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2004 Selection Procedures for Service Academy Nomination

Thank you expressing interest in applying for nomination to one of the Service Academies.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. A resident of the State of New Jersey
3. Never have been married
4. The US Military Academy, Naval Academy and Air Force Academy require that applicants must have not reached their 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of admission. Candidates to the Merchant Marine Academy must be at least 17 and have not passed their 25th birthday on July 1 of the year of admission.

Each Senator may have five individuals (5 slots) at an Academy at any one time. All applicants should be advised that acceptance of any appointment commits them to a ten-year obligation to the Service (four years at the Academy and six years of active duty). The Senator nominates ten individuals per open slot at the individual academy from the hundreds of applications filed. Each Academy then appoints the nominees who fulfill their admission requirements.

At the same time an individual seeks a nomination they are strongly advised to request an application from the Academy. Once direct contact is established, the Academy will create a file for the candidate and transmit Academy information and detailed admission requirements, including a Prospective Candidate Questionnaire. The questionnaire provides the preliminary information for the Academy to begin their selection process.

Individuals desiring a nomination from Senator Corzine must submit by mail a letter requesting consideration for nomination (sample letters are found on the academy websites). Once the request is received an application packet will be sent to you. All materials outlined in the "Nomination Application Instructions" must be returned by October 22, 2004. Those individuals meeting the basic eligibility requirements will be invited for a personal interview by Senator Corzine's Academy Nomination Board on Saturday, November 20 or Sunday, November 21, 2004. The Board, based on a numerical scoring system, selects individuals to recommend for nomination. The Board's recommendations are submitted to Senator Corzine for approval. The Senator usually approves the nomination slate by January 1, 2005. Senator Corzine's approved nominees are sent to the individual Academies by January 31, 2005.

NOTE THAT ALL REQUESTS AND APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE SENT TO THE SENATOR'S NEWARK OFFICE BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2004.

NOMINATIONS ARE MADE BY MERIT UNDER A COMPETITIVE SYSTEM.

