

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Dear Interested Applicant:

One of my favorite duties as a Member of Congress is nominating Michigan's 1<sup>st</sup> District best and brightest young men and women to our nation's service academies. If you are a highly motivated, well-rounded, successful student, I invite you to consider the unique opportunity to develop physically, ethically, and intellectually while building a foundation for an exciting, challenging, and rewarding career as a military officer in the service of our nation. Michigan students traditionally are very successful at the academies, and I'm pleased to do my part to ensure that the community continues to provide some of the next generation's outstanding military leaders.

A congressional nomination is required for students wishing to enter the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY; the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO; and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, NY. Successful applicants will have a broad academic background, the ability to pass a physical aptitude test, and strong leadership potential. An applicant must also be a U.S. citizen, a high school graduate between the ages of 17 and 23, unmarried, have no dependents, and be of high moral character. Acceptance of a service academy appointment requires at least a nine-year service obligation, including four years at an academy and five years of active duty service.

If you are interested in being considered for a service academy nomination, you must apply to me at my office by October 14, 2016 to be considered for the class entering the service academies in July, 2017. My Service Academy Selection Board evaluates all of the applicants. The Board may choose to interview you and will contact you directly in November. Recommendations to the academies will be made by the Board based on the total competitive evaluation of all information.

Please contact my Academy Coordinators, Luke Londo and Nick McLaren, at (989)340-1634 or visit my webpage at [Benishek.house.gov](http://Benishek.house.gov), for further information and to request a nomination application. Thank you for your interest in the service academies.

Sincerely,



Dan Benishek M. D.  
Member of Congress  
Michigan's First District