



# 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.



## EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Class Rank & Class Size: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Scale Used: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Verbal: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Before March 2016)

SAT Scores: Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Evidence Based Reading & Writing: \_\_\_\_\_ Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(After March 2016)

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

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Employed: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Worked per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

Motivation for Working: \_\_\_\_\_

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Motivation for Working: \_\_\_\_\_



**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?**

**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?**

**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.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title /Organization</u>
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!**

