**Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sanchez, 38th District**
**Service Academy Congressional Nomination Application: Class of 2020**
**Submission Deadline (postmarked by): October 16, 2015**

Service Academy Nominations

# Application Instructions

**Please Return Completed Forms to:**
Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez
Attn: Michael Vuong
17906 Crusader Ave. Suite 100
Cerritos, CA 90703

## I. General Information

Submission Deadline (must be postmarked by this date): Friday, October 16, 2015

Completed Application Package Should be sent to:

Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez
Attention: Michael Vuong
Service Academy Coordinator
17906 Crusader Avenue, Suite 100
Cerritos, CA 90703

All materials must be printed on standard sized paper (8.5" X 11") and NOT stapled altogether. Please write clearly, legibly and on a **black or blue pen**. Do not use **pencil**. All materials submitted to the Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez will not be returned to the applicant. Any applicant package not postmarked by Friday, October 16, 2015 will NOT be considered. SAT/ACT scores for the November testing dates are the only materials accepted after the deadline. After we have received your completed package, we will send you a letter of acknowledgement.

## II. Application Package Checklist

The following items are required for a nomination:

### Service Academy

I. A completed application for nomination with the respective service academy. This is achieved by contacting the respective service academy via mail, website, email or a phone call.

### Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez

II. A completed Congressional nomination application. The application includes:

**1)** Personal Information

**2)** Personal Commentary, which includes a 500-word essay about yourself, your goals, and reasons you would like to attend a Service Academy.

**3)** Two Teacher Recommendations: Use the recommendation forms included in the application. Teachers should complete the forms seal them in envelopes, and return the forms to the student. The forms must arrive with the application package in seal envelopes. Separate letters of recommendation are NOT required.

**4)** Interview Request Form

III. Official High School Transcripts. The transcripts must arrive with the application in a SEALED envelope. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.

IV. Official SAT and/or ACT scores. Applicants may contact College Board at (609) 771-7600 or visit http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/scores/sending.html to request that scores be sent directly to Congresswoman Sánchez' office. The Office of Congresswoman Linda Sánchez has code number 4158.

V. A recent wallet-sized photograph of the applicant.

# 1 Service Academy Nominations
# Personal Information

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## I. General

Applicant's Name_____
Last (Family) First (Given) Middle Jr., etc.

Home Address _____
Number and Street City State / Country Zip / Postal Code

Mailing Address (if different) _____
Number and Street City State / Country Zip / Postal Code

Telephone (home) _____Telephone (cellular) _____
(Area code) Number (Area Code) Number

Social Security Number _____ Gender _____
Number M / F

Date of Birth _____ Email _____
MM / DD / YYYY Email Address

Academy/Academies of Interest (Please rank in order from greatest to least interest. Please only list the academy/academies you intend to apply for. 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

**List of Service Academies:** US Military Academy (West Point), Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Cost Guard Academy, Merchant Marines

**Survey** (This does not affect your admissions prospect): How did you become interested in applying to this/these academy/academies? Please be as specific as possible (e.g., A visit to a campus, contact with a current cadet, recruiter, parent, instructor, etc.).

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Have you applied to the service academies before? Yes / No Which academy /academies? _____ What Year? _____

## II. Family

Father's Legal Name_____ Living ○ Deceased ○
Last (family) First Middle

Last/Current Employer _____ Occupation_____
Employer City, State

Mother's Legal Name _____ Living ○ Deceased ○
Last (family) First Middle

Last/Current Employer _____ Occupation_____
Employer City, State

Legal guardian, if other than parent_____
Name relationship

Primary language spoken in your home_____ Other languages spoken in your home_____

If you have any relatives who have attended a military academy, please list name, academy, year of graduation, degree, and relationship to you.

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## III. Schools Attended

*Present/most recent school*

Name_____ Principal/Head of School_____

Address_____
Number and Street City State / Country Zip / Postal Code

Entrance Date_____ Graduation Date_____
Month / Year Month / Year

*Previous secondary school(s) attended (between grades 9 and 12)*

Name_____ Principal/Head of School_____

Address_____
Number and Street City State / Country Zip / Postal Code

Entrance Date_____ Graduation Date_____
Month / Year Month / Year

## IV. Required Standardized Testing

*List the dates when you have taken or will take the following tests along with the respective scores.*

SAT I Tests

| Verbal | Math | Writing | Date |
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SAT II Subject Tests

| Verbal | Math | Writing | Date |
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ACT Assessment Test

| English | Math | Reading | Reasoning | Composite | Date |
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Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery

| Composite Score | Date |
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## V. Additional Testing (optional)

*List any other tests you have taken such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, AHSME (Mathematics Association of America), AIME, Fermat, PSAT, GCSEs, or O-level equivalents. Please include dates and scores received.*

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**** Please enclose your sealed official high school transcripts here. ****

# 2 Service Academy Nominations
# Personal Commentary

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## I. Applicant Information

Applicant's Name_____
Last (Family) First (Given) Middle Jr., etc.

