

Academy Night at Dixie High

Thursday, 11 October 2012

Lecture Hall 100 (54 people)

- Apply by October 26th at 5:00 p.m. to Congressman Matheson's office
 - Incomplete packages will NOT be considered
- Apply to ALL THREE
 - An appointment is worth \$400,000 – you can't get a better scholarship
- Congressional offices: Matheson, Lee and Hatch
 - 2 letters of recommendation
 - High School transcript
 - 1-page resume
 - ACT / SAT schools
- Sports are required of everyone in the Academy; get some experience in sports now
- Get involved, to begin well-rounded
 - Eagle Scouts, JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, Music, Drama, Sports, Foreign Languages
 - Service, Social, Student Government
 - Technical degree is what the Air Force is looking for, or Foreign Language
- Math, Science, English, Social Studies are most important subject areas
- 12,000 applicants whittled down to 1,200 accepted each year in the AFA
- Competitive: 3.8 GPA, 28 ACT
 - AP courses also help your chances
- LDS Mission: USAFA likes you to go to at least one year, go on your mission, then come back
 - Probably won't get in if you go on a mission, and try to get in for first time as a returned missionary
- Middle of November (Hatch & Lee), and 1st week of Dec (Matheson) applicants come to a panel interview in SLC with about 4 people who interview each candidate (you have to take 2 trips)
 - Dress up! Class A uniform if you're in JROTC really makes an impact!
 - Practice your interview before you go in – have a mock interview with people who will ask you hard questions
 - Everybody who interviews gets a Congressional nomination
 - Rank ordered by the interview panel and they will make recommendations to the Congressman
 - A Congressional nomination is NOT an appointment – that comes from the Academy Admissions Board
 - That Board requires that you have:
 - A Congressional nomination
 - Passed a physical exam
 - Young women have an advantage, because they need more women
 - Father or mother on active duty is also an advantage
- You can apply every year if you don't make it the first time
 - Raise your ACT scores in that year; apply again after you've gone to college
 - But your chances go down
- Active duty service members, prior enlisted, can also apply
- Prep school option is for those who are desirable, but need a bit more academic preparation
 - 70% of those who get through Prep School get in the next year
 - This is part of the app process – it is not required to do a separate application

ACADEMIES THAT NEED CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION

- US Military Academy at West Point, New York (Army)
www.admissions.westpoint.edu
- US Air Force Academy, Colorado
www.academyadmissions.com
- US Naval Academy, Maryland www.usna.edu
- Merchant Marine Academy, NY (less competitive; great school)

ANOTHER OPTION THAT HAS THEIR OWN SYSTEM:

- Coast Guard Academy, Connecticut