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Dear Candidate,

I am excited to hear that you are interested in attending one of the United States service academies for the class entering in July 2009. Your decision to apply to one of our service academies certainly indicates your commitment to obtaining the best education possible. The education provided by the academies is among the most prestigious available anywhere in the world. The academic, physical, and character requirements are stringent and the competition stiff. As competition for nomination and appointment is very keen, it is wise for all interested persons to apply through all sources for which they are eligible and for all Academies in which they have a real interest. An individual may be nominated by more than one nominating authority and/or to more than one Academy.

With respect to the Congressional category, each Representative and each Senator is allowed to have at each of those academies at any one time five persons charged to his or her quota. There are three methods of nominating, and I use the competitive method. For each vacancy, ten nominations may be made on a strictly competitive basis. The competitive method provides that the nominees compete among themselves for final appointment determined by the admissions authorities. They take into consideration a nominee's academic record, extracurricular and athletic activities, physical aptitude, ACT and/or SAT scores, leadership ability, and medical qualifications. Such facets of an applicant's record are also considered during the nomination selection process. No person will be offered admission if he or she does not meet the physical standards of the Academy unless awarded a medical waiver. To assist me in this process, I am asking several community leaders to serve on a Service Academy Review Board. This Board will play a key role in helping me as I review the outstanding applicants. As part of my nomination process, qualified applicants will have an interview with this Board. My nominations will be submitted to the academies no later than December 31, 2008.

There are several steps you need to take in order to complete your nomination process; they are clearly outlined below. Enclosed you will find a packet of information which will assist you in beginning this process. My Academy Liaison on staff, Valerie Young, will be working on your file. You should always feel free to contact Mrs. Young in the Baton Rouge office at (225) 383-0331 or at Valerie_Young@vitter.senate.gov. The steps you need to complete your application are as follows:

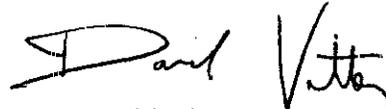
1. Read the enclosed "Frequently Asked Questions" carefully. Pay particular attention to Section IV on that sheet which sets forth the basis for selection as one of my nominees.

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2. Returned the completed application to the Baton Rouge office **no later than October 15, 2008**. My Review Board will use this information in its review process. Please retain any items collected until you are ready to submit the completed application packet.
3. If you haven't already done so, contact the academies you are interested in attending **as soon as possible** and make sure you begin a file with the admissions offices at those academies.
4. Fill out all application forms required by each of the academies to which you are applying. (Those are separate from and in addition to the enclosed application from my office.)

I want to emphasize, once again, how critical it is that all the information outlined above is sent to me by October 15, 2008. Without this information, our file will not be complete, and you will not be considered for a nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Vitter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "V".

David Vitter
United States Senate

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Enclosures

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David Vitter



Nomination Application Packet for the United States Service Academies

Acceptance at an Academy involves at least a nine year obligation to the particular Service: four years at the Academy and five years with the Service.

It is in your best interest to request a nomination through all sources available to you: Presidential, Vice Presidential, Senatorial and Congressional. If your father or mother is active duty military, or was killed in action, you may be eligible for a Presidential or Vice Presidential nomination. Please contact the Service Academy for more information. It is strongly recommended each candidate apply to both U.S. Senators and their Congressman.

Eligibility Requirements

As of July 1st of the year of admission, applicants must be:

- ❖ Age: Must be at least 17 by July 1 of entering year, but not older than 23
- ❖ Citizenship: U.S. citizen or having obtained it by graduation
- ❖ Residency: Must be a legal resident of the state of Louisiana
- ❖ Marital Status or Dependency: Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent
- ❖ Academic: Must complete SAT-1 or ACT examinations
- ❖ Must pass academy physical requirements and medical examination
- ❖ Must be of strong moral character

Nomination Procedures

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A NOMINATION BY SENATOR DAVID VITTER, EACH APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION PACKET TO THE BATON ROUGE OFFICE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15TH. EACH PACKET MUST CONTAIN THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW:

- ❖ Application form (included in this packet)
- ❖ Extra-curricular Activities Worksheet (included in this packet)
- ❖ Nomination Board Questionnaire (included in this packet)
- ❖ Letters of Recommendation: One letter should be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor. The other letters may be written by teachers, coaches, scout masters, clergy or community leaders who can accurately comment on applicant's character, abilities and potential for success in an Academy environment. Letters should be sent with your completed packet to Senator Vitter's Baton Rouge office. It is not necessary to send certificates, additional letters, photos, etc as only the required documents will be used for consideration.
- ❖ SAT/ACT Scores: Scores may be submitted with the candidate's official high school transcript. All testing scores must be submitted on or before the interview with the Review Board as results received later can not be considered for our purposes. You are encouraged to retake the SAT or ACT exam in order to improve your academic competitiveness. Academies will accept the highest scores in each academic area, regardless of test date. If a math score is higher on one test date, and a verbal score on another, the academies will select the highest scores. .
- ❖ Photograph: Unless specifically requested, photographs will not be returned to the candidate.
- ❖ Delivery Instructions: Please keep all materials together and mail to the Baton Rouge office once you have all items that are required. Packets must be received **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15th**.

