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Subject: Nominations of Students to Military Service Academies for 2027 Incoming Class

Aloha,

My office is now accepting applications for my nomination of qualified students for appointment to our U.S. service academies for the 2027 incoming class. I ask for your assistance in circulating this information to your college placement personnel and potential nominees.

One of my favorite and most serious duties as a member of the U.S. Congress is nominating Hawaii's best and brightest young men and women to our nation's service academies. An appointment to a service academy provides a virtually free high-quality college education in return for a post-graduation service requirement and the expectation of a career in our armed forces. I'm again honored to do my part to ensure that Hawai'i continues our long tradition of contributing to the next generations of America's outstanding military leaders.

A Congressional nomination does not guarantee an appointment, but it is a requirement for final consideration for the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Successful applicants must have high moral character, a strong academic record, and a motivation to dutifully serve our nation. An applicant must also be a U.S. citizen, a high school graduate between the ages of 17 and 23, unmarried and without dependents. The chances of appointment are significantly higher with at least a 3.75 or better grade point average and 1200 or better SAT combined score or ACT equivalent and drop substantially below that, and I consider that in my nomination evaluation.

Fully completed applications must be postmarked or received by my office no later than **Friday, October 9, 2026**.

Additionally, please note that I can only consider applicants who are legal residents of the First Congressional District which I represent (Honolulu from Makapu'u through Downtown and Pearl City up to Mililani and then through Waipahu and 'Ewa Beach to Kapolei). My office can assist in verifying this requirement, but you can check yourself by entering your home address here: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>.

I encourage and invite students and school officials assisting candidates with their applications to mail in application packets to my Honolulu Office and/or submit applications electronically in a Portable Document Format (.pdf) to my Honolulu office via email to hi01.academy@mail.house.gov. I ask that you submit the information as a single packet

instead of as you compile it. If you have any questions, you can contact my Honolulu Office Staff, Kekoa Kaluhiwa, at (808) 650-6688.

For more information, please visit my military academy nomination webpage at <https://case.house.gov/services/service-academy-nominations.htm>. Thank you in advance for your assistance in highlighting this opportunity to students with the ability and potential to succeed at our service academies and in our nation's military.

With aloha,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Case". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style. The "E" and "C" are capitalized and prominent.

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