

Recommendation to Congressman Bacon

For appointment to a United States Military Academy

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

Student: Place your name on the line above. Give this form to the person who will write your recommendation. **This person should know you very well.** They should address your character, motivation, past activities, and other positive aspects of your life. They might be guidance counselors, principals, religious leaders, employers, or leaders of organizations you belong to. Maximize your opportunities by distributing your three recommendations to different sources (i.e. your counselor, your minister, and your employer).

Recommender: The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to one of the United States military academies. They are asking you to provide one of three recommendations for their application. The military academies provide a college education leading to a career as an officer in the United States military. Your recommendation will be reviewed by a selection board who already has the applicant's high school transcript, ACT &/or SAT scores, a resume, and an essay written by the individual. An interview will also be conducted. Your recommendation will assist the board members in assessing the applicant's character, motivation, and desire for success at a military academy. The questions below are suggested topics to address in your recommendation. I welcome your comments on these and any other items you feel will help the board in getting to know the applicant better. This recommendation must be received by my office no later than October 16th. Thank you for your assistance in this process.

Examples of topics for recommendation:

- How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- What qualifies them to attend an academy based on your experiences with them?
- Has the applicant demonstrated any traits of leadership?
- How is the applicant's ability to communicate with others?
- How does the applicant function in a group?
- What is the applicant's motivation for attending a military academy and having a career in the military? How long have they expressed this motivation?
- How does the applicant handle a stressful situation?
- Do you know any positive or negative information which might affect the student's performance at the academy?

After writing your recommendation, please **mail to:**

Military Academy Nominations
13906 Gold Circle, Suite 101
Omaha, NE 68144

Federal and State law may require that all admissions material be shown to an applicant upon request.