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Thank you for your interest in attending a United States Service Academy.

One of the great privileges that I have as a Member of Congress is the opportunity to nominate outstanding students from the 4th Congressional District of Minnesota to the United States Service Academies. Earning acceptance into one of these academies provides the opportunity to serve our country while receiving a world-class education.

The academy selection process is extremely competitive. Academies consider scholastic achievements, involvement in school and community activities, leadership potential, achievements and athletic accomplishments during in this process.

I encourage you to contact my office if you are interested applying to a United States Service Academy and meet the criteria outlined below. Students are encouraged to begin considering attendance at an academy as early as freshman or sophomore year in high school so that appropriate coursework and activities are undertaken.

Minimum requirements for nomination:

- Applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 22 (or 17 and 24 for the Merchant Marine Academy) **as of July 1 of the year the applicant would enter the academy.**
- Applicants must be unmarried.
- Applicants must not be pregnant or have a legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

If you are a 4th Congressional District resident and intend to seek a Congressional nomination from my office, I encourage you to visit my website for more information about the process: http://www.mccollum.house.gov. Additionally, attached is an application form, which may be found on my website.

A complete application packet must include:

- Application form
- Three (3) letters of recommendation
- A high school transcript (mailed directly from your high school and a college transcript – if applicable)
- SAT and/or ACT scores (photocopies are acceptable)
- One page essay (typed) about why you would like to attend a service academy
- Photo

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Please do not hesitate to contact Connie Haddeland, the academy coordinator in my district office, if you have questions or need additional information. She may be reached at 651-224-9191or by email: connie.haddeland@mail.house.gov.

The deadline for application for a nomination this year is Monday, November 4, 2013.

Once again, thank you for attending this evening, and I look forward to working with you as you consider attending a United States Service Academy.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress