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Aloha,

I am writing to inform you that my office is now accepting applications for nominations for appointment to our U.S. service academies for the 2026 incoming class.

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. I have had the privilege for ten years now of nominating many candidates to our service academies, many of whom are now attending, and I'm again honored to do my part to ensure that Hawai'i continues our long tradition of contributing to the next generation 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. (Over the years I have seen that the chances of appointment are 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, although there are exceptions both ways). An applicant must also be a U.S. citizen, a high school graduate between the ages of 17 and 23, unmarried and without dependents. Fully completed applications must be received by my office no later than October 10, 2025.

Additionally, please note that I may 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 staff via Nestor Garcia, whose contact details are below.

For more information, please visit my military academy nomination webpage at <https://case.house.gov/services/service-academy-nominations.htm> or contact Nestor Garcia at nestor.garcia@mail.house.gov or (808) 650-6688. 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,



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