**CONGRESSMAN JIM COOPER**

**APPLICATION FOR US SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION**

**For the class entering July 2005 (Class of 2009)**

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the enclosed application form

2. Submit a one-page list of extracurricular activities, including athletics, leadership roles, honors and awards, employment, etc.

3. Have a guidance counselor or principal complete the appropriate form and return it along with a copy of your high school transcript.

4. Submit **three** letters of recommendation (in addition to guidance counselor/ principal's form). Give each recommender an "Instructions for Recommendations" sheet.

5. Submit a recent photograph such as a school picture.

6. Submit a one page personal statement on "Why I Want to Attend a US Service Academy."

7. You may also attach a brief explanation of any extraordinary or unusual personal or family circumstances that the Academy Selection Committee should consider.

8. Only students eligible to enter an academy in the Summer of 2005 should apply for a nomination at this time.

9. Apply separately for admission to each academy in which you are interested.

10. Please **type** the application, list of extracurricular activities, and personal statement.

**RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

**Congressman Jim Cooper**
**ATTN: BRENDA WYNN**
**706 CHURCH STREE, STE. 101**
**NASHVILLE, TN 37203**

**APPLICATION DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2004**

**If you have questions please contact Brenda Wynn at (615) 736-5295**

# Congressman Jim Cooper

Proudly Serving Tennessee's Fifth District

## Application - U.S. Service Academy Nomination

***Application Due: November 15, 2004***

For class entering July 2005 (Class of 2009)

Number in order of preference (#1 first choice, etc.). Mark only those academies you are interested in attending.

_____ **Air Force Academy**
_____ **Merchant Marine Academy**
_____ **Military Academy**
_____ **Naval Academy**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

NAME: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS IN TENNESSEE:

_____
(NUMBER AND STREET)

_____
(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

COUNTY OF LEGAL RESIDENCE: _____

TELEPHONE: (HOME) _____ (OTHER) _____

EMAIL: _____

**TEMPORARY ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE (IF APPLICABLE)**

_____
(NUMBER AND STREET)

_____
(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE) (TELEPHONE NUMBER)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____/_____/_____ SEX: MALE _____ FEMALE _____
(YEAR / MONTH/ DAY)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION:**

FATHER'S NAME : _____ DAYTIME PHONE: _____

MOTHER'S NAME: _____ DAYTIME PHONE: _____

**SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

_____
(CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

HIGH SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL _____ EXPECTED DATE OF GRADUATION_____

Have you attended college? _____ If so, give date, school name, address, phone number, and highest level obtained:

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(If you have attended college, please attach additional information regarding your GPA, college transcript, extracurricular activities, and other pertinent information for consideration by the Academy Selection Committee.)

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Have you applied directly to each academy in which you are interested? YES ____ NO ___

Which one(s)? _____

Are you requesting a nomination from another source? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, from what source? Vice President _____ Military (Service)_____
Senator Alexander _____ Senator Frist _____

Are you employed? If so, state job, location, hours per week, and any outstanding circumstances.

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**PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, I give my personal authorization to Congressman Jim Cooper and/or his staff representative, designated by him, to obtain the necessary information from my records for use in his academy selection procedures. By signing this application, I permit discussion of pertinent information with my school, my parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s), the academy, the Academy Selection Committee, and the news media. I also certify that I am legally domiciled in the Fifth Congressional District of Tennessee.

_____ _____
(Signature of Student) (Signature of parent or legal guardian if student is under 18)

_____
(Date)

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**INFORMATION FORM**
**TO BE COMPLETED BY HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL**

Please include a copy of the **student's transcript** and return before November 15, 2004 to:

**Congressman Jim Cooper**
**ATTN: BRENDA WYNN**
**706 CHURCH STREE, STE. 101**
**NASHVILLE, TN 37203**

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of School: _____

**Applicant's Academic Standing:**

Numerical Junior Year Class Rank _____ Out of _____

Current GPA: _____

SAT Score: Verbal _____ Math _____

ACT Score: (Composite) _____ (E) _____ (M) _____ (R) _____ (SR) _____

**GENERAL COMMENTS:** Please discuss the applicant's overall fitness for US Service Academy admission and for a military career as an officer in our armed forces. The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, goals and motivation in determining each applicant's "whole person" evaluation.

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

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## *INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS*

***NOTE TO CANDIDATE:** Please give a copy of this sheet to three people who agree to write a letter of recommendation for you.

***NOTE TO REOCMMENDER:** Please write a letter of recommendation on your letterhead or personal stationary (be sure to include a return address). Please send the recommendation letter before **November 15, 2004** directly to:

**Congressman Jim Cooper**
**ATTN: BRENDA WYNN**
**706 CHURCH STREE, STE. 101**
**NASHVILLE, TN 37203**

This student has expressed desire to attend a US Service Academy, such as the Military Academy at West Point or the US Naval Academy. Admission to these academies is extremely limited high competitive, and an appointment is an esteemed honor and achievement. After successfully completing a rigorous four-year program in one of these competitive schools and receiving a first rate education, a successful graduate will be pledged to serve a term as an officer in our armed forces.

