



***Military Academy Nomination Guidelines
U.S. Senator Joni Ernst***

Only send **COMPLETED** applications to my office.

Complete the application form, and other items noted on the enclosed checklist.

Be sure your ACT or SAT scores are sent to me to be included in your file.

ACT - use code 7130 SAT – use code 6287

*This can be sent in with your packet, or directly from the testing source.

Ask **THREE** people to write letters of recommendation to me on your behalf. Please include at least one teacher. Letters should be sealed and signed. These need to be included in your nomination packet.

Give the Evaluation Form to your guidance counselor or principal to be completed, sealed and included in your packet (Note: this person should not be included as one of your recommendation sources).

In addition to the essay, please include a 30-60 second video explaining why you would like to attend a service academy. Please mail in with your application. This may be shot with a camera, mobile device, etc. You will not be judged on the production quality of the video, rather the content and creativity. This video should reflect your personality and demonstrate why you would be the best candidate for a service academy. Please submit on a jump drive or compact disc.

Directly contact the academy or academies you are interested in attending. Open your file online by visiting the respective academies website and creating a profile. **I can only nominate students who have also applied to the academy directly.**

Compile ALL required materials, and mail or deliver to my Des Moines office only. Submissions submitted via email or fax will not be accepted. I will acknowledge your file when it is complete. If you do not hear from me when you believe your file should be complete, please call my Des Moines office at: 515-284-4574. I will not consider any file unless it is completed and received in-hand by the deadline. Postmarked materials received after the deadline will not be considered.

***The deadline for completing your file is October 7, 2016. ALL information must be in-hand.** I plan to make the nominations no later than December 31, 2016. Please mail applications to the following address:

The Honorable Joni Ernst
Attn: Brenda Safranski
733 Federal Building
210 Walnut Street
Des Moines, IA 50309

Any questions regarding applications or the nomination process, should be directed to:

[Brenda Safranski@ernst.senate.gov](mailto:Brenda_Safranski@ernst.senate.gov) or by phone: 515-284-4547.

EARLY APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED

CHECKLIST

(Note -- this form lists all the items which you need to complete your file.)

Deadline for Submission: October 7, 2016

ITEM:	ENCLOSED
1. Application Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SAT Score	<input type="checkbox"/>
or	
3. ACT Score	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Extracurricular Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Transcript of Grades	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Recent Photograph	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Letters of Recommendation	
1st	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 rd	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. High School Evaluation Form	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Video Entry	<input type="checkbox"/>

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DEADLINE: October 7, 2016

Please PRINT clearly

HIGH SCHOOL EVALUATION FORM

This form must be completed by either your **high school principal** or the **high school guidance counselor** for the candidate seeking a nomination to one of the United States Service Academies.

Principal/ Guidance Counselor (circle one): _____
Name

Name of Applicant _____
First Middle Last

Address _____

Name/Address of School _____

Phone # _____

Applicant's Year in School _____

Numerical Junior Class Rank _____

GPA _____

SAT Score: Verbal _____ Math _____

ACT Score: Composite _____ English _____ Math _____

Leadership Characteristics:

Ability to Work Under Pressure:

Ability to Get Along With Others:

General Comments:

Date: _____ Signature _____

Please return this form and a transcript showing final junior grades to the applicant.

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Affirmation

Please print your name: _____

I affirm that all of the information in my application is accurate. I also affirm that I am a United States citizen (or will be prior to entering the service academy); a resident of Iowa; unmarried without dependents and not pregnant; have good moral character; and will be at least 17 years old and will not have passed my 23rd birthday on July 1, 2017.

Applicant's Signature

Date

DEADLINE: October 7, 2016
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Extra-Curricular Activities

Please list any school clubs or groups (ie...Student Council, Key Club, Chorus, Band) that you are a member of and any positions you have held.

(Copy this sheet for additional space as needed)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____

Are you employed outside of school?

If you are employed outside of school, please explain what you do and the **number of hours** you work during the school year.

Please PRINT clearly

Please list non-school related activities and groups (ie...Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boys' State, Girls' State) that you are involved in and any positions you have held.
(Copy this sheet for additional space as needed)

1. _____

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4. _____

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9. _____

10. _____

11. _____

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Athletic Participation

List 1st Sport

Grades played:

9th

10th

11th

12th

Position played and any awards received:

Did you letter?

Were you a Captain in this sport? If so, for what years?

9th

10th

11th

12th

Please PRINT clearly

List 2nd Sport

Grades played:

9th

10th

11th

12th

Position played and any awards received:

Did you letter?

Were you a Captain in this sport? If so, for what years?

9th

10th

11th

12th

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List 3rd Sport

Grades played:

9th

10th

11th

12th

Position played and any awards received:

Did you letter?

Were you a Captain in this sport? If so, for what years?

9th

10th

11th

12th

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List 4th Sport

Grades played:

9th 10th 11th 12th

Position played and any awards received:

Did you letter?

Were you a Captain in this sport? If so, for what years?

9th 10th 11th 12th