

UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES NOMINATION

LETTER of RECOMMENDATION FORM

Thank you for agreeing to complete this recommendation form for the candidate who selected you. Your analysis and comments of this young person will help determine if this individual will receive a congressional nomination for one of our nation's service academies: U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy or U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. As you might expect, the process is selective to ensure that qualified and sincere candidates receive nominations to the institutions that mold our future leaders. Your recommendation will be considered by my Academy Advisory Committee in assisting me to ensure we send Northwest Indiana's best and brightest to be educated and trained to be America's future leaders.

Your recommendation, or lack thereof, may determine whether or not an applicant is selected.

Prior to completing this form, you are advised to discuss with the candidate his/her interest in the Academies. Your conversation will assist you in completing this form and will help the candidate to assess his/her interest in applying. I encourage you to comment whenever you desire to clarify or extend your evaluation. Your information is a vital part of the application process; therefore, it is extremely important and sincerely appreciated.

This recommendation may be mailed or faxed to my office. Please complete it as soon as possible.

Mailing Address:

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Sincerely,

Pete Visclosky
Member of Congress

RECOMMENDATION FORM

Candidate Name: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EVALUATOR:

Name: _____
Telephone: _____
School: _____
Current Position: _____
Grade Level: _____
Subject Taught: _____

How well do you know the applicant?

- Very Well (more than one year):
 Fairly Well (more than one semester):
 Not Very Well (less than one semester):

Do you feel comfortable being asked to evaluate the candidate? Yes No

How strongly do you recommend this candidate for a service academy?

On a scale of 1 (not recommended) to 5 (strongly recommended): _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Using the scale below, rate each statement on how it best describes the candidate in relation to other students. Enter only one response for each statement.

5 = Top 5% 4 = Top 10% 3 = Top 25% 2 = Average 1 = Below Average N/A = Not Observed

1. Gets along with others. Shows concern for the welfare of others. _____
2. Communicates effectively in face to face discussion. _____
3. Communicates effectively in written work. _____
4. Exhibits leadership skills. _____
5. Sets realistic goals. Exerts maximum effort to achieve his/her goals. _____
6. Seeks academic challenges beyond that required by normal class work. _____
7. Actively participates in extracurricular activities. _____
8. Accepts criticism and makes improvement from it. _____
9. Exercises care about his/her appearance. _____
10. Shows a strong motivation for a service academy / career. _____

Please comment below. We need your honest input. Describe personal circumstances (positive and negative) which may have impacted on this individual's development (scholastic, personal, physical, career). You may want to consider the following: family obligations, family background, economic status, motivation, after school employment, etc. Teachers, if there is a significant disparity between the student's SAT/ACT scores and his/her classroom performance, please comment in the space provided below.

Signature: _____