Dear Applicant,

Thank you for contacting me regarding an appointment to the United States service academies. I appreciate hearing from you at this important point in your life.

I consider making nominations to the service academies one of my most privileged responsibilities as a Member of Congress.

The high quality of education provided by each of the academies is one of the most prestigious available anywhere in the world. The academic, physical, and character requirements are stringent.

I am sending you information about the academies, as well as a preliminary application form that needs to be filled out and returned to my office by December 1st of the year prior to the year you are seeking to begin at an academy. You also need to contact through their respective website the academies you are interested in attending. These websites are:

- West Point – www.usma.edu
- U.S. Naval Academy – www.usna.edu
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – www.usmma.edu
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy – www.cga.edu

Each U.S. Representative and Senator may have five cadets from his or her district at each of the academies at any one time. The number of vacancies is then determined by the number of cadets who either graduate or leave the academies each year.

The Merchant Marine Academy appointments are made by the Academy itself, based on statewide nominations from Congress.
Appointments to the Coast Guard Academy are made through nationwide competition. Students who are interested in an appointment should contact the Academy directly at the website on the previous page since this Academy does not participate in the Congressional nomination system.

In addition to the preliminary application form I will use in the nomination selection process, you will also need to mail seven additional items to be postmarked no later than December 1st of the year prior to the year you intend on starting at an academy.

1. Three (3) personal references whom I may contact.
2. Three (3) letters of recommendation in addition to the personal references.
3. A transcript of your grades.
4. The enclosed form completed by either a principal or guidance counselor.
5. A copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores.
6. A recent photograph.
7. A typed, double-spaced 250-word essay based on the theme, “Why I Want to Attend a U.S. Service Academy.”

If you have further questions, please call Paul Simpson in my Amarillo district office at (806) 371-8844, or my Wichita Falls office at (940) 692-1700. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Mac Thornberry
Member of Congress
Year of high school graduation __________

Please type or print:

It is my desire to attend the U.S.:

____ Air Force Academy   ____ Military Academy (West Point)   ____ Naval Academy   ____ Merchant Marine Academy
(Rank in order with 1 being 1st preference)

Full name: ____________________________________________________________________
First          Middle          Last

Legal address in Texas: __________________________________________________________
Street       City       Zip       County

Home telephone: (_____)__________________ Other / mobile telephone: (_____)______________

Email address: _________________________________________________________________

Temporary address: _____________________________________________________________
Street       City       Zip       County

Temporary telephone: (_____)__________________

Social Security number: ________-______-__________ Date of birth: __________________

Place of birth: __________________________________________________________________

Visual acuity (uncorrected): _________________ Height: __________ Weight: __________

Father’s name: ____________________________ Occupation: ____________________________

Mother’s name: ____________________________ Occupation: ____________________________

Your college (if applicable):_______________________________________________________

What years attended: ____________________________________________________________
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High school: __________________________________________________________________

Counselor: Mr. / Ms. ____________________________ Telephone (_____)______________

**Extracurricular activities – High school only**

Indicate grades for all that apply:

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**Athletic participation – High school only**

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If you are employed, how many hours per week:

After school: _______________________  Summer: ________________________

Explanations: __________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________
Check one and complete:

_____ I have taken the following tests on the dates indicated:

    SAT ________ and / or ACT _________

_____ I have not taken the required tests, but plan to take:

    SAT on ______ and / or ACT on ________

Complete if applicable:

I am also seeking a nomination through Senator / U.S. Rep. / Vice President: ________________

I have previously sought a nomination through Senator / U.S. Rep. / Vice President: __________

    When: ________________ Results: __________________________________________

Please read before signing:

I have read the information sheet explaining the nomination procedure and am familiar with the requirements. I certify that I am a legal resident of the 13th Congressional District of Texas. If I have not submitted all necessary data by the December 1 deadline, I understand that I may not be given final consideration for a nomination.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: __________________

Return to:

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry

2525 Kell Blvd, Suite 406 or 620 South Taylor St., Suite 200

Wichita Falls, TX 76308    Amarillo, TX 79101

Attn: Paul Simpson
This form must be completed by either high school principal or high school guidance counselor for candidate for nomination to one of the U.S. service academies.

Name of applicant: ________________________________________________________________
First     Middle     Last

Address: ______________________________________________________________________
Street    City  Zip     County

Name of school: ________________________________________________________________

Address of school: ______________________________________________________________________

High school telephone: (______)________________________________

Applicant’s year in school: _______________    GPA: __________________
(percentile rankings unacceptable)

Applicant’s numerical junior year class ranking: _______________

SAT score:    Verbal_______________ Math_____________

ACT score: _______________

Leadership characteristics:________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Personality traits: _______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
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Ability to work under pressure: ____________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

Ability to get along with others: _________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

List school activities in which applicant participates: ________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

General comments and/or recommendation:
(please complete this section as your comments are most helpful)
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
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Signature/Title: ____________________________ Date: _________________

Please send this form and a transcript showing final junior grades for the applicant to:

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry
Attn: Paul Simpson
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Wichita Falls, TX 76308 Amarillo, TX 79101