



**Congressman Joaquin Castro**  
Representing the 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Texas

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## **Service Academy Nomination Application Packet**

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# Packet Checklist and Requirements

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## Application information for any U.S. Service Academy entering 2017

*All required information must be provided to my District Office by 6:00 PM on October 28, 2016:*

The Honorable Joaquin Castro  
Attn: Eyole Mbongo  
727 E Cesar E. Chavez Blvd., Suite B-124  
San Antonio, Texas 78206

### Checklist:

1. Application Form
2. Official high school transcript with ranking and college transcript (if applicable)
3. Three letters of personal recommendation from your teacher, counselor, coach, or clergy. Your letter of recommendation must be from someone who can describe your achievements and skills but may not be from a family member. Letters do not have to be sealed.
4. A **one page** essay describing why you would like to attend a Service Academy
5. Resume outlining your extracurricular activities
6. Two recent wallet sized (2 ½" by 3 ½") profile headshot photographs
7. Latest SAT/ACT scores. If you indicate code number **6240** on your SAT test and code number **7701** on your ACT test, College Board will forward the scores directly to Congressman Castro's office. Please note that copies of your official scores and scores printed on high school transcripts are also acceptable.

Please submit the entire packet all at once. Once your packet has been reviewed and deemed complete, you will receive written confirmation by mail.

To receive a nomination to an academy, you must have an open admission file at the academy of your choice prior to submitting your packet to Congressman Castro's office. You must start an admission file at each academy in which you are interested in attending. If you have not done so, the websites provided below will guide you through the process of completing the preliminary application online.

U.S. Military Academy (USMA) at West Point

<http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Home.aspx>

U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA)

<http://www.academyadmissions.com/>

U.S. Naval Academy (USNA)

<http://www.usna.edu/Admissions/>

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)

<http://www.usmma.edu/admissions>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Eyole Mbongo, of my District Office staff. He may be reached at (210) 348-8216 or via email at [Eyole.Mbongo@mail.house.gov](mailto:Eyole.Mbongo@mail.house.gov).

Please **print clearly or type** the following information:

**I. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER: [ ] MALE [ ] FEMALE DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT LEGAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(STREET NUMBER AND NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE) (COUNTY)

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM LEGAL ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE) (COUNTY)

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL GUARDIAN (IF APPLICABLE): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A RESIDENT OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS? [ ] YES [ ] NO

ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN? [ ] YES [ ] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "NO," WILL YOU BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN AT THE TIME OF YOUR ENROLLMENT? [ ] YES [ ] NO

ETHNICITY (OPTIONAL ONLY FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE (NON-HISPANIC)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ASIAN                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN (NON-HISPANIC) | <input type="checkbox"/> TWO OR MORE ETHNICITIES                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HISPANIC OR LATINO                       | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                                     |

**II. ACADEMY PREFERENCE**

*PLEASE RANK EACH OF THE ACADEMIES OF YOUR CHOICE IN YOUR ORDER OF PREFERENCE FOR ATTENDANCE, WITH 1 BEING YOUR FIRST CHOICE AND 4 BEING YOUR LAST. RANK ONLY THE ACAMEDIES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING IF ADMITTED. YOU MAY LEAVE ONE OR MORE OF THE ACADEMIES BLANK.*

USAFA\_\_\_\_ USMA(WEST POINT)\_\_\_\_ USNA\_\_\_\_ USMMA\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU SEEKING A NOMINATION FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE: [ ] YES [ ] NO

VICE PRESIDENT\_\_\_\_ SEN. CRUZ\_\_\_\_ SEN. CORNYN\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU BEEN CONTACTED DIRECTLY BY AN ACADEMY? [ ] YES [ ] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," WHICH ACADEMY? \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER SERVED IN THE MILITARY IN ANY CAPACITY? [ ] YES [ ] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," WHAT IS THE HIGHEST RANK YOU HELD? \_\_\_\_\_

HAS EITHER PARENT SERVED IN THE MILITARY? [ ] YES [ ] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," STATE BRANCH OF SERVICE AND RANK: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU ATTENDED AN ACADEMY SUMMER SEMINAR? [ ] YES [ ] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," WHICH ACADEMY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR(S) DID YOU ATTEND? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

JROTC \_\_\_\_\_ BOY SCOUTS/EAGLE SCOUTS/GOLD AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ MISSION FIELD \_\_\_\_\_ CIVIL AIR PATROL \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_ ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

### III. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SCHOOL ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(CITY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(STATE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(ZIP CODE)

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
(SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(COUNSELOR'S NAME)

EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL GPA: \_\_\_\_\_  
*PLEASE HAVE YOUR COUNSELOR CONVERT THIS TO THE 4.0 SCALE*

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS RANK \_\_\_\_\_ OUT OF \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS SIZE

SAT SCORES: READING \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_ WRITING \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE \_\_\_\_\_

ACT SCORES: ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_ READING \_\_\_\_\_ SCIENCE \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSITE \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU SCHEDULED TO RE-TAKE ANY OF YOUR TESTS? [ ] YES [ ] NO

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES," WHEN: \_\_\_\_\_

### IV: ESSAY

IN A ONE PAGE ESSAY, EXPLAIN WHY YOU WANT TO ATTEND A SERVICE ACADEMY.

### V: PRIVACY STATEMENT

I HAVE READ THE PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT IN ADDITION TO THIS APPLICATION, I AM ALSO REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE APPLICATION CHECK-LIST. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT REPRESENTATIVE CASTRO'S DISTRICT OFFICE MUST BE IN RECEIPT OF ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS NO LATER THAN **6:00 PM ON OCTOBER 28, 2016.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_