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DOLE ACCEPTING SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATIONS; DECEMBER 5, 1994 DEADLINE

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today 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 applications to his office is December 5, 1994.

"No doubt about it, education and military training open the door to a world of opportunities. I want to be sure that every young man and woman with the academic credentials and the leadership potential for a career in the nation's armed services has the chance to be considered," Dole said.

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 of age, but no older than 22 on July 1, 1995. College students are eligible to compete and, if accepted, must complete a full four-year program.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates must open a file in each congressional office and in the admissions office at each academy. Kansas liaison officers, who may be contacted through school guidance counselors, are available to answer questions and provide assistance.

Senator Dole urges interested applicants to contact his Washington office for application packets or information. Address: U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. Telephone: (202) 224-6521

Appointments to the United States Coast Guard Academy are made directly through a nationwide competition. For details on admission procedures, contact the Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut 06320.

SELECTION OF NOMINEES

Senator Dole's candidates will be evaluated according to the academies' criteria, which include academic excellence, leadership experience, physical aptitude and motivation. A medical examination is also required.

"I will select ten nominees to compete for one vacancy at each academy," Dole said. "The respective boards of admissions will then evaluate those ten individuals and offer an appointment to the top candidate."