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Dr. Trikella Nelson
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ACADEMY

Dear Dr. Nelson:

It is time once again to begin the process of selecting outstanding students from the Second Congressional District to nominate for competitive admission slots to this nation's military service academies. I strongly encourage the young men and women from our Congressional District to seek nominations to the service academies, which can provide an all-expense paid college education along with leadership training for military service to the nation

Revised applications for students interested in seeking a Congressional nomination to the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy are now available. I have enclosed a copy of the application. Please note this is a revised application and should replace any others you may have. Feel free to duplicate it as often as needed for interested students. However, **please have the students confirm that their legal domicile is in the Second Congressional District of Georgia** to be eligible for a nomination from my office. The completed applications, and all requested information, must be returned to Mrs. Toni Pickel in my Albany district office, 323 Pine Avenue, Suite 400, Albany GA 31701 by **October 29, 2021**.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Pickel in my Albany office at (229) 439-8067, should you have any questions about the enclosed application or the process itself. Again, thank you in advance for sharing this opportunity with your students.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress

SDB/tp

UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.
NOMINATION TO A UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY

General Qualifications Required for Nomination from Congressman Bishop:

- Citizenship: U.S. Citizen
- Residency: **You must be a legal resident of the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia.** Before submitting an application, confirm your legal residency in the 2nd District. ***If you have questions, call our Albany District Office at 229-439-8067 to confirm.***
- Age: You must be 17, but not yet past your 23rd birthday on July 1st of the year admitted.
- Marital Status or Dependency: You must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children.
- Academic: You must have an above average high school or college academic record, and a strong performance on the SAT or ACT examinations to be considered for a nomination.
- Must be able to pass academy physical requirements and DoDMERB medical examination.
- Must be of strong moral character.

Application Package Instructions

Your application file must be completed and received in our Albany District office by Friday, October 29, 2021 and must include ALL the following items:

1. Application Form

Please be thorough, neat and complete. The information from your application is used to prepare any nomination(s) and must be legible. Be sure to indicate your first choice of academy. If you have an interest in more than one academy, include them in order of preference. All information requested on the application is required in order for you to be considered for a nomination. Your application must be signed and dated.

2. High School Transcripts

You must include an official transcript of your high school records. This transcript should be the most recent available, and should show your final grades from your junior year, your current grade point average and your numerical class rank. If you have graduated from high school and are currently attending college or preparatory school, please provide official transcripts from these institutions as well. If you are dual enrolled, please provide transcripts from the college as well.

3. College Board Test Scores

The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and/or the American College Test (ACT) are essentially the entrance exams for the service academies. A set of these scores must be received in our Albany district office by the application deadline. You must have taken at least one of these tests in order to be considered for a nomination. ***You are allowed to update these scores by bringing current score sheets to your interview.***

4. Letters of Recommendation

You are required to submit no less than three and no more than five letters of recommendation. These letters should be from people who know you personally and can describe your capabilities and strengths. At least one letter must be from a non-school source.

5. Essays

You are required to write two typewritten essays. Each essay must be one full page in length, single-spaced, no larger than 12 pt. and be on the following topics:

1. "Why I want a career as a U.S. military officer."
2. "A Cadet/Midshipman will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do." Explain how this honor code applies to you and your career as an officer.

6. Photograph

Please include a recent photograph, no larger than 3 x 5 inches, with your application package. Please be mindful of the nature of the photograph you plan to submit.

7. Extracurricular Activities List

Please include a list of any extracurricular activities you have been involved with during high school.

8. Contact your academies of choice.

If you have not already done so, immediately contact **all** academies of choice and initiate a pre-candidate file. If you select an Academy on the application and you receive a Nomination from the Board, you must have an active file with that Academy in order for us to nominate you.

Please do **NOT** select an Academy if you have not, or do not have intentions to apply or attend.

Send All Requested Information To:

Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.

Academy Nominations

323 Pine Avenue, Suite 400

Albany, Georgia 31701

229-439-8067 phone

229-436-2099 fax

toni.pickel@mail.house.gov

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BY OCTOBER 29, 2021 FOR YOU TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A NOMINATION. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM THAT IT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE. YOU CAN EMAIL, BUT PLEASE MAIL HARD COPY TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

U.S. CONGRESSMAN SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

Application for Nomination to a
United States Service Academy

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Selection of Academy

(With #1 being your first choice, list your preferences in numerical order, **only** if you have applied and/or fully intend to apply/attend)

_____ United States Air Force Academy
_____ United States Merchant Marine Academy
_____ United States Military Academy
_____ United States Naval Academy

Full Name: _____

Permanent Physical Address, City, State, ZIP+4: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Congressional District: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Email: _____

Birth Place: _____ Birth Date: _____

Present address and/or _____
mailing address and phone
number if different from above. _____

High School attending: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

High School phone number: (____) _____

Full name and occupation of both parents (or guardian):

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Have you applied through other sources? Please check all that apply

- ☐ Senator Osoff
☐ Senator Warnock
☐ Service Related
☐ Other _____

Have you already initiated your pre-candidate file with the academy(s) of your choice? (Y/N) _____ Completed File? _____

Acknowledgement:

In signing this application, I request that Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. consider my application for a Congressional nomination to one or more of the United States Service Academies. I understand and accept that the deadline for completed applications and all requested materials is **October 29, 2021**. I hereby state that I am a legal resident of the 2nd Congressional District of Georgia.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____