United States Senate

Barbara A. Mikulski

Dear Academy Applicant:

Thank you for contacting me regarding a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. It is my pleasure to provide you with all the information required to apply for my nomination.

Making nominations to the Service Academies is one of my most important responsibilities as a United States Senator. I trust you are applying for one of these nominations because it is your wish and desire to be a career officer in the United States Armed Forces or as an individual dedicated to serving the interests of our nation as a Merchant Mariner. I am very proud of my nominees and their commitment to serving our country.

1. Minimum Requirements

All applicants must meet the following basic criteria in order to be considered for my nomination:

- You must be a citizen of the United States and domiciled in Maryland. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent and principal home. You are domiciled in Maryland if your parent, legal guardian, or you vote and file state income tax returns in Maryland.

- Applicants to the academies must never have been married nor have any dependents.

- You must be at least 17 years of age, but not older than 23 years of age by July 1, 2017 to apply to the Air Force, Military or Naval Academies.

- For the Merchant Marine Academy, you must be at least 17 years of age, and not have passed your 25th birthday on July 1, 2017.

2. How are Nominees Selected?

- **Service Academies make the final decision on who is appointed.**

- All applicants who fully complete my application will be notified in early October as to whether or not they will receive an interview with my review board.

- No applicant will receive an interview with my board unless a file is open at the Service Academies stated in this application.

- I will notify you of your nomination status by the end of the year.

- In addition to seeking my nomination, you must contact the Admissions Office at each Academy directly to initiate a pre-candidate file.

3. Facts and Figures:

Last year, over 350 students filed an application with my office, and 310 students were interviewed. For each vacancy I have at each Academy, I may nominate ten candidates.

- Over 68% of students listed the US Naval Academy as their first choice.
- 14% listed the US Air Force Academy as their first choice.
- 13% listed the US Military Academy as their first choice.
- 5% listed the US Merchant Marine Academy as their first choice.

As you can see from the above statistics, it is to your distinct advantage to apply to more than one Academy.

4. Completing the application

You must have a completed application postmarked by September 23, 2016, or if faxed, received in my Baltimore Office by September 23, 2016 at 5 PM in order to be considered for a nomination.

Electronic copies of my application are posted on my website at: http://mikulski.senate.gov

I **strongly** recommend that you register with my online application manager in order to view and receive updates on the status of your application. If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact my nominations coordinator, Melissa Baranowski, in my Baltimore Office at 410.962.4510 or academy@mikulski.senate.gov

1) Complete this application, which is the first item on the online checklist.

2) You will also need to submit your signed letters of recommendation,
   - One from a math teacher
   - One from a science teacher
   - One from an adult non-family member

3) In addition to the letters of recommendation, you must also submit the following signed documents:
   - Affidavit of Domicile
   - Applicant Contract
   - Counselor Official Form with unweighted GPA
   - Official high school transcript

4) Either fax this completed application to 202.224.8858

   or

   Send a print version by mail to the address below:

   Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
   901 S. Bond Street, Suite 310
   Baltimore, MD 21231

5) Request that your SAT and/or ACT scores be sent directly to my office.
   - SAT school code is #0229
   - ACT school code is #7139

   Unofficial scores should be sent in with your application in addition to official scores.

Print Form

2016 Application for Nomination to a Service Academy

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski
901 S. Bond Street, Suite 310
Baltimore, Maryland 21231

Deadline: September 23, 2016

CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Middle Initial ____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ Cell Number _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ SSN: _____

Congressional District _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____ Phone Number _____

High School _____ School Phone _____

If you are attending a college or academy preparatory school, please name the school:

College / Prep Name _____

If you are selected for a service academy, which academic area do you intend to pursue?

Academic area _____

Academy Preference (Please Pick at Least One)

1st Preference _____ 3rd Preference _____

2nd Preference _____ 4th Preference _____

Indicating your preferences will not in any way affect my consideration of your first choice; it will, however, increase your potential for a service academy nomination.

Name _____

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ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever been involved in a honor violation , placed on school probation, or dismissed from school? If so, please explain, and attach a school statement detailing what happened and the resolution of the situation.

2. What experiences in your life have prepared you for the rigors and demands of life at an academy?

Answers must fit in the space provided

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ESSAY QUESTIONS (Cont.)

3. What is the most significant contribution that you believe you have made to your community?

4. Why would you like to attend a United States Service Academy. Note: this essay should <u>not</u> be a biographical sketch.

