Congressman Andy Harris, M.D.

United States Service Academies Nomination Application Packet

Acceptance at an Academy involves at least a nine year obligation: four years at the Academy and a minimum of five years of Active Duty in the United States Military. You are obligated to serve in the United States Military at the beginning of your junior year at the Academy. It is in your best interest to request a nomination through all sources available to you: Presidential, Vice Presidential, Senatorial, and Congressional. If either of your parents is currently on active duty and has served for at least 8 years, or is retired from active duty or the Reserves or was killed in action, then you may qualify for a Presidential nomination. Check the respective service academy admissions web site for details.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

As of July 1 of the year of admission, applicants must be:

- 17 years of age, but not yet 23
- A citizen of the United States
- Unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent.
- A legal resident of the 1st Congressional District

NOMINATION PROCEDURES (*Nominations will be announced in early January)*

To be considered for a nomination by Congressman Andy Harris, each applicant must submit an complete Application Packet to the Salisbury District Office **on or before November 1, 2016. Please do not use staples on the packet.** Each packet must contain the following items:

- **Application form** (included in this packet)
- **Extra-Curricular Activities Worksheet** (included in this packet)
- **Nomination Board Questionnaire** (included in this packet)
- **3 Letters of Recommendation:** One letter should be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor. The other letters may be written by teachers, coaches, scout masters, clergy or community leaders who can accurately comment on your character, abilities and potential for success at an Academy. Letters should be sealed and submitted with the application packet.
- **SAT/ACT Scores:** Scores may be submitted with the candidate's official high school transcript. You are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT exams "early and often" in order to improve your academic competitiveness. Academies will accept the highest scores in each academic area, regardless of testing date.
- **Official High School Transcript:** Please include a copy of your senior class schedule. Senior grades should be submitted as soon as they are available. Counselors may fax or email them and only the senior grades may be forwarded after the November 1st deadline.
- **Photograph:** Unless specifically requested, photographs will not be returned to the candidate. Please be sure your name is on the back of the 4x6 photograph.

INTERVIEWS

Applicants who complete a nomination file **on or before November 1** will be reviewed by Congressman Harris' Academy Review Board. Candidates will be invited to meet with Congressman Harris and his Academy Nomination Board for an interview, depending on the Congressman's schedule. This well-qualified, non-partisan board ensures a fair and impartial process. Applicants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the military academy interviews.

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

Applicants must directly contact the academies to open an admissions file. Nominations cannot be awarded unless a file is open with an academy. The academy will send you their Candidate Kit or Application Packet with specific instructions for their admissions process.

The Congressional nomination materials ARE SEPARATE FROM the materials you must provide to the academies. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply to more than one academy.

I wish to be nominated to the following academy(s) in this order of preference:
Please use numerals to denote preference and only mark the academies where you filed an application and intend to interview.

____U.S. Air Force Academy ____U.S. Naval Academy
____U. S. Military Academy ____U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

Full Name: _____
(Last) *(First)* *(Middle)*

Email: _____ Home Tel: (_____)_____
DOB: _____ Student's Cell: (_____)_____
AGE: _____ Parent's Cell: (_____)_____
GENDER: _____ Parent's Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name_____

Name of High School: _____
HS Address: _____
HS Phone: _____ Counselor's Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address
_____
_____
_____
County:_____

Temporary Address (if student is away)
_____
_____
_____

My completed application packet must be received in the Salisbury District Office (see address at bottom) of Congressman Andy Harris on or before November 1, 2016.

I understand the *deadline* for the receipt of the application packet, official high school transcript, college aptitude test scores and all recommendation letters is 5:00pm on November 1, 2016. I also certify that I am a resident of the 1st Congressional District.
Note: Please call 443-944-8624 should you need to verify your Congressional District.

