Instructions for U. S. Merchant Marine Academy Nomination Process

Step 1: Open Nomination File

Submit to my Coeur d'Alene office (address listed below) by **October 31, 2007 or sooner:**

_____ Initial three-page application (pages 1-3)

_____ A small current photograph

_____ Personal letter stating why your are seeking a nomination

Step 2: Complete Nomination File

Submit to my Coeur d'Alene office (address listed below) by **November 30, 2007 or sooner:**

_____ Three Recommendation Forms with letters attached (pages 5-7)

_____ Principal/Guidance Counselor Evaluation Form (page 8)
Completed form must be in a sealed envelope signed by the originator across the flap. The originator may not complete one of the Recommendation Forms.

_____ Official copy of high school transcript, including GPA at end of junior year and class rank in a sealed envelope signed by the originator across the flap.
Official copy of college transcripts if applicable.

_____ Official copy of SAT or ACT scores, if not included on transcript.
Direct reporting test scores codes: SAT 4787 or ACT 7372

Step 2 must be submitted as a packet with this form on top. Additional SAT or ACT test scores can be submitted as soon as scores are available.

Mailing address:
Congressman Bill Sali
Attn: Josh Callihan
610 W. Hubbard St. Ste 206
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Questions: Contact Josh Callihan, State Assistant to Bill Sali at (208) 667-0127 or email him at josh.callihan@mail.house.gov

Important Dates to Remember:

October 31, 2007 – Deadline for Step 1 (listed above).
November 30, 2007 – Deadline for Step 2 (listed above).
December 2007 – Nominations will be announced.

APPLICATION FOR U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY NOMINATION

U.S. Representative Bill Sali

PERSONAL DATA

Full legal name_____

Common name used_____

Email Address_____

Legal residence:

Street and Box_____

City, County, State, and ZIP_____

Telephone number (include area code)_____

Present address (if not same as above):

Street or box_____

City, County, State, and ZIP_____

Telephone number (include area code)_____

How long have you been a resident of Idaho?_____

Are your parents legal residents of the State of Idaho? Yes No

Please read page 10 for residency requirements.

Birthday (mm/dd/yy)_____ Age_____ Height _____ Weight _____

Birthplace_____ U.S. Citizen Yes_____ No_____

Date Naturalized_____

Social Security Number_____

Parents/Guardians (circle one):

Father's Name_____

Street/Box Address_____

City, State, ZIP_____

Occupation_____ Employer_____

Mother's Name_____

Street/Box Address_____

City, State, ZIP_____

Occupation_____ Employer_____

VETERAN INFORMATION

Are either of your parents a veteran? Yes No

EDUCATION

List high schools, prep schools, and colleges you have attended/are now attending.

Name of School:_____ Telephone No._____

Graduation Date_____Class rank/number of students_____ GPA_____

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Have you contacted the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy to open file at the academy?

Yes No

If no, see page 8 for contact information.

Indicate the following additional sources to which you have applied for a nomination:

Senator Larry Craig_____

Vice President Dick Cheney_____

JROTC_____

Senator Mike Crapo_____

Congressman Mike Simpson_____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES

Please list below, using additional paper if necessary, your:

1. Special awards and honors with dates.

2. School and outside club memberships and activities, noting leadership positions and honors received, with dates.

3. Employment, both after school and in summer, with dates and hours per week.

4. Volunteer involvement, with dates and hours per week.

5. School athletics (note Captain, Varsity letter, MVP, All-League, etc.) with dates.

6. Out-of-school recreational athletics, with dates.

The information above is correct. I am an U.S. Citizen or will be by July 1, 2008; am at least 17 but not 23 years of age on July 1, 2008; am unmarried, not pregnant; have no child support obligation; and am a legal resident of the State of Idaho.

