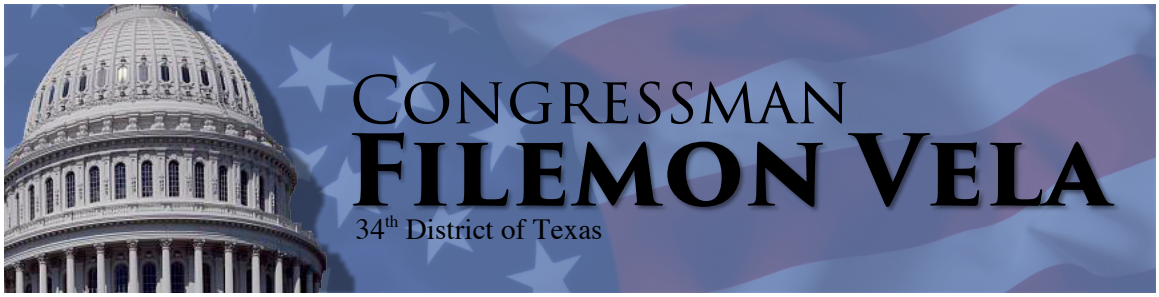

Service Academy Nomination Application Packet 2018 – 2019

Submission Deadline: November 16, 2018

Congressman Filemon Vela
333 Ebony Avenue
Brownsville, Texas 78520
Phone: 956-544-8352
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Congressman Filemon Vela
Service Academy Nomination Checklist

The following must be submitted to any of Congressman Vela's District Offices by November 16, 2018. **Incomplete applications may not be considered for nomination.**

- ☐ **Application:** Completed and signed by applicant. Application can either be generated online at vela.house.gov or you may use the application attached to this packet. The application must be typed or legibly written.

- ☐ **Official High School Transcript:** You must include an official high school transcript. Your class rank and GPA must be included on this transcript. Should your school not rank its students or provide GPAs, you must have the counselor or principal denote this on your transcript.

- ☐ **Official SAT/ACT Scores:** You must include official copies of your SAT and/or ACT scores. In order to be considered for nomination you must have taken the SAT and/or ACT prior to November 16, 2018 in order for the official scores to arrive by our November 16, 2018 deadline. ACT Code: 7715 SAT code: 7429

- ☐ **Essay:** An essay stating why you want to attend a service academy (500 words or less)

- ☐ **Current Photo:** A current photo no larger than 3" x 2.5" of yourself with your name written on the back of it.

- ☐ **Personal Recommendation Forms:** You must include 3 completed recommendation forms by counselors, principals, teachers, religious leaders, coaches, employers, or community leaders. Please do not have family members complete these forms. The forms needed are included within this nomination packet.

- ☐ **Resume:** Your resume should include extracurricular activates, athletic participation, honors, awards and employment, if applicable.

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Application for Nomination to a U.S. Service Academy
2018-2019

Both pages of this application must be completed and returned, with the applicant's signature at the bottom of page two. Please type or print legibly.

Full Name: _____
(Last) (First) Middle

Current Mailing Address: _____
(Street/P.O. Box)

_____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Texas Residence: *(If you listed a Post Office Box or a temporary address above. Service Academies require the listing of your street address in Texas.)*

_____
(Street/P.O. Box)

_____
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Home Telephone Number: (____) _____-_____ Cell Phone Number (_____) _____- _____

Social Security Number: _____-_____-_____ Are you a U.S. citizen? _____

If not a U.S. Citizen, list your country of citizenship: _____

Date of birth: _____/_____/_____Gender: ☐ Male ☐Female

Email Address: _____

Name of parent (s) or legal guardian(s): _____

High School Attended: _____
(School Name)

_____
(School Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

_____
(School Phone Number) (Counselor's Name)

Expected Date of Graduation: _____/_____/_____ High School GPA:_____ (***Please have your counselor convert this to the 4.0 scale***)

Class Rank: _____/_____

SAT: Critical Reading _____ Math_____ Writing _____ Composite _____

ACT: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Composite _____

Please indicate which academy you would like to attend; if you are interested in more than one academy, please rank them in order of your preference, first to last, with 1 being your highest preference.

_____ U.S. Air Force Academy _____ U.S. Military Academy (West Point)

_____ U.S. Merchant Marine Academy _____ U.S. Naval Academy

Name of hometown newspaper: _____

Is it okay to use your name in a press release after receiving a nomination or appointment?

☐Yes ☐No

APPLICATION AGREEMENT:

Please read the following paragraph before signing the application, as your signature indicates your agreement with the following statements. If you do not include your signature, your application will not be considered for nomination.

It is my sincere desire to attend a U.S. Service Academy, and I intend to pursue a vigorous academic course of study if appointed. I understand that attending a service academy also requires a minimum of five years of military service following graduation, and I fully commit to this responsibility. I am a U.S. Citizen, or will be by July 1 of the year I will attend the Academy. I will be at least 17 years, but not yet 23 years of age, on July 1 of the year I attend the Academy. I am not married. I am not pregnant, nor do I have any child support obligations. I am a legal resident of the 34th Congressional District of Texas.

I certify that the information I have provided in the application packet is accurate. Any changes to this information will be reported immediately.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Personal Recommendation Form
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Note to Applicant: You must turn in THREE completed Personal Recommendation Forms with your packet. Your packet may be considered incomplete if these are not included.

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Name of Applicant (Last) (First) (Middle)

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2. Describe the applicant's talents, strengths, and leadership qualities.

3. How does the applicant handle stressful and challenging situations? Has the applicant encountered failure and how did he/she manage the situation?

4. Are you aware of any personal circumstances that could affect the applicant's performance at the service academy?

5. Describe the applicant's relationship with his/her peer group? Does he/she have the ability to get along well with others?

6. How could this applicant improve in order to rise to the challenges presented by the service academy?

Name (Signed) _____ Date: _____/_____/_____

Name (Printed) _____ Telephone Number: (_____) _____-_____

Title: _____

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Additional Information

SAT and ACT Test Dates

Standardized test scores are important elements of your application. In order for your application to be considered complete, you must either send an official copy of your scores or have the testing centers send your scores to Congressman Vela's office.

*Note: All test scores must be postmarked by November 16, 2018. Make note of the strict registration deadlines for taking these tests.

Service Academy Contact Information

If you have not already done so, you should open a pre-candidate file with the service academies you desire to attend. To obtain catalogs and other specific information on the academies, contact them directly.

U.S. Air Force Academy
Admissions Office
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-5651
(800) 443-9266
www.usafa.edu

U.S. Military Academy
Admissions Office
606 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996-1797
(800) 822-2769
www.usma.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699
(866) 546-4778
www.usmma.edu

U.S. Naval Academy
USNA Admissions Office
117 Decatur Road
Annapolis, MD 21402-5018
(888) 249-7707
www.usna.edu

NOTE: Congressional nominations are no longer required (nor are they submitted) for the United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA). If you are interested in attending the Coast Guard Academy, contact the academy directly at:

U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Admissions Office
New London, CT 06320-4195
(203) 444-8501
www.uscga.edu