Interviews

(Interviews will be scheduled in early December)

Qualified applicants will be invited to meet with Senator Vitter's Academy Nomination Review Board for an interview. This well-qualified, non-partisan board ensures a fair and impartial process. Applicants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the military academy interviews. It is recommended that men wear dress slacks and shirt, or a coat and tie. It is recommended ladies wear dress pants or skirt and dress shirt, or a dress. JROTC uniforms are acceptable and encouraged. Tee shirts and jeans are not recommended. Interviews are scheduled to be held in Lafayette during the early part of December. Exact time and date will be determined. All testing scores must be submitted on or before this interview as results received later can not be considered.

Selection Announcement: Nominations will be announced in early January

Questions: Please contact *Valerie Young* in Senator Vitter's Baton Rouge office at 225-383-0331 or *Valerie_Young@vitter.senate.gov*.

REMEMBER: YOUR FILE IS NOT CONSIDERED COMPLETE WITHOUT THE INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE APPLICATION. YOUR APPLICATION PACKET PLUS ANY REQUESTED ITEMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE BATON ROUGE OFFICE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15TH OF YOUR SENIOR YEAR.

ACADEMY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The following academic requirements were taken verbatim from each academy's statement of guidelines for Congressional nominations.

Air Force Academy

SAT-I test scores of the middle half of cadets entering the academy range from 590-670 Verbal and 620-700 Math

ACT test scores of the middle half of cadets entering the academy range from 26-30 English; 27-32 Math; 28-31 Reading; and 27-31 Science Reasoning.

Military Academy

Mean SAT-I scores for a recent class are Math – 640 and English – 620. Mean ACT scores are Math – 28 and Verbal – 27

Naval Academy

SAT-I Scores – Score Ranges

> 700	Verbal 20%	Math 35%
600-699	Verbal 54%	Math 53%
< 600	Verbal 26%	Math 12%

ACT Scores – Score Ranges

31-36	Verbal 20%	Math 35%
26-30	Verbal 54%	Math 53%
< 26	Verbal 26%	Math 12%

Merchant Marine Academy

To be considered minimally qualified, a candidate must meet the following criteria:

ACT	English – 21	Math – 25
SAT-I	English – 480	Math – 520

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

Applicants must directly contact the academies to open an admissions file. The academy will return to you their Candidates Kit with specific instructions for their admissions process.

The Congressional nomination materials ARE SEPARATE FROM the materials you must provide to the academies. It is to your advantage to apply to more than one academy.

I wish to be nominated to the following academy(s) in this order of preference (only mark the academies to which you have applied): (Entering Academy July)

____ U.S. Air Force Academy
____ U. S. Military Academy

____ U.S. Naval Academy
____ U. S. Merchant Marine Academy

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

SSN: ____/____/____

DOB: _____

AGE: _____

GENDER: M / F

Home Tel: (____) _____

Students Cell Tel: (____) _____

Other Tel: (____) _____

Email: _____

Permanent Address

Temporary Address (if applicable)

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

Work Phone: (____) _____

I UNDERSTAND THAT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CONSIDERATION FOR A NOMINATION, MY COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE BATON ROUGE OFFICE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15TH OF MY SENIOR YEAR.

I UNDERSTAND THAT, IF ACCEPTED INTO AN ACADEMY, THIS IS A NINE YEAR COMMITMENT. FOUR YEARS IN THE ACADEMY AND FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE UPON GRADUATION.

THIS PACKET WAS COMPLETED TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BY ME PERSONALLY.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date: _____

Due to the caliber of this process it shows extreme responsibility when the student handles all correspondence and contact with my office. Please note that while we understand that sometimes it is easier for the parent to make contact, we prefer to work with you, the student, as this is a major commitment on your part.

Have you applied for a nomination by another source? Please check all that apply:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senator Landrieu | <input type="checkbox"/> Congressman Scalise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congressman Melancon | <input type="checkbox"/> Congressman Cazayoux |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congressman McCrery | <input type="checkbox"/> Congressman Alexander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congressman Boustany | <input type="checkbox"/> Congressman Jefferson |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Related | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Guidance Counselor: _____

Date of Graduation: _____ Estimated Class Rank & Class Size: _____/_____

Grade Point Average: _____ Grade Scale Used: _____

SAT Scores: Total: _____ Verbal: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____

ACT Scores: Total: _____ English: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____

Reading: _____ Science Reasoning: _____

*Grade point Average, Scale, Class Rank & Size must be included on your high school transcript.
ACT/SAT scores reported on your official certified transcript are acceptable.*

College (if applicable): _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Hours Completed: _____ Major: _____

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Starting with most recent, use additional sheets if necessary.

