U.S. Senator John Cornyn
Application for Nomination to a U.S. Service Academy
2016-2017

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

The following items are all required and **must be sent in one complete mailing** to Sen. Cornyn's Washington, D.C., office postmarked by **Friday, October 7, 2016**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered for nomination.**

- ❑ APPLICATION FORM with CURRENT WALLET SIZE (2"x3") PHOTO
  This form must be typed, or legibly written, and signed by the applicant.

- ❑ RESUME (2 page maximum)
  Summarize interscholastic athletics, school activities, community involvement (volunteer or work experience), awards and honors, and any other activities you find noteworthy. Include specific leadership positions and recognitions of achievement, as well as dates of involvement in each activity.

- ❑ PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE AND ESSAY
  Due to the volume of applicants, personal interviews are not possible. This questionnaire, along with the other information provided as a part of application, is your best opportunity to demonstrate your strengths and character.

- ❑ PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORMS (3)
  Completed by counselors, principals, teachers, religious leaders, coaches, employer or community leaders, a minimum of three (3) Personal Recommendation Forms are required. Completed forms may be accompanied by written letters of recommendation and up to two (2) additional forms or letters of recommendation may be submitted if an applicant so desires. Forms or letters in excess of this number will not be reviewed. Applicants should be mindful that Personal Recommendation Forms tend to be the chief cause of delays in completing an application packet. Start this process early to ensure your application packet is postmarked by the October 7, 2016, deadline.

- ❑ OFFICIAL COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
  Ensure transcript includes courses currently in progress, GPA through junior year, and class rank.

- ❑ OFFICIAL COPY OF COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT (if applicable)

- ❑ OFFICIAL COPY OF SAT/ACT SCORES
  Carefully consider the dates that you are registered to take the SAT and/or ACT. In order for an application packet to be considered complete, an official copy of your scores must be included in the application packet **OR** applicants should ensure the testing centers send scores directly to Sen. Cornyn's office using score report codes by the October 7, 2016, deadline. Scores printed by an applicant from a testing center's website will **not** be accepted. Official test scores already on file with Sen. Cornyn may be *updated* after October 7, 2016, only if applicant has previously submitted a complete application packet by the deadline.
  Sen. Cornyn's Score Report Test Codes **- SAT: 6263**, **ACT: 7185**

Deadline for postmarking completed application packet is October 7, 2016.

Mail to: **U.S. Senator John Cornyn**
Attention: Academy Nominations Coordinator
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-4305

It is in an applicant's best interest to apply for a nomination with **both** of their U.S. Senators, their U.S. Representative and the Vice President of the United States. Contact each office for more information on specific application procedures and deadlines, as each office's process will vary.

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Please type or print legibly.

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Preferred First Name)

Current Mailing Address: _____
(Street / P.O. Box)

_____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Texas Residence: (*If you listed a Post Office Box or a temporary address above, please provide permanent Texas address.*)

_____
(Street)

_____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ Alternate Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ Date of birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Gender: ❑ M ❑ F Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): _____

Are you the dependent of an active or retired member of the United States military? ❑Yes ❑ No

Are you currently or formerly enlisted in the United States military? ❑Yes ❑ No If yes, which branch: _____

High School Attended: _____ (_____) _____ - _____
(School Name) (School Phone Number)

Expected Date of Graduation: _____ / _____ / _____ High School GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____ / _____
(Please convert to 4.0 scale.)

Official copy of SAT and/or ACT scores will be provided by: ❑ SAT/ACT sending directly to Sen. Cornyn's office
❑ Applicant in single mailing with application packet

SAT: Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____ Composite _____

ACT: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Composite _____

Have you attended an Academy Summer Leadership Seminar? ❑Yes ❑ No
If yes, which Academy Leadership Seminar: _____

Are you currently attending an Academy Preparatory School? ❑Yes ❑ No
If yes, which Preparatory School: _____

Have you previously applied for a nomination from Senator Cornyn? ❑Yes ❑ No If yes, when: _____

Are you currently an active participant of any of the following:

_____ JROTC _____ Civil Air Patrol (CAP) _____ Boy Scouts/Eagle Scout/Gold Award _____ Mission Field

Name of Applicant: _____

ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Indicate below the primary academy you wish to attend. Applicant may select an additional academy, but indicate clearly your first and second choice by noting with 1 and 2. It is highly recommended that each applicant take ample time to thoroughly research the purpose and mission of each U.S. Service Academy before making this selection.

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy

_____ U.S. Military Academy

_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

_____ U.S. Naval Academy

Confirm other nomination sources you will be applying with:

❑ Representative _____ ❑ Senator Cruz ❑ Vice President ❑ President ❑ JROTC

APPLICATION AGREEMENT

Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements.

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I am a U.S. Citizen, or will be by July 1, 2017. I will be at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1, 2017. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident of the State of Texas.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately. Additionally, I understand that I will not be considered for a nomination if the required application packet documents are incomplete or are not postmarked by October 7, 2016.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

WALLET SIZE
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Please permanently adhere a current wallet size photograph here. It is recommended that applicant also include his/her name and hometown written on the back of photo should the photo become detached during processing.

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1. How have you prepared yourself for the academic, physical, and moral challenges presented by a military service academy? Please feel free to elaborate on any of the activities listed on your resume.

2. Briefly describe an experience that demonstrates your leadership capabilities.

3. What disappointments/obstacles have you encountered in life? How did you handle these situations?

4. When did you decide you wanted to attend a service academy? What generated your interest? Do you have family members or friends who are/were in the military?

5. Why do you want to attend a military academy instead of a traditional university? Have you applied to any traditional universities?

6. Do you understand that, if selected, you must commit to a minimum of five years in military service? Do you plan to pursue a career in military service? Are there any specialized fields that interest you?

7. Do you think you can abide by an honor code? How do you think you would react if you were aware that a peer or even a close friend was guilty of an honor code violation?

8. In a brief essay (approximately 300 words), please answer the following question: What is unique about your personality, character, or talent that makes you stand out from the hundreds of students competing for a nomination? When answering this question, please keep in mind that the members of the selection board will not have the opportunity to interact with you and that your completed packet is their only opportunity to distinguish you from other candidates.

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To the person making the recommendation: The service academies provide a college education and training for students to become commissioned officers in the Armed Forces following graduation. The questions below are designed to provide the information necessary to select the best qualified candidates. By law, all admissions materials must be shown to a student upon request. Each student must submit three personal recommendation forms as a part of their complete application packet. Please keep the October 7, 2016 deadline in mind as you return this form to the applicant, along with any additional pages or letters. Please answer the **specific questions** on this form, and use additional pages if necessary. You are welcome to submit a recommendation letter; however, a letter will **not** be accepted as a substitute for this completed form.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. Describe the applicant's talents, strengths, and leadership ability.

3. How could this applicant improve in order to rise to the challenges presented by a service academy?

4. Do you believe the applicant plans to pursue military service as a career? Does he/she possess the maturity to fulfill the commitments and obligations that accompany a service academy education?

5. How does the applicant handle challenging situations and/or failures?

6. Do you know of any personal circumstances that might affect the applicant's performance at a service academy?

7. Please select the phrase that best applies to this applicant:

_____ EXCELLENT
(will excel, stands out in peer group)

_____ ABOVE AVERAGE
(has great potential to excel)

_____ FAIR
(has many fine qualities)

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / ____

Printed Name: (Mr. /Mrs. /Ms.) _____

Title: _____ Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Mailing Address: _____ _____

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