# **United States Senate**

## Barbara A. Mikulski



Dear Academy Applicant:

Thank you for contacting me regarding a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies. It is my pleasure to provide you with all the information required to apply for my nomination.

Making nominations to the Service Academies is one of my most important responsibilities as a United States Senator. I trust you are applying for one of these nominations because it is your wish and desire to be a career officer in the United States Armed Forces or as an individual dedicated to serving the interests of our nation as a Merchant Mariner. I am very proud of my nominees and their commitment to serving our country.

1. Minimum Requirements

All applicants must meet the following basic criteria in order to be considered for my nomination:

- You must be a citizen of the United States and domiciled in Maryland. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent and principal home. You are domiciled in Maryland if your parent, legal guardian, or you vote and file state income tax returns in Maryland.
- Applicants to the academies must never have been married nor have any dependents.
- You must be at least 17 years of age, but not older than 23 years of age by July 1, 2012 to apply to the Air Force, Military or Naval Academies.
- For the Merchant Marine Academy, you must be at least 17 years of age, and not have passed your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 1, 2012.
- 2. How are Nominees Selected?
  - Service Academies make the final decision on who is appointed.
  - All applicants who fully complete my application will be notified in early November as to whether or not they will receive an interview with my review board.
  - <u>No applicant will receive an interview with my board unless a file is open at the Service</u> <u>Academies stated in this application.</u>
  - I will notify you of your nomination status by the end of the year.
  - In addition to seeking my nomination, you must contact the Admissions Officer at each Academy directly to initiate a pre-candidate file.

#### 3. Facts and Figures:

Last year, over 350 students filed an application with my office, and 310 students were interviewed. For each vacancy I have at each Academy, I may nominate ten candidates.

- Over 68% of students listed the US Naval Academy as their first choice.
- 14% listed the US Air Force Academy as their first choice.
- 13% listed the US Military Academy as their first choice.
- 5% listed the US Merchant Marine Academy as their first choice.

As you can see from the above statistics, it is to your distinct advantage to apply to more than one Academy.

4. Completing the application

#### \*You must have a completed application postmarked by October 28, 2011, or if faxed, received in my Baltimore Office by October 28, 2011 at 5 PM in order to be considered for a nomination.

Electronic copies of my application are posted on my website at: <u>http://mikulski.senate.gov</u>

I **strongly** recommend that you register with my online application manager in order to view and receive updates on the status of your application. If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact my nominations coordinator, Molly Martin, in my Baltimore Office at 410.962.0046 or <u>academy@mikulski.senate.gov</u>

- 1) Complete this application, which is the first item on the online checklist.
- 2) You will also need to submit your <u>signed</u> letters of recommendation,
  - o One from a math teacher
  - One from a science teacher
  - One from an adult non-family member
- 3) In addition to the letters of recommendation, you must also submit the following <u>signed</u> documents:
  - Affidavit of Domicile
  - Applicant Contract
  - Counselor Official Form with <u>unweighted GPA</u>
  - Official high school transcript
- 4) Either fax this completed application to 202.224.8858

or

Send a print version by mail to the address below: Senator Barbara A. Mikulski 901 S. Bond Street, Suite 310 Baltimore, MD 21231

- 5) Contact the College Board (<u>www.collegeboard.com</u>) and request that your SAT scores be sent directly to my office. Additionally, please include a copy of the score sheet that you have received from the College Board. <u>Do not send ACT scores.</u>
  - My school code is #0229

## 2012 Application for Nomination to a Service Academy

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#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
County	Cell	Number
Phone Number	Email	
Date of Birth	SSN:	
Congressional District		
Parent or Guardian's Name		Phone Number
Local Newspaper		
High School		School Number
If you are attending a	college or academy prepara	atory school, please name the school:
College / Prep Name		
If you are selected fo Academic area	r a service academy, which	academic area do you intend to pursue?
Academy Preference (P	ease Pick at Least One)	
1st Preference	3	rd Preference
2nd Preference	4	th Preference

Indicating your preferences will not in any way affect my consideration of your first choice; it will, however, increase your potential for a service academy nomination.

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#### **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

1. Have you ever been involved in a honor violation , placed on school probation, or dismissed from school? If so, please explain, and attach a school statement detailing what happened and the resolution of the situation.

