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Dear Service Academy Nominee Applicant:

There are many responsibilities and honors associated with being a member of the United States House of Representatives, but perhaps one of the greatest is nominating qualified young men and women to the United States Service Academies.

The United States Military Academies have educated many of America's top leaders. U.S. Presidents, Senators, Representatives, astronauts and leaders in many civic and private organizations have all attended these prestigious universities and started their careers as leaders in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

As a Member of Congress I may nominate up to ten individuals for each vacancy in the entering class and am allowed a maximum of five persons at each academy during any given year. Since the process is so competitive, I strongly recommend that candidates apply to both U.S. Senators and the Vice President, in addition to seeking nomination from me.

Completed applications received on or before October 31, 2008 will be referred to my nominating committee. The nominating committee is comprised of service academy graduates, members of the military and other southern Minnesota citizens. Following a thorough review of all submitted materials, each applicant is interviewed by the nominating committee. The nominating committee then makes recommendations to me regarding final nominations. A member of my staff will be in touch to schedule an interview with the committee following receipt of your completed application.

To assist you with the application process, I have provided information below detailing the eligibility and application requirements that will enable me to recommend you to my nominating committee for review. For further guidance about this process, please contact John Pierce in my Rochester office at (507) 206-0643.

I look forward to the nomination process this fall and I commend you for your willingness to serve your country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Walz".

Timothy J. Walz  
Member of Congress

## **Service Academy Eligibility ✓ Checklist**

The following eligibility requirements have been established by the service academies. In order to be eligible for admission to the Service Academy nominees must:

- Be a permanent resident of Minnesota;
- Be United States citizens;
- Be at least 17 years old and not past your 23rd birthday (Merchant Marine regulations allow candidates until their 25th birthday.)
- Not be married and must not have dependents.
- Reside in the congressional district of the nominating Member of Congress
  - In this case, the First Congressional District of Minnesota. Your parents' legal voting address determines whether you can apply from this district.
  - If you should move out of the First Congressional District during the application process, you should notify this office immediately so your file can be transferred to the proper congressional office.

## Service Academy Nomination ✓ Checklist

**The following documents must be submitted by October 31st in order for Congressman Walz to refer your application to the nominating committee.**

NOTE: It is not necessary to submit all the documents at once -- you may provide this information as you acquire it. However, applications and supporting documentation will not be accepted if received after the October 31st deadline.

- Proof of citizenship
- Application for Nomination to Service Academies
- Personal essay explaining why you would like to attend a service academy
- Resume
- Official high school transcript
- Official ACT and SAT scores
- Three letters of recommendation
- Photo
- Permission to Publish Photo and/or Quotation (if applicant is under 18, this form must be signed by a parent or guardian.)
- Copy of the application(s) you have submitted to the Academy(ies) you wish to attend.

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### **Mail or Deliver to:**

U.S. Representative Tim Walz  
ATTN: Service Academy Nominations  
1134 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Rochester, MN 55901

If you have questions or concerns, **please contact John Pierce in Congressman Walz's Rochester District Office at (507) 206-0643.**

# Application for Nomination to Service Academies

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
*LAST FIRST MIDDLE*

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TEMPORARY ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_  
*STREET ADDRESS STREET ADDRESS*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*CITY COUNTY ZIP CODE CITY STATE ZIP CODE*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*PHONE PHONE*

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

IF APPLICABLE, DATE YOUR TEMPORARY ADDRESS IS VALID UNTIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE POINT AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT SCORES: ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_  
SAT SCORES: VERBAL \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_

POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDED (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

MILITARY SERVICE (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RANK THE ACADEMIES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE (1 – 4):

AIR FORCE \_\_\_\_\_ ARMY \_\_\_\_\_ MERCHANT MARINE \_\_\_\_\_ NAVY \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN THIS FORM TO: 1134 7<sup>TH</sup> ST NW, ROCHESTER, MN 55901

## Permission to Publish Photo and/or Quotation

Local media outlets are often interested in covering students who receive the honor of attending a military service academy. In the event that you are nominated and accepted to a service academy, Congressman Walz's staff will provide media outlets with the photo you've submitted as part of this application, as well as a quote from your submitted statement. By signing this form you agree to allow Congressman Tim Walz publish a photo and/or quotation provided by you during the academy nomination process and to provide these items to local media outlets.

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First Name		Last Name	
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Phone number(s)		Email	

I certify that:

- I am a U.S. Citizen;
- I am a resident of Minnesota's First Congressional District;
- I have not been convicted of a crime; and
- I have not been compensated for this testimony and have contributed my photo and testimony willingly.

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Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature ( <i>if applicant is under age 18</i> )	Date