*Due to the **Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-579)**, federal and state government agencies are prohibited from releasing information or discussing anything regarding another individual without the individual's written permission. Your signature on the page authorizes me, as a United States Representative, to contact the proper officials on your behalf, to discuss the matter and receive any information pertinent to you and your concerns.*

Signature_____ Date_____

Please return this form by October 31, 2007 to:

Congressman Bill Sali
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610 W. Hubbard St. Ste 206
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

U. S. Merchant Marine Academy Nomination Recommendation Form

U.S. Representative Bill Sali

To be completed by applicant's counselor, teacher, principal, employer, minister, priest , coach or adult friend

Name of applicant_____

First Middle Last

The person named above is applying to one or more of the United States Service Academies and you have been asked to provide a recommendation. The academies provide a college education leading to a career as an officer in the Armed Forces. Your recommendation will help me to select the best possible candidates. Please complete this form and attach a letter addressing all of the questions below. Your generous help is greatly appreciated.

Name (signature):_____Date_____

Name (printed):_____ Title:_____

Name of School:_____ Telephone:_____

Address:_____

Your relationship to Applicant:_____

Please address the following questions in your recommendation letter.

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

2. What are the leadership characteristics of the applicant?

3. What are the personality traits of applicant for leadership (strengths and weaknesses)?

4. How does the applicant work under pressure?

5. How does the applicant get along with others?

Please return the completed form with your recommendation letter attached to the form to applicant for inclusion in his/her application packet. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Callihan at (208) 667-0127. Again, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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U. S. Merchant Marine Academy Nomination
Principal or Guidance Counselor Evaluation Form

U.S. Representative Bill Sali

To be completed by applicant's principal or guidance counselor

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GENERAL COMMENTS and/or RECOMMENDATIONS regarding applicant?

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Address:_____

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TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Early Completion of File

It is important to contact **each** academy you have chosen as soon as possible. Early contact allows for the completion of your file including medical testing and may better your chances for an appointment should you receive a nomination.

United Stated Merchant Marine Academy:
www.usmma.edu

Admissions Office
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-9997
1-800-732-6267

Early SAT/ACT Testing

This is very important, since the Academies use test scores as a primary method of evaluating candidates. If you take the tests in the spring of your junior year, you have a chance to retake them in the fall and raise your scores.

Nominations

Due to the competitive nature of the nomination process, you should seek as many nominations as possible. In addition to Congressman Sali, be sure to contact Senator Craig, Senator Crapo, Congressman Simpson as well as Vice-President Cheney.

Senator Mike Crapo
111 Russell Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-0851

Senator Larry Craig
490 Memorial Drive, Suite 101
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402
208-523-5541

Vice-President Dick Cheney
Eisenhower Executive Office
Washington, DC 20501
www.whitehouse.gov/vicepresident

Congressman Mike Simpson
802 W. Bannock Ste 600
Boise, ID 83702
208-334-1953

Residency

Please read the following memo on residency requirements.

If you are seeking a nomination to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, you may only apply for nomination from congressional representatives from your legal state/district of residency.

So, in addition to Congressman Sali, you may also apply to Senator Craig, and Senator Crapo. You may also apply to Vice-President Cheney as he nominated from the nation.

Please keep in mind, the place you currently reside does not necessarily constitute your legal residence. If you are a student, you must use your parent's legal state of residence. For instance, if your parents were transferred by the military to Idaho but their legal residence is Texas, you must apply with the Representative from the Texas Congressional District, even though you now live in Idaho.

Here are key questions that determine residency for you and your parents:

Legal State of Residency?

Home of Record?

In which state do your parents pay taxes?

In which state are your parent's cars registered?

In which state do your parents vote?

If your father/mother is a legal resident of another state yet your other parent works in Idaho and is able to answer Idaho to the above questions, then you may claim Idaho. However, if neither parent fits the criteria, you must apply in their legal state and district.

The academies are very strict about residency requirements, so if you have any questions, please contact Josh Callihan at 208-667-0127. Non-student applicants should also call if they need assistance in this determination.