Application Instructions

I. General Information

Submission Deadline (must be postmarked by): Friday, October 30, 2020

Completed Application Package Should be sent to: Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez
Attention: Jonathan Cordova
Service Academy Coordinator
12440 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 140
Norwalk, CA 90650

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 30, 2020 will NOT be considered. SAT/ACT scores for the October testing dates are the only materials accepted after the deadline. You will receive an acknowledgement, once your application has been processed.

II. Application Package Checklist

The following items are required for a nomination:

Service Academy

I. A current application with the respective academy you wish for a nomination. Contact the academies for more information.

Office of Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez

II. Students must confirm they reside in the 38th Congressional District of California. To find out whether you live in the district, please visit: www.house.gov, locate FIND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE on the top-right corner, and enter your zip code. If your zip code overlaps with multiple congressional districts, enter your street address.

III. Congressional Nomination Application (Complete). The application includes:

1) Personal Information

2) Personal Commentary: 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 student or mail to our office address: 12440 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 140 Norwalk, CA 90650. Attn: Jonathan Cordova

4) Interview Request Form

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

V. Official SAT and/or ACT scores: The Office of Congresswoman Linda Sánchez has code number 4158 (SAT) and 7277 (ACT).

VI. Wallet-sized Photograph

Questions? Contact the office at (562) 860-5050
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Service Academy Nominations

Personal Information

I. General

Applicant's Name ____________________________________________________________

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Home Address ________________________________________________________________

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Email Address ________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth ____________________________ Gender ____________________________

List all Academies you plan to apply for (rank them in order from greatest to least interest).

1) ____________________________ 2) ____________________________

3) ____________________________ 4) ____________________________

*You must have an active online application with the academies listed above prior to your nomination interview.

List of service academies that require a nomination: US Military Academy (West Point), Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, Merchant Marines Academy

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, family/relatives, instructor, etc.).

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

II. Schools Attended

Present/most recent school

Name ______________________________________________________ Principal/Head of School ______________________________________

Address ____________________________

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

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III. Required Standardized Testing

List your top scores to date on the first line of each test section.

**NOTE:** If you are scheduled to take an additional test in October, please indicate the date of the test on the second line below each test section. SAT/ACT Scores for the October testing dates are the only scores accepted after the application deadline.

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** Please enclose your sealed official high school transcripts here. **
I. Applicant Information

Applicant’s Name ________________________________

Last (Family) ____________________________ First (Given) ____________________________
Middle ____________________________ Jr., etc. ____________________________

School Name ____________________________ Date of Birth ____________________________

II. General

Please list your current coursework you are currently enrolled in. (Indicate Advanced Placement, Honors, International Baccalaureate courses, etc. if any.)

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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.

III. 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.

Name of Activity ____________________________ (Years of Service) ____________________________ Hours per Week / Year ____________________________ Leadership Roles / Awards Received ____________________________

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IV. 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.

*Why would you like to attend a United States Service Academy? How would you benefit from attending?*

V. 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 30, 2020**, to be considered for a nomination by U.S. Representative Linda T. Sánchez. I authorize the office of Representative Linda T. Sánchez to announce my first name, last name, and attended school on social media platforms.

Signature __________________________________________ Date ________________

Name (Please Print) ____________________________ Email Address __________________________
I. Applicant’s Information

Applicant’s Name ____________________________________________

Last (Family) __________ Initial(s) __________ First (Given) __________ Middle __________ Jr., etc. __________

School Name ________________________________________________

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 __________________________________________________________________

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
OR mail directly to our office at 12440 E. Imperial Highway, Ste. 140 Norwalk, CA 90650

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?)

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Teacher’s Signature

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Teacher Recommendation

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Teacher’s Signature

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Interview Request Form

All academy applicants from the 38th Congressional District must interview with Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez’ Service Academy Selection Committee on Saturday, November 14, 2020 in order to be considered for a nomination. This year, interviews will be conducted virtually through Zoom.

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, 2020 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

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

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