

### **The Nomination Process**

To be considered for an appointment to a service academy, an applicant must meet the eligibility requirements established by law and be nominated from an authorized person including a Member of the United States Senate or the House of Representatives.

Congressman Mike Pence is now accepting nomination applications from residents of the 6th Congressional District who are interested in attending one of the nation's military academies. Congressman Pence will make nominations to the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) and the Merchant Marine Academy Academy. The deadline for my office to receive an application for the 2012 academy school year was November 1, 2011. My office will continue to accept applications for the 2013 academy school year until October 1, 2012.

Application packages and additional information may be obtained from the District Office at:

#### **Congressman Mike Pence**

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### **Who Is Eligible?**

An applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to a service academy. He or she must be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday, must be a United States citizen, and must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

### **Service Academies**

There are five Service Academies: The United States Air Force (USAFA), Naval (USNA), Military (USMA), Merchant Marine (USMMA), and Coast Guard (USCGA) Academies. Nominations are required for all but the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, to which appointments are made on the basis of an annual nationwide competition.

As far as the USAFA, USNA, and USMA are concerned, there are various nomination authorities, with each eligible young person being able to apply to both United States Senators from the applicant's state, his or her United States Representative, and the Vice President (if very highly qualified). The other nomination categories are military-affiliated.

As competition for nomination and appointment is very keen, it is wise for all interested persons to apply through all sources for which they are eligible and for all Academies in which they have a real interest. An individual may be nominated by more than one nominating authority and/or to more than one Academy.

With regard to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, the locality boundary for nomination by a Representative is the State in which the District lies rather than just the District itself. Each Representative and each Senator may nominate ten candidates each year to compete for admission.