Applicant's Signature_____ **Date:** _____
Parent's Signature_____ **Date:** _____

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Date of Graduation: _____ **Estimated Class Rank & Class Size:** _____/_____

Grade Point Average: _____ Grade Scale Used: _____

SAT Scores: Total: _____ Verbal: _____ Writing: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____

ACT Scores: Total: _____ English: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____

Reading: _____ Science Reasoning: _____

Grade point Average, Scale, Class Rank & Size must be included on your high school transcript.
Home schooled students – simply mark rank in class as 1 of 1 if official ranking is unavailable.
ACT/SAT scores reported on your official certified transcript are acceptable.

College (if applicable): _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Hours Completed: _____ Major: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Starting with most recent; use additional sheets if necessary.

Place of Employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WORKSHEET

NAME: _____
(LAST) **(FIRST)** **(MIDDLE)**

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES: Mark "JV" Junior Varsity or "V" Varsity in the appropriate space. Also specify with an "L" if you lettered in the sport.

HIGH SCHOOL	9	10	11	12
Baseball/Softball	__	__	__	__
Basketball	__	__	__	__
Cheerleading	__	__	__	__
Cross Country	__	__	__	__
Drill Team	__	__	__	__
Football	__	__	__	__
Golf	__	__	__	__
Soccer	__	__	__	__
Swimming/Diving	__	__	__	__
Tennis	__	__	__	__
Track/Field	__	__	__	__
Volleyball	__	__	__	__
Wrestling	__	__	__	__
_____	__	__	__	__
_____	__	__	__	__
_____	__	__	__	__

NON-SCHOOL ATHLETICS	
Baseball	____
Basketball	____
Football	____
Golf	____
Gymnastics	____
Running	____
Karate	____
Racquetball	____
Skiing	____
Soccer	____
Softball	____
Swimming	____
Tennis	____
Track/Field	____
Volleyball	____
Wrestling	____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
Please mark an "X" to indicate activity involvement

Student Body Representative Scouting	___
Church Activities	___
Band/Orchestra	___
Music/Singing	___
Drama	___
School Yearbook/Newspaper	___
Key Club	___
Language or Science Club	___
Jr. ROTC	___
Civil Air Patrol	___
_____	___
	___

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Honor Society

_____ ___
_____ ___
___
___

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Boys/Girls State	___
Student Body President	___
Class President	___
Student Body Officer	___
Athletic Team Captain	___
Eagle Scout	___
Jr. ROTC	___
Other Military Officer	___
Other School Club Officer	___
Non-school Club Officer	___
Editor, Yearbook/Newspaper	___
_____	___

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

_____ ___
_____ ___
_____ ___

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Name:

SERVICE ACADEMY INTERVIEW BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

Answer the following questions in the space provided below. Please type or print legibly in ***black ink.***

Why do you want to serve as an officer in the United States Military?

Why is a service academy your preferred commissioning source? What have you done to educate yourself about the academies and make yourself competitive?

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What characteristic do you perceive is a personal weakness and what do you do to compensate and/or improve it?

What role does physical fitness and competition play in your life?

What qualities do you feel are important in a leader? Describe a historical event where a leader's actions were instrumental to the outcome .

Describe ROTC and OCS/OTS. If you don't succeed in gaining admission to an academy, what alternate means of commissioning will you pursue?

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Name:

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

List three individuals who will write a letter of recommendation supporting your nomination. One letter must be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor.

	Name	Phone	Title /Organization
1)			
2)			
3)			

CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Completed Application Form
- ☐ Photo Attached to Application/Transcript with name on back.
- ☐ Three Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Interview Board Questionnaire (on application)
- ☐ High School Transcript
- ☐ ACT/SAT Scores
- ☐ Senior Class Schedule (Senior grades may be forwarded as soon as they are available)

The deadline for completed application packets is 5:00 PM on November 1, 2016. Please mail your completed application, including the required attachments and recommendations to:

Congressman Andy Harris, M.D.
Salisbury District Office
The Gallery Building
212 West Main Street, Suite 204B
Salisbury, Maryland 21801

Please contact the Salisbury District Office with any questions you may have at 443-944-8624.
We will be happy to assist you!