Answers must fit in the space provided

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ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

Please mark the appropriate years that you have participated in an extra-curricular activity in the space provided next to it.

	Pre-9	9	10	11	12
President of Class	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other Class Office: _____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
President of Student Government	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other Student Gov Office _____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Band / Orchestra	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Boy/Girl Scout	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Boy's/Girl's State	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Boy's/Girl's Nation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Chess Team	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Civil Air Patrol	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Computer Club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Debate Team	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
It's Academic	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Junior Achievement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Pre-9	9	10	11	12
Junior ROTC	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Officer ROTC	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Key Club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Language Club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Math Club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Model UN	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Peer Counselor / Tutor	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Science Club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Student Council	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Varsity Letter Club	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other Clubs					
_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

AWARDS

In the space provided below, please list academic honors, prizes or awards you have received in their order of importance to you:

☐ Eagle Scout / Gold Award ☐ National Honor Society ☐ Who's Who or Distinguished High School Student

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

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ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE (continued)

Please indicate how many years that you have participated in an athletic activity in the space provided next to it.

Physical Activity (Organized sports activities only. Indicate number of years of participation.)
V = Varsity JV = Junior Varsity C = Captain of Team

	V	JV	C
SAMPLE SPORT	___	___	___
Badminton	___	___	___
Baseball	___	___	___
Basketball	___	___	___
Cheerleading	___	___	___
Crew	___	___	___
Cross Country	___	___	___
Diving	___	___	___
Equestrian	___	___	___
Fencing	___	___	___
Field Hockey	___	___	___
Football	___	___	___
Golf	___	___	___
Gymnastics	___	___	___
Ice Hockey	___	___	___
Lacrosse	___	___	___
Rugby	___	___	___
Soccer	___	___	___
Softball	___	___	___
Squash	___	___	___
Swimming	___	___	___
Tennis	___	___	___
Track - Indoor	___	___	___
Track - Outdoor	___	___	___
Volleyball	___	___	___
Water Polo	___	___	___
Wrestling	___	___	___

Athletics outside of school (# of years participating)

_____ ___

_____ ___

_____ ___

_____ ___

_____ ___

_____ ___

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_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

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WORK EXPERIENCE

1. After School / Weekend

Position: _____ Year _____

Employer: _____

Hours per week _____

Duties (list please)

Position: _____ Year _____

Employer: _____

Hours per week _____

Duties (list please)

2. Summer

Position: _____ Year _____

Employer: _____

Hours per week _____

Duties (list please)

Position: _____ Year _____

Employer: _____

Hours per week _____

Duties (list please)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

In the space provided below, please list the community service that you have done:

_____ _____

_____ _____

If no work experience or community service, please explain. You may use additional paper for this section.

Name _____

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APPLICANT CONTRACT

This form is to be completed by the applicant.

As the applicant, I am responsible for the content and deadline of this application.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and complete. I will notify Senator Mikulski promptly if there is any change in any aspect of this application.

No final action will be taken on my application until all required information is received.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Name _____

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AFFIDAVIT OF DOMICILE

This form is to be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the individual seeking my nomination to a United States Service Academy. If you are not a minor, the form may be completed by you.

This statement establishes that the applicant and his/her parent or guardian is domiciled in the State of Maryland. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent, and principal home for legal purposes.

I, _____, being of lawful age (18), and a resident of

_____ city / county

Maryland, do on oath and under penalties of perjury, depose and say:

1. That I am the parent entitled to the custody of, or the legal guardian of _____ a minor, or am the applicant who has reached the age of majority, who has applied to Senator Barbara A. Mikulski for consideration as a nominee to a United States Service Academy; that the said individual is either my son / daughter and is my legal ward who lives with me; and that our / my domicile is

   Address _____

   City _____ State ___ Zip Code _____

2. This is in evidence thereof, I depose and say that:

I am registered as a voter in _____

city / county, state

and/or

I file income tax returns and pay state income taxes to the State of _____

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Name _____

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PRINCIPAL / GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FORM

This form must be completed either by your principal, guidance counselor or registrar.

Please attach to this form, the transcript of the final junior grades, or final grades if graduated.

Student Name _____ Middle Initial ____ Last Name _____

High School _____ School Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Country _____

Applicant's Year in School _____

Unweighted 4.0 Grade Point Average (must be provided) _____

Weighted GPA _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____