Place of employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

Place of employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

Place of employment: _____

Dates Employed: _____ Hours Worked per Week: _____

Motivation for Working: _____

CRIMINAL INFORMATION

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor?

Yes No

(NOT INCLUDING: speeding tickets, parking tickets or traffic violations for which you did not receive any points)

INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: driving while intoxicated or impaired or disorderly conduct charges)

If yes, explain: _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES WORKSHEET

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES: Mark "JV" Junior Varsity or "V" Varsity in the appropriate space.
Also specify with an "L" if you lettered in the sport.

<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
Baseball	—	—	—	—
Basketball	—	—	—	—
Cheerleading	—	—	—	—
Cross Country	—	—	—	—
Drill Team	—	—	—	—
Football	—	—	—	—
Golf	—	—	—	—
Soccer	—	—	—	—
Swimming/Diving	—	—	—	—
Tennis	—	—	—	—
Track/Field	—	—	—	—
Water Polo	—	—	—	—
Wrestling	—	—	—	—
Softball	—	—	—	—
_____	—	—	—	—
_____	—	—	—	—

<u>NON-SCHOOL ATHLETICS</u>	
Baseball	_____
Basketball	_____
Football	_____
Golf	_____
Gymnastics	_____
Running	_____
Karate	_____
Racquetball	_____
Skiing	_____
Soccer	_____
Softball	_____
Swimming	_____
Tennis	_____
Track/Field	_____
Volleyball	_____
Wrestling	_____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(Please mark an "X" to indicate activity involvement.)

Student Body Representative	_____
Scouting	_____
Church Activities	_____
Band/Orchestra	_____
Music/Singing	_____
Drama	_____
School Yearbook/Newspaper	_____
Key Club	_____
Language or Science Club	_____
ROTC	_____
Civil Air Patrol	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

LEADERSHIP ROLES

Editor, Yearbook/Newspaper	_____
Boys/Girls State	_____
Student Body President	_____
Class President	_____
Student Body Officer	_____
Athletic Team Captain	_____
Eagle Scout	_____
ROTC	_____
Other Military Officer	_____
Other School Club Officer	_____
Non-school Club Officer	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Honor Society	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Please do not attach copies of commendations, certificates, etc.

MEDICAL HISTORY

Have you taken or been scheduled to take your Academy Medical Exam (scheduled by DODMERB)?

Yes No If yes, when? _____

Have you taken or been schedule to take your Physical Aptitude Exam?

Yes No If yes, when? _____

As part of your application for admission to an Academy, you will be required to take a medical exam through DODMERB (the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board). The following are common conditions that may cause and Academy to require you to obtain a waiver for admission.

Do you wear corrective eyewear?

Yes No If no, have you had laser surgery of any type to correct your vision? _____

Have you ever been diagnosed with asthma, hay fever or allergies?

Yes No If yes, please explain? _____

Have you had surgery or broken bones in the last ten years?

Yes No If yes, please explain? _____

Have you ever been diagnosed with ADD or ADHD?

Yes No If yes, are you currently taking medication or have you ever taken medication for this condition? If yes, please explain? _____

Have you ever had a tattoo?

Yes No

Have you ever had seizures or convulsions?

Yes No If yes, please explain? _____

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

Answer the following questions as briefly as possible in the space provided below. Please type or print legibly in black ink.

Why are you interested in attending a military service academy? What have you done to learn more about what a commitment to one of the academies entails?

What do you feel is your strongest personal attribute?

Questionnaire
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What characteristic do you perceive is a personal weakness and what do you do to compensate and/or improve it?

What role does competition play in your life?

What qualities do you feel are important in a leader? Describe a leadership role you have held and how you've exhibited any of these leadership qualities?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Furnish three, but no more than five, letters of recommendation supporting your nomination. One letter must be written by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor. It is not necessary to send certificates, additional letters, photos, etc as only the required documents will be used for consideration.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title / Organization</u>
1)	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____
5)	_____	_____

ALL MATERIALS (APPLICATION PACKET INCLUDING PHOTOGRAPH, OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH ACT/SAT SCORES AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

***SENATOR DAVID VITTER
ATTENTION: VALERIE YOUNG
858 CONVENTION STREET
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802***

Check List for your Congressional Nomination:

- _____ Application for Congressional Nomination (from Senator Vitter)
- _____ Official transcript of your high school record including your final junior grades
- _____ Your numerical class rank shown on an official transcript (please note if your school does not rank)
- _____ A copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores:
SAT – Date(s) _____
ACT – Date(s) _____
- _____ Three letters of recommendation:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
Additional letters of recommendation:
1. _____
2. _____
- _____ A recent photograph

With the exception of test scores, items must be submitted as a package and not individually. Due to space restrictions, only the required materials will be used in consideration of your nomination request.