

News from Senator

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DOLE ACCEPTING ACADEMY APPLICATIONS DECEMBER 5, 1988, DEADLINE

WASHINGTON -- SENATOR BOB DOLE (R-KS) TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM YOUNG KANSANS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY, MILITARY ACADEMY, OR NAVAL ACADEMY. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION MATERIALS TO HIS OFFICE IS DECEMBER 5, 1988.

"WITH THE DEADLINE APPROACHING, I WANT TO BE SURE THAT EVERY KANSAN WITH THE POTENTIAL FOR LEADERSHIP IN OUR NATION'S ARMED SERVICES HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE CONSIDERED," SAID DOLE.

ELIGIBILITY

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO APPLY MUST BE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND LEGAL RESIDENTS OF KANSAS. THEY MUST BE UNMARRIED AND AT LEAST 17 YEARS OLD BUT NOT YET 22 YEARS OLD ON JULY 1, 1989. COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE. IF ACCEPTED, THEY MUST COMPLETE A FULL FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM AT THE ACADEMY.

SELECTION OF NOMINEES

CANDIDATES ARE EVALUATED ON GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE ACADEMIES. THESE ARE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE, PHYSICAL APTITUDE, AND MOTIVATION. A MEDICAL EXAMINATION IS ALSO REQUIRED.

"ADMISSION TO THE ACADEMIES IS A TWO-STEP PROCESS," DOLE ADVISES. "I SELECT TEN CANDIDATES TO COMPETE FOR A VACANCY AT EACH ACADEMY. THE RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF ADMISSIONS WILL THEN EVALUATE THOSE TEN NOMINEES AND OFFER AN APPOINTMENT TO THE TOP CANDIDATE."

HOW TO APPLY

CANDIDATES MUST OPEN A FILE IN EACH CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE AND IN THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE AT EACH ACADEMY. LIASON OFFICERS ARE STATIONED IN KANSAS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. THEY CAN BE REACHED THROUGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELORS.

SENATOR DOLE RECOMMENDS THAT INTERESTED APPLICANTS CALL HIS WASHINGTON, D.C., OFFICE TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION PACKET. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (202) 224-6521.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ACADEMY ARE MADE DIRECTLY THROUGH NATIONWIDE COMPETITION. FOR DETAILS ON THE ADMISSION PROCEDURE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS, U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY, NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT 06320.