In order to apply to a service academy, an applicant must obtain a nomination form an authorized source, and this applicant has requested a nomination from Congressman Jim Cooper, Representative of the Fifth District of Tennessee. Congressman Cooper and his Academy Selection Committee would appreciate your thorough and honest evaluation of the applicant's fitness for US Service Academy admission and ensuing military career. The academies consider evidence of character, scholarship, leadership, physical aptitude (athletic ability), medical fitness, goals and motivation in determining each applicant's "whole person" evaluation.

Congressman Cooper, his designated staff, and his Academy Selection Committee will hold your comments in the strictest confidence. Thank you and we appreciate your assistance.

*CONGRESSMAN JIM COOPER*

# BASIC FACT SHEET
# FOR ADMISSTION TO U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES

Before a candidate can receive an offer of appointment to a service academy, the candidate must obtain a nomination from an authorized source. Congressman Jim Cooper is honored that as a U. S. Congressman, he is able to submit nominations from his constituency. A student can also apply for nominations through U. S. Senators and the Vice President. If a parent is presently on active duty and has served in the military for at least eight years or is retired, a student may apply for a presidential nomination through the military. Children of deceased or disabled veterans or children of Medal of Honor winners may apply for a nomination directly from the service academies.

Acceptance of an offer of appointment from an academy involves at least a nine year obligation to military service – four years at the academy and five years of active duty service.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Each member of Congress may nominate only persons legally domiciled within the boundaries of his/her district. Congressman Cooper's district, the Fifth District of Tennessee, encompasses most of Davidson and parts of Cheatham and Wilson counties.

Each Member of Congress may nominate as many as ten students per each allotted vacancy to the Air Force, Military, and Naval Academies.

Each Member of Congress may nominate statewide ten persons to compete for an appointment to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Nominations are not required for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. A student applies directly to the academy.

## ACADEMY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

THE APPLICANT MUST:

1. be at least 17 years old but not have passed the 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year entering the academy (except for the Merchant Marine Academy).
2. be a U.S. citizen
3. be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents (except for the Merchant Marine Academy).

## NOMINATION PROCESS

THE APPLICANT MUST:

1. apply for admission directly to each academy in which he/she is interested. The student must take the responsibility to contact the academy(ies) and complete a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire to begin the application process.
2. complete an application package for Congressman Cooper's congressional nomination which this office provides.
3. be interviewed by Congressman Cooper's Academy Selection Committee in January 2005.

## GENERAL ACADEMY ADMISSIONS & NOMINATION STANDARDS

THE APPLICANT MUST:

1. have evidence of good moral character
2. have record of acceptable scholastic achievement
3. have participated in extracurricular activities
4. be physically fit
5. be medically qualified
6. be personally motivated to attend the academy and to serve in our armed forces

## TIMELINE FOR THE NOMINATION PROCESS

Students are invited to attend Congressman Cooper's Academy Day in the fall where they can get information about the academies, obtain an application for the Congressman's nomination, and speak personally to academy representatives. Nomination applications are due on **November 15** to the Congressman's office. Applicants are invited to interview with the Congressional Academy Selection Committee in December. This committee recommends applicants for nominations to Congressman Cooper who will then submit his nominations to the academies in late December. Academies make all decisions on offers of appointment for admission during the Spring. Final decision on admission rests with the academies. Applicants will be notified of the academies' decision throughout this period. The new classes will enter in the summer.

If you have questions or if you need additional information, please contact Brenda Wynn in Congressman Jim Cooper's Nashville office at (615) 736-5295.

## CONTACT THE ACADEMIES

Contact information for the Admissions Offices of the five U.S. Service Academies is listed below. Please contact the academy or academies you are interested in applying to obtain admissions information and to begin the admissions process. Include your full name, address, phone number, Social Security number, and expected year of graduation in your correspondence with these offices. Website information is also included.

**US Air Force Academy**
Admissions Office
2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 210
USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025
Phone: (719) 333-3070
Website: www.usafa.edu

**US Coast Guard Academy**
Admissions Office
31 Mohegan Avenue
New London, CT 06320-8103
Phone: (860) 444-8501
Website: www.cga.edu

**US Merchant Marine Academy**
Admissions Office
300 Steamboat Road
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
Phone: (866) 546-4778
Website: www.usmma.edu

**US Military Academy**
Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
Phone: (914) 938-4041
Website: www.usma.edu

**US Naval Academy**
Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 31402-5019
Phone: (401) 293-4361
Website: www.usna.edu