Office of U.S. Representative Mike Bishop

United States Service Academy Nomination Packet

Applicants should keep the following in mind as they proceed through the U.S. Service Academies Congressional Nominations application process:

1. A Congressional Nomination is only part of the process leading to admission to a U.S. Service Academy. It is the responsibility of the student to initiate a pre-candidate file at each Academy to which he/she is seeking a nomination. We encourage you to apply for all Academies that may be of interest of you.

Unless an applicant is making significant progress towards fulfilling the application requirements of the academies to which he/she is interested, that candidate may not be given full consideration for nomination.

2. As a Member of Congress, I am entitled to fill five vacancies at each Academy. These vacancies are “charged” to Michigan’s Eighth District. I may only nominate young men and woman to a particular Academy when a vacancy occurs in one of these charged slots, either by reason of graduation or withdrawal.

When a vacancy does occur, I may nominate up to ten candidates for admission. One nominee will be offered an appointment to fill the vacancy, and the other nominees, assuming that each meets the Academy’s minimum requirements, are placed into a nationwide qualified candidate pool. At that point, it is left to the discretion of the Academy to choose candidates to fill the remaining slots in its incoming class.

3. All correspondence regarding a service academy appointment should be addressed to:

   U.S. Representative Mike Bishop
   Attn: David Mroz
   711 E. Grand River Ave., Suite A
   Brighton, MI 48116

4. Applications should be postmarked no later than November 4, 2017. If you anticipate a problem meeting this deadline, please call David Mroz at (810) 227-8600.

5. The applicant will be contacted regarding an interview with Congressman Bishop’s Service Academy Advisory Board once the application deadline has passed. Interviews will be scheduled on a date TBD in late November or early December 2017.
Application for Nomination to a United States Service Academy
Congressman Mike Bishop, 8th District
711 E. Grand River Ave., Suite A
Brighton, MI 48116
(810) 227-8600, fax (810) 227-8628
Contact: David Mroz
Email: david.mroz@mail.house.gov

Contact Information:

Full Name: ___________________________ Date of Application: _________________

Eighth District Address: ________________________________________________________________
(Street) (City) (ST) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different) ___________________________________________________________
(Street) (City) (ST) (Zip)

Permanent Phone Number: _________________________ E-mail: _____________________________

Social Security Number: _____ - ____ - ______  Birthdate: ______________________________

Age: _____ Height: _________  Weight: ________

Do you wear glasses?  __ Yes  __ No  Vision: _________

Are you a United States Citizen?   __ Yes  __ No   Are you a Michigan Resident?  __ Yes  __ No

Name of Parents or Guardian (If under age 18):_____________________________________________

Background Information:

Name of High School or College: _______________________________________________________

Date of Graduation: _____________________ Current GPA: _________ Class Standing: ___ of ___

ACT Score: _____/_____
(English/Math)

SAT Score: _____/_____
(English/Math)
Academy Preference:

Please list your academy preference. If you have only one choice and do not wish to be considered for any other academy, only fill in “first choice”.

First Choice: _____________________________________

Second Choice: ________________________________

Third Choice: _____________________________________

References:

Please provide three personal and/or professional references.

Name: _____________________________________________
Address/City/State: __________________________________________
Phone: ______________________________
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Essay Questions: Please type your answers on a separate sheet and include with your packet.

1. Applicant Statement Essay
2. Please list your extra-curricular activities, awards, offices held, volunteer efforts.
3. Please list athletic involvement
4. Please provide your employment history (if any).
Nominating Sources:

Have you ever applied for a Congressional Nomination? _____________

If yes, when? ________________

Please check all other Service Academies’ nominating sources that you plan to pursue.

___ Senator Debbie Stabenow  ___ Vice President Mike Pence
___ Senator Gary Peters        ___ JROTC
___ President Donald Trump*

*(Presidential nominations are available for children and legally adopted children of career officer and enlisted personnel of the armed forces, active or reserve, including the Coast Guard. A parent in the reserve must be serving as a member of a reserve component and be credited with at least eight full years of service (a minimum of 2880 points) or must be entitled to retired pay except that he or she is not yet sixty years old. Otherwise, the parent must currently be on active duty (other than for training) and have served continuously for at least eight years or have been retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay.)

Your packet should include the following:

- Completed Application
- Applicant’s Essay Questions
- Official Academic Transcript
- Official Copy of ACT/SAT Scores
- Three Letters of Recommendation

Certification and Authorization for Release of Information:

I request that Congressman Bishop consider my application for a Congressional Nomination to the United States Service Academy or Academies that I have listed. I affirm that I have never been convicted or arrested for violating a state or federal statute. I certify that my legal residence is within the boundaries of Michigan’s Eighth Congressional District. I also certify that I have read, understand, and meet all of the requirements to attend a United States Service Academy and am eligible to receive a Congressional Nomination to those institutions. I understand that it is solely my responsibility to confirm the status of my file with each Academy during this process and that failure to submit all the necessary information to Congressman Bishop’s office by November 4, 2017 may preclude me from being fully considered for a nomination. I release this information to the office of Congressman Mike Bishop for the sole purpose of its use in the selection of Nominees to the Service Academies. Use of this information for any other purpose is strictly prohibited. Should I receive a nomination, I authorize Congressman Bishop to release my name as a Nominee to the press.

Signature of Applicant: ________________________ Date: ________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian: ___________________________ Date: ________________
Office of U.S. Representative Mike Bishop
United States Service Academy
Candidate Personal Checklist

November 4, 2017

All applications and required materials MUST be postmarked and addressed to Congressman Mike Bishop by this date. If you do not submit all the requested information by the postmark deadline, your application may not be given full consideration.

In addition to the enclosed application, the following materials are needed to complete your file and will be used in the selection process. All application material should be submitted together in a single package (with the potential exception of official SAT/ACT scores). The enclosure of unsolicited material may not be used for consideration for a Congressional Nomination.

1. Applicant’s Statements:
   - The applicant should submit an essay of 500-750 words.
   - The essay should be typed and double-spaced, and state what motivates him or her to consider matriculating at a service academy and, thereafter, serving as a commissioned officer in the armed forces of the United States.

2. Academic Transcript:
   - The applicant should submit a certified high school or most recent college transcript, which includes class rank.

3. ACT/SAT Scores:
   - The applicant should request that SAT and/or ACT examination results be forwarded to Congressman Mike Bishop’s District Office.

4. Applicant’s photograph:
   - The applicant should include a personal photo to the application.
   - The submitted photo should include only the applicant.

5. Three (3) Letters of References
   - The applicant should submit three references attesting to the applicant’s qualifications and motivations to attend a service academy.
   - Those persons used as references should not be relatives of the applicant. High school instructors, high school guidance counselors, coaches, and former employers are preferred.
   - Letter of reference should arrive in sealed envelopes within your application packet.