Social Security Number_____ Date of Birth_____
Number MM / DD /YYYY

## II. General

*Please list your high school program for the current year. Indicate Advanced Placement, Honors, International Baccalaureate courses, etc. if any.*

| First Term / Semester | Second Term / Semester | Third Semester (If Applicable) |
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*If you have taken or are taking courses at a college or university, please list them.*

| Dates of Attendance | Institution | Course | Grade Received |
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*Please list any summer programs in which you have participated during high school (other than those you may have listed above).*

| Dates of Attendance | Institution | Course | Grade Received |
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Have you ever incurred serious disciplinary action or been suspended, dismissed, or placed on probation from school, or been away from school for any length of time other than school vacations? ○ Yes ○ No If yes, please explain on a **separate page**.

Are you graduating early? ○ Yes ○ No If yes, please explain on a **separate page**.

If you have been out of school for more than three months during any academic year, **please state on a separate page reasons for your absence and how you have been occupied.**

# IV. Activities, Awards, and Employment

In *order of importance to you*, please list your major extracurricular pursuits (personal, school, religious, athletic, community, etc.) and any academic or extracurricular honors or awards received while in high school. If you choose to attach a word-processed list, we ask that you use this format rather than submit a resume.

| Activity | Grade (9,10,11,12) | Hours per Week / Year | Leadership Roles/ Awards Received |
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List below your employment experiences (if any).

| Employment | Position | Hours per Week / Year | Dates |
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# V. Essay

***On a separate sheet of paper***, please **type** and explain why you would like to attend a United States Service Academy. Please limit your response to 500 words of text, single-spaced, font 12. Please place the essay after this page.

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## Applicant's Signature

I declare that this essay is my own work, and that all the information in my application (both Forms 1 and 2) is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and honestly presented. I am a citizen of the United States, or I will have attained citizenship before I enter the Academy. I am a legal resident of California's 38th Congressional District. I understand that I must submit (postmark) all necessary materials by October 17, 2014, to be considered for a nomination by U.S. Representative Linda T. Sánchez.

Signature Date

Name (Please Print) Email Address

# 3A Service Academy Nominations
# Teacher Recommendation

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## I. Applicant's Information

Applicant's Name_____
Last (Family) First (Given) Middle Jr., etc.

Home Address _____
Number and Street City State / Country Zip / Postal Code

School Name_____

School Address_____
Number and Street City State / Country Zip / Postal Code

## II. Confidentiality

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), you have the right to review your educational records. You may waive your right of access to this recommendation if you so choose. Your decision to waive or not to waive your right of access will have no bearing on the handling of your application. You must sign your name below after checking the appropriate response.

○ I waive ○ I do not waive my right to access this report.

Applicant's Signature_____ Date_____

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**Instructions to the Teacher**: The student whose name appears above is applying for a United States Service Academy Congressional nomination. Your candid account of the applicant's academic performance, intellectual promise, and your personal qualities will greatly help the Selection Committee in recommending the applicant. We are interested in what you feel is important for us to know about the applicant. Thank you for your help.

Please return the completed form to the student in a sealed envelope. No separate letter of recommendation is required.

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Teacher's Name_____

School_____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what context, if any, have you known the applicant outside of the classroom?

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In what course(s) have you taught the applicant and what grade(s) did the applicant receive? Please indicate, if appropriate, the level of course(s) in relation to others offered by your department (e.g. Is English 11 Honors the higher of the two 11th grade courses?)

| Courses | level | Year | Grade Received |
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Please comment on the nature and quality of the applicant's academic work. We are especially interested in your evaluation of the applicant's motivation, originality of approach, intellectual depth or breadth, and capability for independent though.

What are your impressions of the applicant as a person? How is he or she viewed by peers and/or teachers? How does the applicant interact with others? Please describe any personal strengths or problems about which we should be aware.

How do you think the applicant would fare personally, academically, and physically at a United States Service Academy? Would you like to make any additional comments?

## Teacher's Signature

Signature Date

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# Teacher Recommendation

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## Teacher's Signature

Signature Date

# 4 Service Academy Nominations
# Interview Request Form

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All academy applicants from the 38th Congressional District must interview with Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez' Service Academy Selection Committee on Saturday, November 14, 2015 in order to be considered for a nomination.

Please indicate interview times that will be convenient for you. Please be aware that your selection does not ensure that time selection, but will be considered for scheduling purposes. You will be informed of your interview date and time in November. Interviews are approximately 20 minutes long.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015 Please check all times you are available.

- ☐ 9 AM – 10 AM
- ☐ 10 AM – 11 AM
- ☐ 11 AM – 12 noon
- ☐ 12 noon – 1 PM
- ☐ 1 PM – 2 PM
- ☐ 2 PM – 3 PM
- ☐ 3 PM – 4 PM
- ☐ 4 PM – 5 PM

*Although a Saturday is the scheduled interview day, our office may have to reschedule due to availability of the Service Academy Committee.