2. What experiences in your life have prepared you for the rigors and demands of life at an academy?

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### **ESSAY QUESTIONS (Cont.)**

3. What is the most significant contribution that you believe you have made to your community?

4. Essay: In 250 Words or Less, Why would you like to attend a United States Service Academy. This essay should <u>not</u> be a biographical sketch.

You may use additional paper for question #4 only. Please make sure to put your name on each additional page.

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#### **ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please mark the appropriate years that you have participated in an extra-curricular activ	∕ity
in the space provided next to it.	

	Pre-9	9	10	11	12		Pre-9	9	10	11	12
President of Class						Junior ROTC					
Other Class Office:						Officer ROTC					
						Key Club					
President of Studer	nt 🗌					Language Club					
Government Other Student Gov						Math Club					
Office						Model UN					
						Peer Counselor / T	utor				
Band / Orchestra						Science Club					
						Student Council					$\square$
Boy/Girl Scout						Varsity Letter Club				$\square$	
Boy's/Girl's State						,					
Boy's/Girl's Nation						Other Clubs					
Chess Team							_				
Civil Air Patrol							_				
Computer Club							_				
Debate Team							_				
It's Academic							_				
Junior Achievement	t 🗌						_				

#### AWARDS

In the space provided below, please list honors, prizes or awards you have received in their order of importance to you:

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Eagle Scout / Gold Award		National Honor Society	Who's Who or Distinguished High School Student
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#### **ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE (continued)**

Please indicate how many years that you have participated in an athletic activity in the space provided next to it.

Physical Activity (Organized sports activities only.Indicate number of years of participation.)V = VarsityJV = Junior VarsityC = Captain of Team

	V	JV	С		
SAMPLE SPORT				Swimming	
				Tennis	
Archery				Track -	
Baseball - Spring				Cross County	
Baseball - Summer				Track - Indoor	
Basketball				Track - Outdoor	
Cheerleading				Volleyball	
Cycling				Weightlifting	
Equestrian				Wrestling	
Fencing				Other:	
Field Hockey				Outer.	
Football					
Golf					
Gymnastics					
Ice Hockey				Intramural Sports (#	of years participating)
Lacrosse					or years participating)
Martial Arts					_
Rifle / Pistol Team					
Soccer					_
Softball					

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#### WORK EXPERIENCE

1. After School / Weekend			
Position:	Year	Position:	Year
Employer:		Employer:	
Hours per week		Hours per week	_
Duties (list please)		Duties (list please)	
2. Summer			
Position:	Year	Position:	Year
Employer:		Employer:	
Hours per week		Hours per week	
Duties (list please)		Duties (list please)	

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

In the space provided below, please list the community service that you have done:

If no work experience or community service, please explain. You may use additional paper for this section.

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#### **APPLICANT CONTRACT**

This form is to be completed by the applicant.

As the applicant, I am responsible for the content and deadline of this application.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and complete. I will notify Senator Mikulski promptly if there is any change in any aspect of this application.

No final action will be taken on my application until all required information is received.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF DOMICILE

This form is to be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the individual seeking my nomination to a United States Service Academy. If you are not a minor, the form may be completed by you.

This statement establishes that the applicant and his/her parent or guardian is domiciled in the State of Maryland. Domicile is defined as a person's fixed, permanent, and principal home for legal purposes.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being of lawful age (18), and a resident of city / county

Maryland, do on oath and under penalties of perjury, depose and say:

1. That I am the parent entitled to the custody of, or the legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_a minor, or am the applicant who has reached the age of majority, who has applied to Senator Barbara A. Mikulski for consideration as a nominee to a United States Service Academy; that the said individual is either my son / daughter and is my legal ward who lives with me; and that our / my domicile is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Address \_\_\_\_\_\_

	City	State	Zip Code
2. This is in evidence thereof,	I depose and say that:		
I am registered as a voter in			

and/or

city / county, state

I file income tax returns and pay state income taxes to the State of

Signature:		
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Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **PRINCIPAL / GUIDANCE COUNSELOR FORM**

This form must be completed either by your principal, guidance counselor or registrar.

Please attach to this form, the transcript of the final junior grades, or final grades if graduated.

First Name	Middle In	itial	Last Name	
High School			School Number	
Address				
City	State	Zip Code		
Country				
Applicant's Year in School				
Unweighted 4.0 Grade Point A (must be provided)	-			
weighted scale (reference only)				
Date:				
Signature:				
Title:				