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Dear Applicant,

Thank you for contacting me about your interest in applying to one of the United States Service Academies. Your enthusiasm to attend an academy and serve our country is encouraging and appreciated.

As you know, Members of Congress nominate candidates each year for the service academies. We take this nomination process very seriously and ask for a considerable amount of information to be provided by you, the candidate. The enclosed packet includes the following forms along with detailed instructions:

- An application and a list of extracurricular activities – to be filled out by you
- An evaluation form to be filled out by your high school principal, head of school, or guidance counselor

In addition, you are requested to provide the following information:

- A personal theme letter
- 3 letters of recommendation, one of which should be a teacher
- Your end of junior year high school transcript
- Your SAT I, SAT II (if applicable), or ACT test scores

You will also need to apply for admission directly to your target academies. When you have successfully completed this step, your name will appear on that academy's candidate list. If your name is not on the list, we cannot process your nomination.

All these materials need to be received in my office **no later than Monday, November 2, 2009.**

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact my assistant, Elanna Schlichting, at 503-231-2300. I wish you the best of luck in school and in the future.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Earl Blumenauer".

Earl Blumenauer  
Member of Congress

Enclosures

## **Academy Nomination Application Instruction Sheet**

1. **Application Form:** The applicant must complete the entire application form, even if some of the information was previously provided to another agency. Keep in mind that the applicant must be a legal resident of Oregon and reside in the Third Congressional District to be considered for nomination by Congressman Earl Blumenauer. If the applicant is temporarily residing outside of Oregon, be sure to provide both addresses on the application form.
2. **Preference:** Because of the large number of qualified applicants and the limited number of nominations, each applicant is considered for his or her first choice. However, in the event that an applicant merits a nomination and the first choice is not available, the applicant will be considered for his or her second choice.
3. **Method of Nomination:** Congressman Blumenauer normally uses the "competitive nomination" selection process for academy candidates. Using this method, ten nominations are submitted by our office to each academy. These ten people are selected based on their high school scholastic and extracurricular record, letters of recommendation, and the results of the College Entrance Examination Board test scores. These nominees then compete on the academy level for the actual appointment.
4. **Documentation to be forwarded to Congressman Blumenauer:**
  - A. **High School Transcript**  
To be sent directly from your high school to Congressman Blumenauer after the completion of your junior year. If the applicant has graduated from high school, preparatory school, or college, a final high school transcript and transcript of advanced study should be submitted.
  - B. **Extracurricular Activities List**  
A thorough, detailed list is important. Please attach a supplemental sheet to your application if necessary.
  - C. **Letters of Recommendation and Evaluation Form (to be filled out by high school principal, head of school, or guidance counselor)**  
Please send only three letters of recommendation, at least one of which should be from a teacher. All recommendation letters must be from non-relatives. In the case of home-schooled candidates, however, the non-relative exclusion is waived for the principal/head of school/guidance counselor letter. It is a good idea to follow up on requests for letters of recommendation to ensure that they have been mailed to our office prior to the deadline of **November 2, 2009**. If you are temporarily residing outside the state of Oregon, you may use recommendations from out of state.
  - D. **Theme:**  
A short (200-word) essay explaining your motivation for attending an academy.

E. College Entrance Examination Board Scores:

The applicant is required to forward the results of his or her SAT or ACT exam directly to our office. These must come directly from the testing organization. Our score codes are 4107 for the SAT and 7629 for the ACT. Your counselor can provide a list of the dates the tests are being offered, and it is suggested that the candidate take the test at the earliest possible date in order to ensure that we will receive your scores by our nomination deadline.

5. **Physical Requirements:** Carefully review the section of the academy catalog outlining its physical requirements. Due to travel inconveniences for many applicants, the physical examination is not a prerequisite for nomination. However, the academy administers a very comprehensive physical after nominations are made, and the applicant must pass this examination in order to continue in the competition for appointment.

Congressman Blumenauer is very aware of the importance of an academy nomination to the applicant, and each completed file is carefully considered on the individual applicant's own merits. To do a thorough evaluation of each file, it is crucial that all of the documentation requested be received in Congressman Blumenauer's Portland District office **by November 2, 2009**. Applicants with incomplete files will not be considered. Cooperation in supplying information at an early date is appreciated. Thank you for your interest in serving our nation by attending a military academy and preparing for a career in our armed forces. Your commitment to the people in this nation is encouraging, and I look forward to working with you further.

Due to the large numbers of applicants that must be processed, please be sure to notify Congressman Blumenauer's Portland office if you are no longer interested in competing for a nomination or if you have any further questions. You can reach his military caseworker at 503-231-2300.

**Application for Nomination  
To a United States Service Academy**  
To be completed by the applicant. Please type or print in ink.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Oregon Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have attended college:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Years attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Uncorrected Visual Acuity: \_\_\_\_\_

Academy 1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Academy 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

## Extracurricular Activities

Please list the extracurricular activities that you have been involved with in high school and the number of years of your involvement:

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Please list any previous employment and how many hours per week:

After School:

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Summer:

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Athletic participation, high school only:

Sport	Grade	Varsity	Position	Letters Captain	Awards
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Please note which test(s) you have taken, when you took it, and your score:

SAT I: \_\_\_\_\_ Scheduled Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
SAT II: \_\_\_\_\_ Scheduled Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
ACT: \_\_\_\_\_ Scheduled Test Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Principal, Head of School,  
Or Guidance Counselor Evaluation Form**

This form must be completed by the high school principal, head of school, or guidance counselor for the candidate applying for a congressional nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. It must be received in Congressman Blumenauer's Portland District Office before the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 deadline.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(city, state, and zip code)

Applicant's year in school: \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical Jr. Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT I Score: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

SAT II (if applicable): Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership Characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_

Personality Traits: \_\_\_\_\_

Ability to work under pressure: \_\_\_\_\_

Ability to get along with others: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal/Head or Counselor's name (please print)

Date

Signature

Title