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INFRASTRUCTURE  
  
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Dear Academy Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in a nomination to one of our nation's prestigious service academies. I have enclosed the application for nomination. Please complete this form and return it to my office:

Congresswoman Dina Titus  
495 S. Main Street, Third Floor  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

In addition to your completed application you must also submit the following information:

1. An official high school transcript in a sealed envelope.
2. Copy of SAT/ACT scores.
3. Three letters of recommendation – limited to your high school principal, teachers, guidance counselor, and coaches.

The application packet must be received by October 30, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. **No applications will be accepted after that time.** If we have received your complete application packet by October 30 you will be notified of an appointment to be interviewed by my Academy Selection Panel. If your application is received after this time, it will not be considered for a nomination. Please note that a nomination does not replace the admissions process or ensure your acceptance to a service academy. You must contact the admissions office at each service academy to initiate the application process.

I encourage you to also apply to the offices of Senator Catherine Cortez Masto, Senator Dean Heller, and Vice President Mike Pence. I urge you to apply to more than one service academy.

If you have any questions, please contact my Military Academy Adviser, Hunter Cain, at (702) 220-9823 or by emailing [Hunter.Cain@mail.house.gov](mailto:Hunter.Cain@mail.house.gov). I commend you on your desire to serve our nation and wish you the best in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Dina Titus  
Member of Congress

## **The Service Academy Selection Process**

### **Introduction**

Each year members of Congress are privileged to evaluate and nominate for appointment, candidates from their districts for our nation's service academies. Up to ten names will be sent to the Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military, and Naval Academies for consideration along with the nominees of the other members of Congress from Nevada, for ten to fifteen vacancies available to residents of Nevada.

### **The Service Academy Nominee Selection Committee**

In order to carry out this responsibility in an objective and nonpartisan manner, Congresswoman Titus enlists the aid of numerous distinguished Nevada residents. The volunteers who serve on the First Congressional Service Academy Nominee Selection Committee are appointed on the basis of their interest and experience.

### **The Selection Process**

During the late spring through fall, prospective candidates are invited to submit letters of inquiry to Congresswoman Titus. In response, each applicant receives a packet outlining the selection process and an application form to be completed and returned, along with a personal statement outlining his or her reasons for seeking nomination to a service academy. In addition, candidates are required to furnish a transcript of high school grades, rank in class, and Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or American College Testing (ACT) scores. Candidates must provide three letters of recommendation. You may wish to ask your principal, counselor, a church leader, employer, or someone who knows you well (not a relative) to submit the recommendation. The objective aspects of the records are quantified and recorded on an interview form used by section committee members when they meet with candidates.

### **The Qualified Candidate**

In order to nominate candidates who will meet the high admission standards of the service academies, the selection committee considers evidence of sound character, excellent scholarship, leadership potential, worthy goals and strong motivation. These are qualities required to succeed as a student at the academies and, following graduation, in service to the nation as professional officers. Physical aptitude and medical fitness are determined by the academies prior to the offer of appointment.

### **The Interview**

Each candidate will meet privately with selection committee members, who evaluate attributes such as motivation, leadership potential, and communication skills based on candidates' personal statements, recommendations, and their responses to interviewers' questions.

## **Nomination and Appointment**

When interviews have been completed, committee members will meet and choose the most qualified candidates for each available nomination. The objective scores, supplemented by the subjective judgments of the interviewing teams, are evaluated and a slate of ten candidates for each appointment is chosen. (Applicants may be nominated to more than one Academy if the committee finds them qualified.) The committee makes its recommendations to Congresswoman Titus, who forwards these names on to the academies. Additional appointments may be offered by the academies themselves in order to bring the entering classes up to desired number.

The service academies offer a superb tuition-free education. If you have further questions regarding the service academy nomination process, please contact Hunter Cain in the District Office of Congresswoman Dina Titus at 702-220-9823 or via email at [hunter.cain@mail.house.gov](mailto:hunter.cain@mail.house.gov).

## **2017 Important Dates**

Students interested in a service academy nomination in the academic year 2017/2018 can obtain application materials by writing to Hunter Cain at 495 S. Main Street, Third Floor, Las Vegas, NV 89101 or by filling out the form at [titus.house.gov](http://titus.house.gov).

- **October 30th** - Application materials must be completed and turned into the district office by 5:00 p.m. No application will be accepted after this time.
- **November 10th** - Candidates will receive notice of an appointment for an interview with the Service Academy Nominee Selection Committee.
- **November 18th** - Interviews will be conducted and nominees selected. Applicants will be notified of their status shortly thereafter.
- **December** - Names of nominees are forwarded to the academies where appointments are offered on a competitive basis through the month of May.

In order to be considered for a nomination from a congressional office, you must meet the following requirements established by the academies:

- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You must be a legal resident of the 1st Congressional District in Nevada.
- You must never have been married if you are applying to the Air Force, Military (West Point) or Naval Academies. The Merchant Marine Academy will consider married applicants for admission.
- You must be at least 17 but not have reached your 23rd birthday by July 1st of the year of entrance into an academy.
- You must be in good physical condition.

**\*\*Note:** The Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination and candidates should apply directly to the institution.



# DINA TITUS

United States Representative  
Nevada's First District

Application for Congressional Nomination to the United States Service Academies

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ HS City: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

G.P.A.(NSHE): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_

G.P.A (Cumulative): \_\_\_\_\_

Test Scores:

ACT English	_____	SAT Reading	_____
ACT Math	_____	SAT Math	_____
ACT Reading	_____	SAT Writing	_____
ACT Science	_____		
ACT Comp	_____		

Extra-Curricular and Athletic Activities:

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Please rank the Academy/Academies in order of preference (only those you have applied or will be applying to):

\*Military Academy (Army) \*US Naval Academy (Navy) \*US Air Force Academy (Air Force)  
\*US Merchant Marine (Merchant Marine) \*US Coast Guard (Coast Guard)

#1. \_\_\_\_\_ #2. \_\_\_\_\_ #3. \_\_\_\_\_ #4. \_\_\_\_\_ #5. \_\_\_\_\_

I am also seeking a nomination through:

Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Senator \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President \_\_\_\_\_

Other activities, hobbies, etc.: (Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

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