



Congressman Andy Harris
Nomination Application Packet
For the
United States Service Academies

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 have served for at least 8 years, or are retired from active duty or the Reserves or were 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 1st 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 Application Packet to the Salisbury District Office **on or before October 31st, 2014**. 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 applicant's 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 may be submitted as soon as they are available. Counselors may fax or email them and only the senior grades may be forwarded after the October 31st deadline.**
- ❖ **Photograph:** Unless specifically requested, photographs will not be returned to the candidate.

Interviews

Applicants who complete a nomination file **on or before October 31st** will be reviewed by Congressman Harris' Academy Review Board. Top candidates will likely 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. The academy will return to 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

(only mark the academies where you filed an application and intend to interview for):

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy
_____ U. S. Military Academy

_____ U.S. Naval Academy
_____ U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

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

Email: _____ Home Tel: (____) _____
DOB: _____ Student's Cell: (____) _____
AGE: _____ Parent's Cell: (____) _____
GENDER: M / F Parent's Email _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name _____

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

Permanent Mailing Address Temporary Address (if student is away)

County: _____

My completed application packet must be received in the Salisbury District Office (see address at bottom) of Congressman Andy Harris on or before October 31st.

I understand the *deadline* for the receipt of the application packet, official high school transcript, college aptitude test scores and all recommendation letters is *October 31st*. I also certify that I am a resident of the 1st Congressional District. (NOTE: Please call 410-588-5670 if you unsure of your residency status)

Applicant's Signature _____
Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____
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: _____

Name:

SERVICE ACADEMY INTERVIEW BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

*Answer the following questions in the space provided below. Please type or print legibly in **black ink** and return your responses to Congressman Harris' office **on or before October 31st**.*

Why are you interested in attending a military service academy? What have you done to learn more about what a commitment to one of the academies entails?

What do you feel is your strongest personal attribute?

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

What role does competition play in your life?

What qualities do you feel are important in a leader? Describe an 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application Form | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Transcript |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photo Attached to Application Transcript) | <input type="checkbox"/> ACT/SAT Scores (may be on Transcript) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three Letters of Recommendation | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Class Schedule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Board Questionnaire (on application) | <input type="checkbox"/> (Senior grades may be forwarded as soon as they are available) |

The deadline for completed application packets is 5:00 PM on October 31st, 2014. Please mail your completed application, including the required attachments and recommendations to:

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

Please contact Matt Nemphos with any questions you may have at 410-588-8670, or at matt.nemphos@mail.house.gov. We will be happy to assist you!