal, professional, and family goals?

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FORM

The applicant's high school guidance counselor must complete this form. It must be included in the student's application packet, which must be postmarked by

NAME OF APPLICANT
_____

ADDRESS _____

NAME OF SCHOOL
_____

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS - TOWN
_____

APPLICANT'S YEAR IN SCHOOL
_____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE
_____
(PLEASE USE A 4.0 SCALE AND INDICATE WHETHER THE GPA IS WEIGHTED)

CLASS RANK _____

SAT SCORES: PLEASE USE HIGHEST IN EACH AREA.

READING _____ MATH _____ ESSAY _____

SIGNATURE: _____
DATE _____
PRINTED NAME _____TITLE _____

This form must be included in the packet submitted by the student. Please do not submit separately.

CONGRESSMAN STENY H. HOYER
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NAME OF CANDIDATE

_____

The following is my appraisal of the candidate, assessing his/her promise as a student at a United States Service Academy and as an officer in the United States Military.
(you may use a separate piece of paper)

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE:_____

PRINTED NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____

LENGTH AND NATURE OF ACQUAINTANCE:
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